

JOSEPH THOMAS A
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
JOSEPH THOMAS A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
CINCINNATI FINANCIAL CORP
[CINF]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
6200 SOUTH GILMORE RD
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
11/14/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
President-Subsidiary

FAIRFIELD, OH 45014-5141
(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | | | | (A) or (D) Price | 50 | I | By Child |
| Common Stock | | | | (A) or (D) Price | 35,988 ⁽¹⁾ | I | By Trust |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 26.59 | 11/14/2008 | | A | 8,000 | 11/14/2009 ⁽²⁾ 11/14/2018 | Common Stock | 8,000 |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | 11/14/2008 | | A | 3,000 | ⁽³⁾ ⁽³⁾ | Common Stock | 3,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| JOSEPH THOMAS A 6200 SOUTH GILMORE RD FAIRFIELD, OH 45014-5141 | | | President-Subsidiary | |

Signatures

Thomas A Joseph
11/18/2008
**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Includes 35,988 shares previously owned directly.
- (2) The option vests in three annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (3) The restricted stock units vest March 1, 2012, as set forth in the grant agreement if performance goals are met.

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