

# Hannah Wernke Memorial Foundation

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### NEWSLETTER

October 1, 2009

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual 'Smile With Me! 5K Run and 1 Mile Family Walk' was held on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> with another good turnout and fundraising effort. Thanks to our sponsors, volunteers, and participants for making this such a great event, raising funds in memory of Hannah, to support heart arrhythmia research involving CPVT – it's causes, advancements in diagnostic testing, awareness, and helping treat cases before they become a tragic loss.

We had approximately 320 participants in this year's event and generated over \$42,000 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.

The MWMF Board is actively working on planning for next year's event. We try to grow the event each year and incorporate 'things learned' from each year's event. If you have any suggestions please let us know (you can drop us a line from our contact page on our web site - please visit [www.hannahwernkememorialfoundation.com](http://www.hannahwernkememorialfoundation.com) or our new web site address [www.SmileWithHannah.com](http://www.SmileWithHannah.com)). We are looking at installing a new look to our web site in the near future.

The foundation is progressing with reaching out to families that have needs for CPVT testing where it is suspected that CPVT is present. Current diagnostic testing is very expensive, however, it is hoped that these steps will save lives. Rite-Aid has been a major sponsor of the HWMF and programs that have been developed to help provide diagnostic testing. It is our hope that we can continue to build these programs, in addition to supporting the critical research that is on-going at the Mayo Clinic led by Dr. Michael J. Ackerman, M.D., PhD.

We look forward to planning the 5<sup>th</sup> annual 'Smile With Me' 5K Run next May and will strive for even greater participation. 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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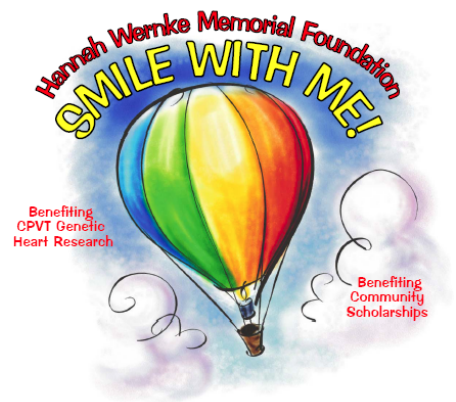
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- 04/02/08 – First Quarter 2008 Board Meeting conducted
- **05/10/08 – Third Annual “Smile With Me”! 5K Run & 1 Mile Family Walk.** 327 participants and 50 volunteers. Over \$40,000 generated. An extensive list of “Partners-in-Kind” donors of products/services for door prizes and awards. Again, special thanks to our major race sponsor Jones Machinery and new this year Rite-Aid!
- 09/30/08 – Second Quarter 2008 Board Meeting conducted. New Trustee, John Kalinoski added to the Board.
- 11/25/08 – Third Quarter 2008 Board Meeting. Dr. Michael Duecher to be a medical advisor for the HWMF.
- 02/26/09 - Fourth Quarter 2008 Board Meeting. 2008 total funds raised = \$44,750. Board members/officers voted on for 2009.
- 04/21/09 – First Quarter Board Meeting. Remaining details for the race planned out.
- **05/09/09 – Fourth Annual “Smile With Me”! 5K Run & 1 Mile Family Walk.** 320 participants and 40 volunteers. Over \$42,000 raised. An extensive list of “Partners-in-Kind” donors of products/services for door prizes and awards again obtained . Major race sponsors, once again, were Jones Machinery and Rite-Aid!
- 07/29/09 – Second Quarter 2009 Board meeting conducted. New web site planning discussed.

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