

Hannah Wernke Memorial Foundation

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NEWSLETTER February 28, 2007

The Hannah Wernke Memorial Foundation wishes to thank everyone that was involved with helping establish the HWMF, organizing and participating in the first annual 5K Run and Family Walk last May, sponsors and donors, family, friends, colleagues, and the community in making the first year a success for the foundation, the race, and providing funds to the Mayo Clinic for research by Dr. Michael J. Ackerman, M.D., Ph.D., director of the Sudden Death Genomics Laboratory.

The HWMF ended 2006 with a total of \$42,000 generated. A total of \$35,154 was submitted to the Mayo Clinic for Catecholaminergic Polymorphic Ventricular Tachycardia (CPVT) research. We have \$3500 in the Hannah Wernke Memorial Foundation Scholarship Fund and \$2700 in reserves for on-going foundation/race planning for 2007. The HWMF ended 2006 on a very positive note along with receiving official notification that the foundation was granted 501(c)(3) status.

The HWMF conducted its 4th Quarter Board Meeting on February 10th, 2007 and reelected the board as it was for 2006. The board and Race Committee are very busy into the planning stages for the 2nd Annual 'Smile With Me! 5K Run and 1 Mile Family Walk' set for May 12th, 2007. We have an ambitious goal of attracting 500+ participants and to double the net proceeds from the race itself. The goal is to surpass the donations raised last year as a result of the fundraising efforts associated with the race from \$17,000 to \$25,000. Race registration forms and on-line registration can be accessed through our web-site or <http://www.hermescleveland.com/events/smilewithme.asp>.

Scholarship funding and planning has been a major focus these past few months to develop guidelines and the application process. Application forms are posted on our web-site as well as having been distributed to area high schools. We intend to provide (2) \$1,000 scholarships to area high school students who will attend an accredited higher education institution in the fall majoring in Education. The scholarships are to be awarded in May 2007. (see www.hannahwernkememorialfoundation.com for more information).

We look forward to seeing you at the race and family day in Strongsville on May 12th!

If you would like to help sponsor the race please contact us through our web site or our contact listing above.

Your contributions do make a difference!

Sincerely,

Bruce Wernke

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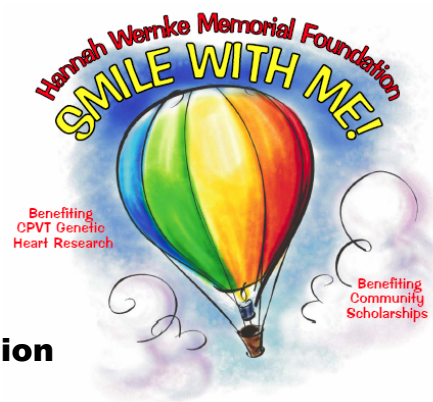
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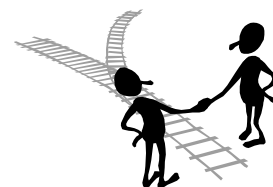


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Foundation Highlights:

- 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 – 2nd 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 – 3rd 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 – 4th 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 – 5th 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 the 2007 race. The 2nd Annual ‘Smile With Me! 5K Run and 1 Mile Family Walk’ is planned for May 12th, 2007.
- 9/29/06 – filing submitted for 501c3.
- 10/24/06 – follow-up board meeting to the board meeting conducted on 9/8/06. YTD funds raised for the HWMF and/or the Mayo Clinic = \$35,000.
- 1/10/07 – notification received from the IRS recognizing the foundation as a 501(C)(3) Charity. The ruling is retroactive to the spring of 2006.
- 2/10/07 – The 4th Quarter board meeting was conducted. Officers and trustees were elected for 2007. 2006 funds raised totaled \$42,000.



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