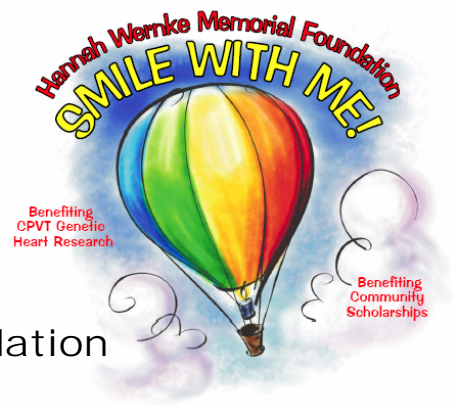


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Greetings from the HWMF Board:

This time of year finds the board and race committee busy with getting all the ducks in a row for the upcoming annual "Smile With Me"! 5K Run and 1 Mile Family Walk and fundraising efforts. This year's event will be held on May 10th.

Our goals for 2008 are to raise at least \$40,000 (stretch goal = \$50,000) and have 500 participants in the race and walk this year! The race committee is adding a new feature for the race and fundraising – Teams. Active.com, in unison with Hermes Sports & Events, is the on-line tool/web-site for team fundraisers.

Fundraising for 2007 was just over \$34,000 (surpassing our goal of \$27,000). The majority of monies were distributed to the Mayo Clinic to support Heart Arrhythmia Research, such as CPVT and Long QT. Monies also are distributed to a scholarship fund to support (2) annual scholarships for education majors. Expenses incurred by the foundation are very minimal – only \$330.

The foundation continues to promote and look for ways to expand awareness of Heart Arrhythmia conditions, specifically Catecholaminergic Polymorphic Ventricular Tachycardia CPVT).

We look forward to the 3rd annual 5K event this May and your support. Thank you.

Best Regards,

Bruce Wernke & the Hannah Wernke memorial Foundation Board

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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. Event site, signage, course layout and overall race management was first class.
- 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 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.
- **5/12/07 – 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.
- 6/20/07 – First Quarter 2007 Board Meeting.
 - May 10th, 2008 set as the date for the 3rd Annual “Smile With Me”! 5K Run and 1 Mile Family Walk.
- 10/9/07 – Second Quarter 2007 Board Meeting
- 12/6/07 – Third Quarter 2007 Board Meeting
 - Motion passed to schedule board meetings closer to actual calendar year quarter endings.
- 2/17/08 – Fourth Quarter 2007 Board Meeting
 - Officers elected for 2008. Motion to add and invite an additional board trustee passed.
 - 2007 Fundraising = \$34,600.

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