



Few things are scarier than riding a bike and being struck by a car – especially when it happens to someone you love and care about. Bicycle accidents leave riders open to a

number of serious injuries, even when a helmet was worn and the laws were followed. And while families try to help the victim navigate recovery from a traumatic brain injury or broken bones, tough questions still remain, like:

- How are the medical bills going to be paid?
- Why is my recovery taking so long; will I ever be able to ride a bicycle again?
- Who is going to pay my expenses now that I can't work?
- What do I tell the insurance company that won't stop calling me?

That's where this book can help. The lawyers in our office have secured millions of dollars in compensation for victims of serious injury accidents, like those that happen on bicycles, so they used

their experiences and expertise to write The Plaintiff's Essential Guide to Obio Bicycle Accidents. The goal of the book is to help readers through what is often the most difficult period of their life -

recovering from an injury caused by someone else's negligence. This book answers tough questions on how to manage life after a bicycle accident, ways to protect yourself and your family, and how an experienced injury lawyer can mean the difference between struggling to make ends meet and obtaining maximum compensation for what happened.

There is also a section written by bike enthusiast Jill Wersell, who owns and operates Wersell's Bike and Ski Shop on Central Avenue in Toledo. Not only has Jill and her family been instrumental in teaching safe riding techniques to thousands of customers over the years, she also provides instruction on how to maintain a bicycle to ensure that it won't fail the rider and cause an injury.

### To request a free copy of *The Plaintiff's* Essential Guide to Ohio Bicycle Accidents

simply call our office at 419-241-1395 or visit us on our website, www.BoykLaw.com. Attorney Chuck Boyk also gives his time - free of charge - to any local organization in need of speakers on topics like bike safety, injury accidents, or how to handle an insurance claim. To schedule a speaking engagement, call Anneke at 419-720-4456 or email community@charlesboyk-law.com.

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## 2017's First Bikes For Kids Winner Awarded "Kayla's Bike" For Anti-Bullying Efforts Then Honors Kayla In The Best Way

Madison Shook is only 11-years-old, but she is not afraid to speak candidly about overcoming sexual abuse and being bullied after other kids at school found out. It is what drove her to create Bullfrogs Against Bullying, an organization that provides peer-to-peer support group meetings, anti-bullying resources, and community service.

Madison's stepfather, Ron Jagodzinski, came across Bikes for Kids on WTOL and nominated her to win a new bike. In his nomination, he wrote:

"Madi is a child abuse survivor who runs 5ks and does public speaking to raise awareness about bullying and child abuse. She was bullied by kids at school when her story came out. Now, Madi travels all around Ohio helping to mentor other kids and starting new chapters of BAB [Bullfrogs Against Bullying]. She is working with other organizations to plan an all-day free-to-thepublic resource event for anti-bullying month in October. Her group has reached 700+ members according to their Facebook page. I noticed that the brake cables broke on her bike, but she doesn't complain. I would like to nominate her to show her that the kindness she shows others is greatly appreciated."

When Boyk Law contact the family about arranging the surprise for Madi at Wersell's Bike

Shop, we also reached out to Julie Meeker, the mother of 2009 Bikes for Kids winner, Kayla Meeker, who committed suicide at 16 after being cyberbullied. We wanted to deem the 2017's first bike "Kayla's Bike" and the Meeker family wanted to present it to Madi to thank her for what she is doing to prevent bullying from happening to others and for saving the lives of those who are contemplating suicide.

The families met at Wersell's and it was hard for everyone to hold back tears, especially when Kayla's sister, Carly, explained how important Madi's efforts are. What really touched everyone was what Madi did to the bike just a week after winning it. Madi enlisted the help of Mike Wallace, who specializes in airbrushing and hand lettering, to paint "In Honor of Kayla" and a butterfly on the side of the bicycle. The hope is that even though Kayla is no longer with us, her spirit can feel the freedom of being able to ride her bike once again.

To watch the video of the bike giveaway, Madi's Bikes for Kids feature on WTOL, or to nominate a child in your life who you feel deserves a new bike, visit www.bikesforkidstoledo.com.

The Meeker and Shook families horsing around at Wersell's



Madi's bicycle after being airbrushed by Mike Wallace





# Bikes For Kids Kicks Off With Heart-Warming Stories Of Resilience, Kindness

Bikes for Kids 2017 is off and riding this summer! Check out what Week #2 and Week #3 winners did to positively impact the lives of others.

### Week #2 Winner: Rylei Young, Age 10

### Nominated by: Jeanne Dotson, Rylei's Deveaux Elementary teacher

Jeanne's nomination: "Rylei deserves a new bike because she is the most helpful young lady! I have an autistic student in my classroom and Rylei has taken him under her wing. She makes an effort at recess to include him in activities. While on field trips, she helps to look after him and often will be his partner to help him out. I can think of no other student who would be more deserving of a new, surprise bike!"

### Week #3 Winner: Juan Rodriguez, Age 11 Nominated by: Dora Lutts, Juan's aunt

Dora's nomination: "Me and Juan and his little sister was driving downtown and a company van hit us from the back. We got pretty messed up and my car totaled. Well a couple days later my mom gets a call that our grandma is dying. To make a long story short we didn't see her for a few years. Getting this call had a huge Impacted on my mom. My grandma passed and the family knew she was sick for awhile. Us thinking they had all the arrangements done. Not at all. Noting. No one gave anything. So me and Juan and his sister got our checks from the insurance company. He seen my mom crying and gave his whole check to help. I did the same thing. So did his little sister. Now was we meant to get into the accident. No but it did happen. He saved us all. My family was supposed to pay us back and till day we haven't seen a dime. Even after all the insurance money they got nothing. But at the end we know we did the right thing with our money and our grandma knows it to. Juan is amazing kid. He would give you his shirt off his back."



