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# Welcome to the 2nd Edition of *Injured Times!*

**T**hank you for taking the time to read the second edition of *Injured Times*. As a personal injury attorney who has practiced for over 30 years, I have had the opportunity to handle thousands of personal injury claims and work with families from all walks of life, many of whom I have built strong, long-lasting relationships with. Many of my clients consider themselves clients for life.

At Charles E. Boyk Law Offices, LLC our goal is to tell our clients' stories. Sometimes that means describing to an insurance adjuster the facts of an accident so that we can obtain compensation for the victim's injuries. Other times telling a story involves outlining to the community how our clients have bravely overcome their adversities.

That is why we decided to publish a second edition of our magazine. In these pages, you will find the encouraging stories about how our clients battled to hang on after serious accidents turned their worlds upside down. You will also discover how making sure you receive the proper medical treatment and finding the right attorney can mean the difference between successfully resolving the claim, or being stuck without any means to overcome the injuries sustained.

The magazine highlights the story of Alyssa Jones, a young woman who broke her right ankle, left femur, and her neck while riding in the car with

her boyfriend, RJ. Their truck was T-boned after a dump truck failed to stop at a stop sign. You will read about Alyssa's miraculous recovery and how she went on to become the wife and mother she had always dreamed of becoming.

You will read the story of Dustin Vogelsong, who almost lost his life after a car accident that left him with a severe head trauma, shattered leg, and broken jaw. His amazing recovery and ensuing legal battle and victory will leave you inspired.

The sad story of what the dentists at Small Smiles pediatric dental clinics did to young, innocent children will leave you heartbroken. But you will be encouraged by what the firm is trying to do to help these families, as they battle against their feelings of betrayal and anger at discovering that their kids may have received unnecessary dental treatment.

You will read other stories including that of a woman overcoming injuries from a serious motorcycle accident and a tribute to the driver who lost his life. You will read stories about families who have rallied together to help their injured loved ones recover. All of these clients were also assisted by my office – to ensure that they were compensated for their medical bills, lost wages, pain and suffering, and emotional distress.

These stories and others in this magazine will inspire you to realize that although you or a loved one may feel "down and out" right now, proper medical care combined with competent legal guidance can lead to a full recovery from both a physical and economic perspective.

We hope you enjoy the second edition of *Injured Times* and that you find it relevant to what you or a loved one may be experiencing right now.



Attorney Charles E. Boyk

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# Tribute To Toledo

*“90% of success is attitude. We want to help Toledoans realize what a great, successful city we have. Toledoans are known for making the best of every situation, and there is a whole lot in northwest Ohio to make the best of. We want to promote that.” - Chuck Boyk*



Artists pose in front of the Toledo skyline mural – Tony, Allie, Ericka, and Yolonda



Completed Toledo Skyline Mural

To launch their Tribute to Toledo campaign, Charles E. Boyk Law Offices, LLC invited residents of Josina Lott Residential and Community Services and Lourdes University Art Therapy students to come together to design and paint a Toledo skyline mural in their new office expansion.

For two weeks, Josina Lott residents and Lourdes students drew, taped off, and painted the 14 ft x 4 ft mural, which features a panoramic rendition of Downtown Toledo, as seen from the east side of the Maumee River.

Josina Lott is home to 32 adult individuals living with developmental disabilities, many of whom have a passion for art, and the Lourdes Art Therapy students

help improve the attitudes of Toledoans about northwest Ohio by highlighting and developing relationships with local businesses, people, restaurants, and organizations.”

Tribute to Toledo started out as newsletter articles about local people who have a passion for the Glass City, and has since morphed into a video series on all of the great things northwest Ohio has to offer. Boyk Law now produces free videos and print articles highlighting northwest Ohio people, attractions, restaurants, parks, historical sites, and other areas that the community wants to learn about. Those videos are then offered to the respective families, businesses, and organizations at no charge, so that they can share them with their friends, clients, customers, and col-

were on hand providing them with direction and assistance with the project. “We chose the Toledo skyline because we are proud of our city, and it goes hand-in-hand with our Tribute to Toledo campaign,” Attorney Chuck Boyk said. “We want to



Attorney Eddie Cole during his Tribute to Toledo interview



Tom Finch working behind the security desk at the PNC Bank Building in downtown Toledo



leagues as a free promotional tool or way to preserve their family history.

