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## **Charles E. Boyk Law Offices Names The Josh Project as Good News, Good People Winner**

The Josh Project was recently chosen as the latest winner in the "Good News, Good People" Contest. Good News, Good People is a year-long program, sponsored by Charles E. Boyk Law Offices, that honors ordinary citizens who make a positive impact in their community.

The Josh Project was chosen because of their work in our local community, providing affordable swimming lessons and water safety training to children and their families.

The Josh Project is a charitable organization that has been serving the area for more than five years. Wanda Butts and her daughter, Tankeeya, started The Josh Project in January of 2007 after Wanda's son drowned in a lake while playing with friends in August of 2006.

Wanda and Tankeeya turned this tragic accident into something great. They believe that swimming is an important life skill. They also believe that the application of water safety is essential to saving lives. Wanda, Tankeeya and Tankeeya's children were the first students of The Josh Project, and they have been giving lessons ever since!

Wanda was also recognized as a CNN Hero this past month. CNN reports that "According to USA Swimming, 70% of African-American children cannot swim, compared with nearly 60% for Hispanic children and 42% for white children. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, African-American children between the ages of 5 and 14 are three times more likely to drown than white children in the same age range."

The Josh Project is partners with the local Make A Splash, USA Swimming and the Greater Toledo Aquatic Club. They are also a recipient of the National Water Safety Congress & Letter of Commendation.

"Toledo is a great city! We have been supported by our community from the very beginning," said Tankeeya Butts.

Their mission is to build basic swimming skills and develop the knowledge of water safety to save lives. The Josh Project has had over 800 participants since 2007 and continues to have people sign up for sessions every day. Each participant is provided with four free half-hour lessons per session. There is a \$10 registration fee, but the lessons are free!

"The Josh Project is a fantastic example of local people taking a horrible tragedy and remembering their loved one in the best way possible --- helping prevent future tragedies." said Charles E. Boyk.

Our firm was happy to recognize The Josh Project for all of its work to help children and their families learn how to swim. If you would like to donate to The Josh Project, you can visit their website at <http://www.joshproject.org/welcome.html> for more information. You can also find The Josh Project on Facebook and Twitter!



**Wanda Butts (far right) pictured with her daughter Tankeeya, and her two sons.**

### **About “Good News, Good People”**

The “Good News, Good People” contest is a year-long program sponsored by Charles E. Boyk Law Offices. Here's how it works:

If you know someone who goes above and beyond to better their community, nominate them to win!

- Nominate anyone who has a great story to tell—the volunteer at the local food shelter who puts in more time than anyone else, the teacher who stays late to help students with their homework, the child who donated their allowance money to charity, or anyone else who makes Toledo a better place to live.
- On the first and third Monday of every month, the Charles E. Boyk Law Offices will select one person's story as a winner.
- Each winner will receive a prize pack valued at over \$100 that is tailored to the person's story and interests. The winner will also receive a certificate commemorating their good news story.
- Nominators will be entered into a monthly drawing for a “feel-good” prize of their own.
- Visit [www.charlesboyk-law.com](http://www.charlesboyk-law.com) to download a nomination form and to read the stories of past winners.

### **About Attorney Charles E. Boyk**

Charles E. Boyk has been a licensed attorney in the state of Ohio since 1983 and is the founder of the Charles E. Boyk Law Offices, LLC. Charles has handled thousands of personal injury cases ranging from small whiplash injuries to wrongful death claims. He is also the co-author of several books including *The Ohio Accident Book*, in which Charles provides information and tools that can help deal with insurance companies and the often inevitable and complicated litigation.

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