

# Hannah Wernke Memorial Foundation

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## Hannah Wernke Memorial Foundation NEWSLETTER June 1, 2008

Another good turnout for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual 'Smile With Me! 5K Run and 1 Mile Family Walk' held on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. It turned out to be a nice pleasant day with temperatures starting out in the 50's, but having warmed up into the 60's by mid-day. It was a nice sunny and comfortable perfect start for the family walk and the 5K run.

Thanks again to everyone that helped make this another successful event and drive to raise funds for the Mayo Clinic for heart arrhythmia research with emphasis on CPVT causes, diagnostic testing, awareness, and helping treat cases before it becomes a tragic loss. The generous donations from more than 400 of you is what will help the Mayo Clinic develop a way to diagnose and treat these conditions before it's too late.

We had 327 participants in this year's event and generated over \$40,000 from donations, corporate sponsorships, and net race proceeds. The 'Smile With Me' couldn't happen, let alone be a first class event without the excellent support and services of our many volunteers, the City of Strongsville police and fire departments, the Walter F. Ehrnfelt Recreation Center staff, and our Race Sponsors and donors of the many product giveaways and awards.

At the event we once again had balloons, face painting, and craft making activities that were well received by the young children at the event. Food and beverages were in ample supply. We had approximately \$2,000 in products/gift certificates/services for the door prize raffles. Our awards included a very attractive coffee mug with the HWMF logo and event date, a placing ribbon, and gift certificates for first place finishers. Our awards involved 13 categories with the 1<sup>st</sup> Place overall winner receiving a coffee mug, ribbon, and a \$50 Dick's Sporting Goods gift certificate. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers overall received the same, with the difference being a \$25 Fleet Feet gift certificate for 2<sup>nd</sup> Place and \$10 for 3<sup>rd</sup> Place. The 1<sup>st</sup> Place winners in each age category 20 and above won a mug, ribbon, and \$10 Fleet Feet gift certificate. The young age categories won mugs, ribbons, and gift certificates to Dairy Queen of Strongsville and/or Hershey's Ice Cream in Strongsville.

Patrick Stewart, PhD of the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN once again attended the event. We appreciate the attention and show of support that Dr. Stewart has provided and the time out of his very busy schedule to make it to this event! Dr. Stewart also ran the 5K and took 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall for the second year in a row! Congratulations and thank you Dr. Stewart!

Please visit [www.hannahwernkememorialfoundation.com](http://www.hannahwernkememorialfoundation.com) for pictures of the race and more...

We look forward to planning the 4<sup>th</sup> annual 'Smile With Me' 5K Run next May and will strive for even greater participation (get to that 500+ participant level!). We'll keep you posted through periodic newsletters that will be posted on the web-site. We look forward to your continued support. 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 (initiated by Theresa Chumley!).
- 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.
- 01/13/06 – 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.
- 01/26/06 – 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.
- 02/03/06 – 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.
- 03/25/06 – 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.
- 04/01/06 – HWMF Web-site activated.
- 04/28/06 – 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.
- **05/13/06 – 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.
- 05/18/06 – Board members elected.
- 06/01/06 – 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.
- 09/08/06 – Formal board meeting conducted. Funds raised YTD ~ \$17,500.
- Sept. 2006 – planning in progress for the 2007 race.  
The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 'Smile With Me! 5K Run and 1 Mile Family Walk' is planned for May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007.
- 09/29/06 – 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.
- 01/10/07 – Notification received from the IRS recognizing the foundation as a 501(C)(3) Charity. The ruling is retroactive to the spring of 2006.
- 02/10/07 – The 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter board meeting was conducted. Officers and trustees were elected for 2007.  
2006 funds raised totaled \$42,000.
- **05/12/07 – Second Annual "Smile With Me"! 5K Run and 1 Mile Family Walk.** 355 participants and 42 volunteers. Over \$27,000 raised. An extensive list of donations and contributions/support from various businesses. The event was again first class with a good time had by all. Special thanks to our major race sponsor – Jones Machinery of Cincinnati, Ohio.
- 06/20/07 – First Quarter 2007 Board Meeting conducted
- 10/09/07 – Second Quarter 2007 Board Meeting conducted
- 12/06/07 – Third Quarter 2007 Board Meeting conducted
- 02/17/08 – Fourth Quarter 2007 Board Meeting conducted  
Board to make effort to bring the formal foundation meetings closer to normal calendar quarters.

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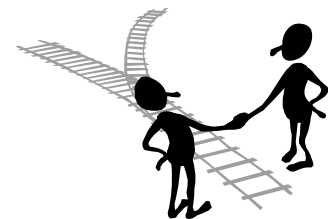
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- 04/02/08 – First Quarter 2008 Board Meeting conducted
- **05/10/08 – Third Annual “Smile With Me”! 5K Run & 1 Mile Family Walk.** 327 participants and 50 volunteers. Over \$40,000 generated. An extensive list of “Partners-in-Kind” donors of products/services for door prizes and awards. Again, special thanks to our major race sponsor Jones Machinery and new this year Rite-Aid!



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