From the extraordinary to the ordinary, Tribute to Toledo has highlighted people from all walks of life, including iconic Toledo attorney Eddie Cole, who was a driving force behind Toledo’s Civil Rights Movement; long-time reporter and journalist Lou Hebert; and PNC Bank Building security guard Tom Finch, among many others. ■



# Why Should I Hire A Lawyer?

## 10 Ways an Attorney Can Help You Win Your Case

*Navigating the complicated world of an injury accident claim can be confusing, especially at a time when all you want to do is regain your health and mobility. When you add in the never-ending phone calls from the insurance adjuster, the confusing documents that the insurance company is insisting you sign, and the uncertainty of how your medical bills are going to be paid, the whole process can seem completely overwhelming. What most people do not realize is that the all of the people contacting you from the insurance company are only concerned about their own best interests – not yours. This is why it is imperative to have someone in your corner, fighting for your legal rights, to ensure that you are not taken advantage of while hurt.*

*That is why we put together the top ten reasons why hiring a knowledgeable lawyer can make all the difference in your personal injury case:*

### **1. The investigation will start as soon as possible**

Investigation into the detailed facts of your case is

absolutely crucial to your claim. During the process, witnesses need to be located, interviews must be conducted, and sworn statements must be collected. In addition, photographs and videos must be taken and analyzed, involving different types of experts and the preservation of crucial evidence. A qualified attorney is capable to intelligently assess each case, directing and advising you towards an appropriate course of action for you to receive the highest amount of compensation to which you are entitled.

### **2. All of the defendants will be located**

In order to maximize recovery for a client, an experienced attorney will find all of the potential people and businesses responsible for causing the accident, injury, or death, and will be able to assess the collectability of each person or business. Multiple non-obvious parties oftentimes are held liable for an accident; a parent or car owner, for instance, may be liable for entrusting a vehicle to a child or friend with a bad driving record. In order to ensure that you receive the highest amount of compensation and

the highest quality of service, attorneys will identify all potentially responsible parties in a crash.

### **3. Finding the insurance coverage**

In most case, insurance coverage is essential to getting the best possible recovery. Most defendants do not have enough money or assets to adequately compensate an individual or family that has to cope with a serious personal injury or wrongful death. As a result, tackling the issue of the extent of the defendant's insurance coverage is absolutely critical. Figuring out which defendants have which type of insurance, determining the policy's limits, the policy's applicability, and the policy's potential exclusions can be tricky, to put it mildly. An experienced attorney will help you sort through the insurance maze and ensure that you get the maximum recovery to which you are entitled.

### **4. Documenting economic loss**

Proving the appropriate amount of damages following the injury or wrongful death can be extremely time-consuming and almost impossible without a

## Why Should I Hire A Lawyer? (cont.)

knowledgeable lawyer. With the help of an appropriate economist or other financial expert, you can determine the proper measure of damages for your specific case. Many factors such as income level, additional accumulative income, and other data together determine the economic loss by the injury or death in question. An effective attorney will be able to select an economic expert who carries excellent credentials and also conveys the case clearly and concisely to the judge and jury.

### 5. Documenting psychological injuries

While many may think accidents only involve physical injuries and death, many cases actually cause serious psychological injuries that may or may not have been caused by physical injuries. To attorneys, these types of injuries are just as serious as their physical counterparts and deserve the appropriate treatment and attention. Reports from psychologists or psychiatrists can help with your case and help you receive compensation for your psychological injuries. The best lawyers will be able to recommend the proper mental health professional to diagnose and assist you in your time of need.

### 6. Finding the right experts

Experts or witnesses with specialized knowledge are a key component to helping you prove a case. With millions of experts in society, all with their expertise and professional skills, finding the proper one—both knowledgeable and credible—for your case can be difficult. Experts can “make or break a case” and an experienced attorney will hand-pick from their list of

highly regarded experts who are best suited for your specific situation.

