

RAY CHARLES

80TH ANNIVERSARY SHEET MUSIC COLLECTION



The RAY CHARLES FOUNDATION



IN 1986, RAY CHARLES

founded The Robinson Foundation for Hearing Disorders. In 2006, the official name of the organization was changed to The Ray Charles Foundation, yet its mission remained the same. From 1986 until his passing in 2004, in addition to providing financial support in the area of hearing disorders, Ray Charles directed the foundation to make donations and support institutions and organizations for educational purposes. Over the past 23 years, the foundation has provided financial donations to various institutions involved in the areas of hearing disorders as well as education.

The mission and purpose of the foundation came from Ray Charles himself. Although Mr. Charles lost his sight at the age of seven, he always maintained that he did not feel his blindness was a handicap. Rather, he believed that the inability to hear music would be a handicap. Because of this philosophy, Ray Charles began to make contributions to the field of hearing impairment. He often anonymously funded cochlear implants for those who could not afford the operation.



In addition, Ray Charles also expressed concern about youth and the tremendous need for education. In 1996, under his direction and guidance, the foundation embarked on a pattern of generous contributions and donations to various educational institutions across the United States.

The specific purpose of the foundation has been to administer funds for scientific, educational, and charitable purposes; to learn more about and educate others on the causes and cures for diseases and disabilities of the hearing impaired; to assist organizations and institutions in the social, educational, and academic advancement of youth; and carry on other charitable and educational activities associated with these goals. The foundation has provided financial donations to various institutions involved with hearing diseases and cures, as well as other educational resources for those in need.

Learn more about The Ray Charles Foundation at www.TheRayCharlesFoundation.org.



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