

# Columbia Harley Owners Group Hold 7th Poker Run For Little Hearts

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Little Hearts, Inc., a national organization that provides support, education, resources, networking and hope to families affected by congenital heart defects, will receive all proceeds from the 7th Annual Daena's Run, a motorcycle ride and poker run sponsored by The Columbia Connecticut Harley Owners Group on Sept. 12.

"The members of Columbia H.O.G. launched Daena's Run years ago as a means of showing their support for Daena and her family as they set out on their emotional journey of dealing with a congenital heart defect," says Lenore Cameron, president and executive director, Little Hearts, Inc. "As a result, they have become dedicated members of the Little Hearts family as well, and their annual poker run has brought the kind of financial support Little Hearts needs to continue to help families whose lives are impacted by congenital heart defects."

Daena's Run is an 85-mile, non-competitive, self-guided poker run. Riders stop at five locations along the route to pick up a poker card. Upon arrival at their final destination, riders learn if they have the lucky hand to win a prize.

Daena's Run will be followed by a family event offering food, live entertainment, raffles, prizes and activities for children and adults.

Daena's Run take place Sunday, Sept. 12, with registration from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The run starts at TSI Columbia Harley-Davidson, 8 Commerce Drive, Columbia and ends at the Franco-American Club, Club Road, North Windham. Lunch begins at noon at the Franco-American Club with a family event taking place at 1 p.m.

You can register, donate online and purchase event T-shirts at [www.daenas-run.com](http://www.daenas-run.com). You get a second hand free when you pre-register. The registration fee is \$25 per rider, \$15 per passenger and \$15 for non-riders who wish to attend the family event following the poker run. You also may donate and purchase T-shirts at [www.littlehearts.org](http://www.littlehearts.org). For details on Columbia H.O.G., visit [www.columbiahog.com](http://www.columbiahog.com).

Approximately 40,000 babies are born each year in the United States with a CHD, about one out of every 125 babies, making it the No. 1 birth defect. Founded in 1998 by Lenore Cameron after her son was born with a CHD, Little Hearts serves families nationwide who have or are expecting a child with a CHD. For details, visit [www.littlehearts.org](http://www.littlehearts.org).