### 7. Accident reconstruction

Accident reconstruction, the scientific process of investigating, analyzing, and drawing conclusions about the causes and events that occurred during a vehicle collision, is essential for any case. Commonly, both sides use accident reconstruction to prove their point, attempting to persuade the jury to view the accident in their perspective. Thus, it is important to find the best accident reconstruction expert with the qualifications that match the requirements of your particular case. Only the well-connected attorney with experience and knowledge can acquire such experts. Without accident reconstruction and the experts that go along with it, you may face an extremely hard time proving your case in court.

### 8. Filing in the proper court

Detailed rules state where a given lawsuit can and cannot be filed. Finding these fine print regulations is not only bothersome but arduous. An attorney can save you the time and expense of filing in the wrong court—a circumstance that happens to many inexperienced people. In addition, certain jurisdictions and courts are friendlier to plaintiffs than others. Your attorney's experience and insight will be helpful in picking the best court for your case.

### 9. Grief counseling

Grief counselors can document loss while helping the survivors deal with a tragic situation in order to

get closure. This type of counseling can be a valuable process, especially after a death caused by negligence and ignorance of another party. An attorney will be able to help you find the right counselor who is best suited for you and your needs.

### 10. Maximizing Recovery

In order to guarantee that you receive the maximum amount of compensation to which you are entitled, your attorney will document the entire process, from photographs, videos, witness statements, reports, and other important items pertaining and relevant to your accident and injury. Furthermore, your attorney will make sure you receive proper treatment from a doctor who will cooperate with you and the attorney throughout the legal process. The attorney will then obtain all relevant prior records, hire economists and vocationalists, and present the material in an effective and persuasive way to the insurance company, opposing counsel, the judge, and the jury—all of which to ensure that you come home with the proper aid and compensation for your accident and injury. ■

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## Families Rally To Honor Their Loved Ones

# Clyde Cancer Cluster – The Fight For Answers Continues

*The Clyde Community Comes Together*



Office Manager Leslie Rombkowski poses with Sierra, Tyler, and Tanner Hisey

The Clyde Cancer Cluster has been prevalent in the news the past few years. If you are living in northwest Ohio, you most likely have seen a story about it on TV or read about it in the paper. Our very own Attorney Charles Boyk, along with co-counsel, is now working to seek answers and hold those at fault responsible for the nearly 40 children who have developed cancer, the many adults that have become cancer stricken, and the developmental disabilities in some children.

On Tuesday May 14, 2013 a lawsuit was filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio in Toledo against Whirlpool Corporation and on February 10, 2014, The Honorable James G. Carr allowed the Clyde Cancer Cluster case to move forward by denying Whirlpool's motion to dismiss the plaintiffs' complaint.

"This is a huge decision that will for the first time require Whirlpool to reveal the information that they have been reluctant to disclose," Attorney Chuck Boyk said. "It is one small step in the search for the truth, and we look forward to examining the information that Whirlpool will have to release."



While the court battle rages on, the families of Clyde have rallied together to support one another by hosting a range of fundraisers for cancer research.

Nearly 500 runners and walkers participated in the 5th Annual Alexa Brown 5k and Kids 1k on September 20th, as they pounded the pavement in downtown Clyde to honor the young girl who lost her battle with cancer in 2009. The turnout was a great success considering there were other high-profile races going on the same day. All proceeds from the race and from the 70 additional race shirts that were sold will go to CureSearch for Children's Cancer, which is part of the National Childhood Cancer Foundation. To honor Alexa, race organizers had butterfly wings set up, so that children could have their photos taken with them.

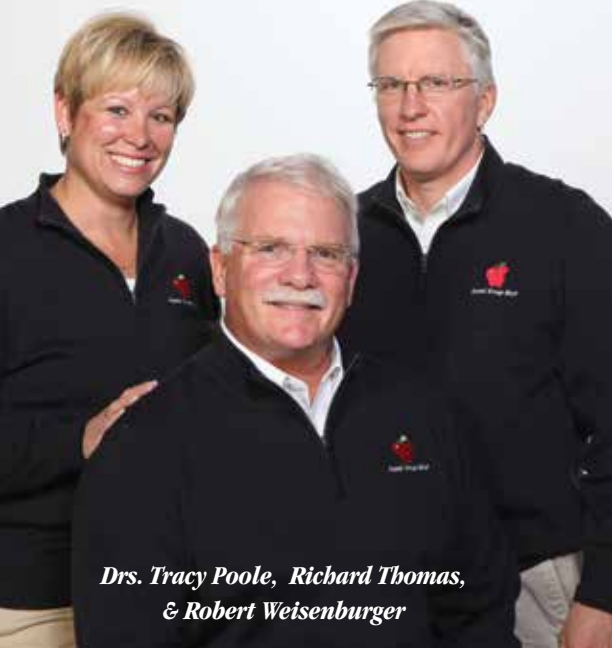
Another successful event to raise funds for cancer research was held the following weekend at Sleepy Hollow Golf Course and it ended up raising nearly triple the amount that it had the previous year. It was the 2nd Annual Jake Zeller Memorial Golf Outing and the Ohio State University's James Cancer Hos-



