

Hannah Wernke Memorial Foundation

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HWMF NEWSLETTER

April 24th, 2006

I'd like to thank all the volunteers and supporters helping make the establishment of the Hannah Wernke Memorial Foundation a success thus far. As you are aware the foundation was established with the desire to do something constructive in memory of sweet little Hannah and to have her memory and spirit live on in all of us. Hannah was a vibrant young child. The foundation seeks to collect monies to aid research in the little known area of genetic heart conditions such as Catecholaminergic Polymorphic Ventricular Tachycardia and to help develop diagnostic abilities and treatments to eliminate the sudden tragic losses experienced by this condition. We also desire to promote Hannah's dream of one day being a teacher, by establishing a scholarship fund to benefit students planning to attend college and major in education.

The Foundation has officially filed for 501(c)3 status. We have 7 dedicated trustees to oversee and manage the foundation's business and ensure sound business principles are applied to the smooth and proper operation of the non-profit workings of this entity. All trustees are 100% volunteer positions and the foundation's total purpose is to incur absolute minimal operating expenses and to disburse all monies from fundraising efforts to the targeted benefactors.

The foundation has been very busy since the idea for a foundation and a 5K race was initiated in late October 2005. The main event for fundraising is our 'Smile With Me! 5K Run and Family Walk' set for May 13th, 2006. The event planning has been in full swing for the past several months and is in the home stretch. Several sponsors have been obtained to offset costs and help provide a first class race and also family outing. A race brochure has been developed and has been distributed throughout the local communities as well as to far reaching friends, relatives, and work associates. Registrations and donations have been coming in every day.

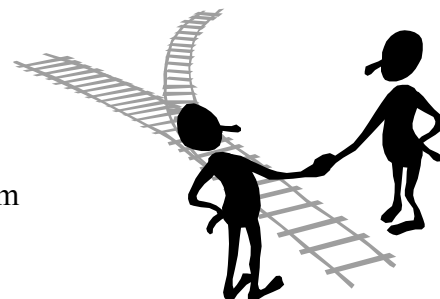
All participants in the 5K run and the family walk will receive attractive t-shirts with the HWMF logo 'Smile With Me'. Awards will be provided for all 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers in multiple age categories. The event will also conduct a raffle of a variety of products and gift certificates for all participants.

We hope to have an excellent first year turnout and a superb fundraising effort. We look forward to your participation and support to make this a huge success and a growing annual endeavor. We will keep you informed periodically with updates as to the foundation and fundraising progress and successes. Please see the attached for a more detailed listing of some of the foundation and event planning highlights and progress. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Bruce Wernke

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Foundation Highlights:

- 10/27/05 - Idea initiated to establish a foundation and organize a 5k Run to raise funds for CPVT Heart Research and Educational Scholarships.
- 11/15/05 - Committee formed to manage the 5K fundraising event and to run the foundation.
- 12/1/05 – Committee digging deep into ins and outs of organizing a 5K, developing project plans, making all the necessary contacts, and researching potential course routes.
- 12/15/05 – Research into utilizing race management services for day of event needs. Event name and date ideas established.
- 1/13/06 – First official race committee and foundation meeting conducted. Foundation filing work in progress, board members established. Hermes Race Management Company selected. Foundation logo and t-shirt design ideas formulated. Web-site ideas and development actions initiated. Meeting with Strongsville officials to discuss city support and potential courses.
- 1/26/06 – 2nd official meeting to review event fees, race flyer and registration forms, Hermes contract signed. Further development of the event logo, race brochure design/content, and t-shirt designs.
- 2/3/06 – 3rd board meeting. Met with Hermes, Strongsville Recreation Center Director, Strongsville City Police. Finalized location of race and course. Established event fees. Decided upon race flyer designs and t-shirt designs. Ideas for race day activities, volunteers needed, and actions to obtain sponsors. Established foundation budget planning, development of a mission statement and review of articles of operation. Letters for sponsor solicitation, partner levels, etc completed and actions to distribute established. Event goals set at 300 participants and to raise \$10,000 for this first year. Contacts with Mayo Clinic and Dr. Michael Ackerman made.
- 3/25/06 – 4th board meeting. NPO filing in progress and awaiting official confirmations. Web-site development in full swing. Ideas for a periodic newsletter on foundation happenings discussed. Volunteers listing and assignments reviewed with most positions already filled. Awards for race winners established. Sponsor and donations status reviewed and further action plans discussed. Race flyers printed and distribution of flyers throughout area in motion. Activities for race day established.
- 4/1/06 – HWMF web-site activated.
- 4/28/06 – 5th board meeting. Final preparations for race day. Review of all volunteers and positions. Ordering of t-shirts for volunteers and race participants. Awards for race winners ordered. Race budget and proceeds/sponsorships/donations status review. Proceeds coming along well. Race event costs being kept as minimal as possible. Water, Gatorade, bananas, bagels, etc donated by companies. Over 100 registered for the race. NPO filing status not received back from the state still. Official checking account not established – must have information back from the state.