

# Hannah Wernke Memorial Foundation

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NEWSLETTER  
October 15th, 2006

Our team is making great progress in fully establishing the Hannah Wernke Memorial Foundation as a bona fide professional non-profit charitable foundation. We formally elected officers and trustees for the foundation in May. The board conducted a formal board meeting in September and has established a schedule for quarterly board meetings. Our meetings will take place January/February, April/May, July/August, and October/November each year. Officers for the upcoming year will be elected at the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter – January/February meeting.

The foundation has continued to see donations roll in and funds raised year-to-date have now totaled over \$17,500. We are expecting another influx of very generous donations directly to the Mayo Clinic on behalf of The Hannah Wernke Memorial Foundation *from GE employees along with matching funds from The GE Foundation coming from a GE class that Glenn Wernke had attended.* New donations could potentially push us over \$31,000 raised for this first year of the foundation! We thank everyone for their generous support. Your contributions will make a difference.

Dr. Michael J. Ackerman, M.D., Ph.D., director of the Sudden Death Genomics Laboratory at Mayo Clinic has received our initial donation of \$12,000 submitted back in early June. We intend to make another donation in the near future, once we have a new total on current donations coming in. Please see our links on the [www.hannahwernkememorialfoundation.com](http://www.hannahwernkememorialfoundation.com) web site for information on CPVT research by Dr. Ackerman.

Remaining funds are in the Hannah Wernke Memorial Foundation Scholarship Fund for scholarships to be awarded in the spring of 2007. We intend to award (2) \$1,000 scholarships to benefit students planning to attend college and major in education. Scholarship information and applications will be distributed and posted on the web site in the very near future.

We are in the process of updating the web site with several new items. We intend to add more links to CPVT, more information on the scholarship process, more photos of the 2006 race, a listing of our 2006 race sponsors, and information on sponsorships for the 2007 'Smile With Me! 5K and 1 Mile Family Walk' to be held on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

Please feel free to contact any of the board members for any questions or comments.

Sincerely yours,

**Bruce Wernke**

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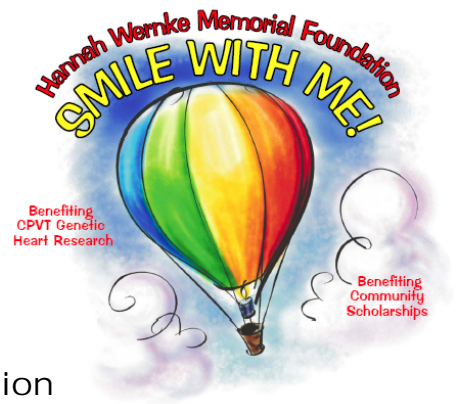
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### Foundation Highlights:

- 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 look into establishing the 5K fundraising event and to run the foundation.
- 12/15/05 – Event name & date ideas formed.
- 1/13/06 – First official race committee and foundation meeting conducted. Foundation NPO filing in progress. 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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> official meeting to review event fees, race flyer and registration form. Further development of the event logo and race brochure design and content, and t-shirts.
- 2/3/06 – 3<sup>rd</sup> board meeting. Decided upon race flyer designs and t-shirt designs, volunteer needs, obtainment of sponsors, etc. Event goals set at 300 participants and to raise \$10,000 for this first year.
- 3/25/06 – 4<sup>th</sup> board meeting. Volunteers listing and assignments reviewed with most positions already filled. Awards for race winners established. Race flyers printed and distribution of flyers throughout area in motion.
- 4/1/06 – HWMF Web-site activated.
- 4/28/06 – 5<sup>th</sup> board meeting. Final preparations for race day (volunteers listing, ordering of t-shirts, awards, etc). NPO filing status received back from state. Official checking account established.
- 5/13/06 – First annual 'Smile With Me! 5K Run and 1 Mile Family Walk'. 345 enthusiastic participants & 60 Volunteers of which 135 ran the 5K, with many doing both. Over \$16,000 raised. Fairly extensive list of donations and contributions/support from various businesses. Site of event, signage, and course layout and service was first class. A good time at the event was had by all.
- 5/18/06 – Board members elected.
  
- 6/1/06 – sent the Mayo Clinic the first donation check in amount of \$12,000.
- June and July – thank you letters sent to all who donated.
- June and July – post cards of the race and the date of next years event mailed to all 2006 race participants.
- 9/8/06 – formal board meeting conducted. Funds raised YTD ~ \$17,500.
- Sept. 2006 – planning in progress for 2007 race.
- 9/29/06 – filing submitted for 501c3.