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pital and Solove Research Institute will be receiving \$18,223 in Jake Zeller's name to put toward their research. Jake was treated at The James before losing his battle with brain cancer in 2013.

The 6th Annual Fighting Leukemia Golf Scramble and Dinner was a success for both the Hisey family who hosted the event and for those in need of cancer treatments. Proceeds from the outing went to support the fight against childhood cancer, a disease that hits close to home for the Hisey's, who are part of the

Clyde Cancer Cluster and who have two children, Tanner and Tyler, who have survived leukemia.

If you would like to stay informed with the Clyde Cancer Cluster lawsuit, visit [www.cancerclusterclyde.com](http://www.cancerclusterclyde.com) or visit our YouTube page, [www.youtube.com/ceboyk](http://www.youtube.com/ceboyk), to watch heart-warming video coverage of the various events. ■



*Office Multimedia Designer Josh Nagel's daughter Armani poses with her Butterfly Wings*



*Left to Right: OSU representative Erika Beasley, Jake's girlfriend Kari Phillips, Anneke Godlewski, Jake's sister-in-law Angie Zeller, Leslie Rombkowski, Jake's mom Sam Reau, and Brianna Miller.*

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# Alyssa Crayton: Life Turned Upside Down

*A Young Woman's Fight to Become a Wife and Mother*



*RJ, Alyssa, and Ryder Crayton*

One minute she was enjoying the freedom of her twenties as a hardworking manager of a local restaurant, and the next she was laying in a hospital bed, not sure how long it would be before she could walk again.

On November 6, 2012, Alyssa Jones never realized that an accident was about to change her

life forever. She and her boyfriend, Ronald "RJ" Crayton, were traveling west-bound on County Road E in York Township, just outside of Wauseon, Ohio when the driver of a dump truck ran a stop sign and plowed into the couple's pickup truck. The accident caused such severe injuries that Alyssa had to be lifeflighted to a local trauma hospital.

She was sedated at the scene of the accident and by the time she reached the hospital, it was determined that she had fractured her femur and right ankle, and had broken her neck. Alyssa underwent three separate surgical operations to repair her left femur and a right tibia/fibula fracture. After eight days, she was discharged from St. Vincent's and was transferred to an inpatient skilled nursing facility for three weeks.

It was shortly after the accident that Alyssa enlisted the help of Boyk Law after reading an article that we wrote on our website sending our regards to the victims, outlining the specifics of the wreck, and explaining what a person faced with the same circumstances should do to protect their legal rights.

Alyssa saw the article and contacted Chuck Boyk for a consult, becoming a client the same day.

Before the accident, Alyssa was a hardworking, active young woman who was looking forward to enjoying life as an independent 21-year-old. Now, Alyssa was faced with a year of physical therapy and the probability that she would never work again. It was more than a year that Alyssa was stuck inside, unable to freely move around.

"The biggest challenge I think was not being able to walk without help of some sort of device for over six months," Alyssa said. "But hiring an attorney helped. The office took care of the entire lawsuit process, from filing to insurance to finding the doctors that could help me best. It was all about how to help me get better." Part of that journey to recovery included getting a second opinion from another doctor who discovered that her injuries were not healing properly, as a result of misaligned hardware that was originally implanted to fix the fractures in each leg.

*"It was all about how to help me get better."*

This misalignment caused the need for two additional surgeries to fix the mistakes and attempt to alleviate her pain.

In addition to the pain, Alyssa was also suffering from severe anxiety, especially when riding in vehicles, and our office helped connect her with a therapist to treat her post traumatic stress disorder.