Juan being interviewed by 13abc



## **RECIPE:** Ashley's Asian BBQ Salmon

The sweet glaze on this easy-to-make fish pairs perfectly with brown rice or even served over a simple spinach salad.

## INGREDIENTS

- 4 salmon filets, skin on
- Kosher salt
- Black pepper
- 6 green onions
- Toasted sesame seeds (optional) of a spoon.
- Cilantro (optional)

## For the glaze:

- ¼ cup low-sodium soy sauce
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup water
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 4 tablespoons honey
- 2 teaspoons pineapple juice\*\*
- 2 teaspoons rice wine vinegar
- 2 garlic cloves, minced

\*\*Pro Tip: Instead of buying a whole container of pineapple juice, buy a can of sliced pineapples in 100% juice. Use the juice for the glaze recipe and grill the pineapple to serve with the salmon!

## DIRECTIONS

1. Mix together all glaze ingredients and place the mixture over mediumlow heat. Simmer until mixture has thickened enough to coat the back

2. Preheat the grill to 375°F. Season salmon with salt and pepper.

3. Place the salmon skin-side down on the grill, close the lid, and grill for 15 minutes. Open lid and brush the salmon generously with the glaze then cover grill again. Grill 5 minutes more. Remove salmon to serving platter and top with more glaze, if desired.

4. Place green onions and sliced pineapples (if using) directly on the grill and sear on each side, 2 to 3 minutes.

5. Top salmon with sesame seeds and cilantro leaves and serve with grilled green onions and pineapple.



**EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT:** 

**JODI LORIGAN** 

Intake Specialist Jodi Lorigan sat down with Boyk Law to let us in on what life is like out of the office as she juggles being a mom and a personal trainer.

1. What do you do for the firm? I'm responsible for all of the intakes that come into the office, which involves listening to potential clients' problems and figuring out the best way for Boyk Law to help them. If we are unable to help them

for any reason, my goal is to put them in touch with someone who can.

2. What do you like to do in your spare time? I like to spend time with my family, work out, fish, and play soccer. I also enjoy helping people regain their health and fitness goals as I am a personal trainer for Coaching by Kurt in Maumee, Ohio.

3. Tell us about your family. My husband's name is Nate and we have a fiveyear-old named Teagan and a 7-year-old Great Dane Mastiff named Lily. I enjoy spending time with both of our extended families and we are all excited to welcome our little one who is due on Thanksgiving Day.

4. Favorite ice cream? Chocolate Raspberry Truffle from Handel's

5. Favorite food? Anything Mexican

6. What book are you reading right now? There isn't a whole lot of extra time for reading at the moment, but Teagan and I love to read Baby on the Way by Martha Sears together.

- 7. Favorite Pixar movie? Monsters, Inc.
- 8. What's the farthest you've been from home? Cozumel, Mexico
- 9. What is your favorite hobby? Making new kinds of foods (and sleeping!)

# **CASES OF INTEREST: JULY 2017**

## **Co-Workers Struck By** FedEx Truck On Highway, **Face Surgeries**

Our clients were driving on I-75 on the way back from a business trip when they were struck by a FedEx truck, causing them to spin out of control and strike a concrete barrier. One client was knocked out at the scene and suffered a torn meniscus. He underwent surgery and is still dealing with physical therapy and injections. We are also handling his worker's compensation claim as we work to get his back injuries, post concussive syndrome, and vision problems covered under his claim after they were initially denied. The other client also suffered a concussion after striking her head in the accident and had to undergo surgery to repair damage to her knee. She is still in physical therapy and doctors believe that the accident has caused her to need a knee replacement at some point later in life.

## Man Struck By Delivery Truck Woman Ran Off Road By **Needs Four Surgeries To Repair DamageTo Arm**

Our client was struck by a box truck that ran a stop sign, totally demolishing his truck. After being cut out of the wreck, our client was transported to the hospital where he spent four days. A severe laceration on his arm needed two surgeries to repair and he still needs two more before he regains movement of his hand and wrist. He was given two pints of blood and suffered bruising all over, as well as radial nerve damage.

## Driver Making A Bad Turn, **Causes Broken Arm & Leg**

Our client will not be able to walk for at least five months as she heals from serious fractures to her arm and leg. After the accident, our client was hospitalized and surgeries were needed to repair the damage. She will have to stay in an inpatient rehabilitation facility for six weeks as she prepares to spend nearly half a year being non-weightbearing all because the other driver turned in front of her and caused her to run off the road.







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## July's Raving Fan of the Month

"Boyk Law is reliable to handle everything. They'll let you know up front if you have a case and you won't pay unless they get you paid. And believe me you will get paid. They are very good at what they do. Very polite and reasonable and make sure you're comfortable. Chuck Boyk is the truth." – Brenda B.





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Nominate a child today by visiting www.BikesForKidsToledo.com Contest runs from June - August

## Know of a Kid Making a Difference? Tell Us and They Could Win a Bike!

Bikes for Kids is asking parents, teachers, caregivers, and loved ones to recognize a child who has made a difference in the life of someone else by nominating them to receive a free bicycle from Wersell's Bike Shop, compliments of Boyk Law. Wersell's will be donating a helmet and a lock to each winner. While there are no specific guidelines on what makes a nominee deserving of a new bike, we encourage nominators to think about any kind things that the child has done for others, or how the child has positively impacted his or her family, friends, community, or classroom.

To nominate a child in your life, visit www.BikesforKidsToledo.com. Questions about Bikes for Kids program can be directed to Anneke by emailing community@charlesboyk-law.com or by calling 419-720-4456.

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