Alyssa was facing nearly \$275,000 of medical bills and over \$1.5 million in lost wages and future economic loss due to her inability to work.

RJ and Alyssa had married and she gave birth to a beautiful baby boy named Ryder a year and a half after the accident, and while she was thankful for such a miracle,



*RJ and Alyssa's pick-up after the accident*



*The dump truck that caused the accident*

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she was and still is constantly worried that the permanent medical restrictions placed on her following the accident will affect her ability to care for him. For instance, Alyssa is unable to lift more than 25 pounds at a time, so by the time her son reaches the age of two he will have surpassed that weight limit and she will technically not be able to pick him up or carry him more than a few feet. Being a mother for the first time, the realization of this scenario was completely devastating.

After a tough legal battle, Boyk Law was able to secure a substantial, confidential settlement for the family, which allowed them to cover the medical bills incurred and compensate Alyssa for her future medical bills and the pain she endured.

Alyssa is thankful that the money she received will allow her and RJ to provide for her family since she cannot work like she used to.

“Had I not hired Chuck, I would be lost in the pile of medical bills and creditor calls and have no idea even where to start,” Alyssa said. “Now we’re going to be able to buy a house and start going to school. We’ll also be able to put away money for Ryder’s college.”

Chuck Boyk was happy to see such a devastating situation end on as positive of a note as one could hope for.

“When we write articles for the website like the one we wrote about Alyssa’s, our goal is to help readers truly understand the battle they are up against and we send them our regards because we know that they will have

a tiring fight on their hands,” Chuck Boyk said. “We are happy that Alyssa contacted us to fight that battle for her and we were proud to be the ones in her corner.” ■



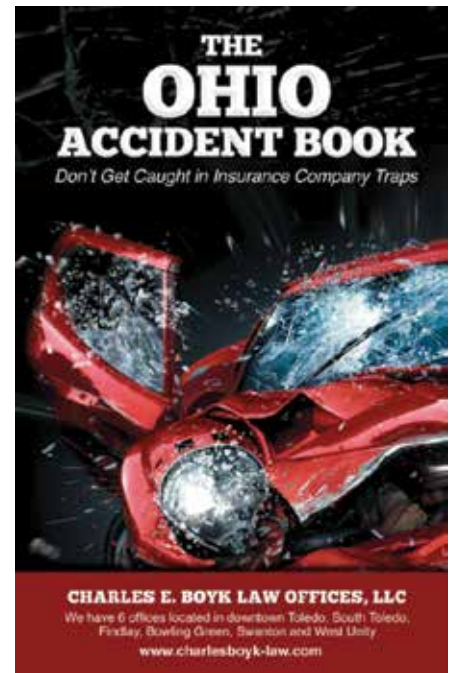
*Scars remain after Alyssa's fractures*



*The aftermath of hip surgery*



*Alyssa holds her son, Ryder Crayton*



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# Julie Bobash: Motorcycle Accident Victim Takes Control of Her Recovery

*How a Second Opinion Prevented Permanent Injury*



Julie Bobash

When Julie Bobash came to our office in search of legal advice after being injured in a motorcycle accident, she had no idea of the impact Charles E. Boyk Law Offices, LLC was about to have on her health.

Julie was going through a lot. Three months prior she had been tossed from a motorcycle like a rag doll while riding as a passenger and was still experiencing a lot of back pain.

“It was the best decision I ever made, coming to see Chuck,” Julie said. “He knew many doctors in town and he referred me to Dr. Ebraheim, an orthopaedic surgeon, for a second opinion.”

Dr. Ebraheim discovered why Julie’s back pain was so bad: despite having received previous medical attention, the other doctors missed the fact that she had a shattered vertebra.

When new clients come to our office, many of them are still in pain, which is why we then provide them with:

- A comprehensive analysis of the accident;
- An explanation of how it could have caused the injuries and affected their health;
- A review of the other medical opinions they have already been given;
- If necessary, a recommendation of physicians they can visit for a more detailed exam and explanation; and
- Regular follow-up calls to their home or cell phone to check up on their treatment, how they are feeling and to make sure all questions are answered.

The reason Chuck requires the staff at the office to constantly check up on his clients is two-fold. Not only does it remind the client that we are constantly working on their case, but it also helps us to recognize any health changes almost immediately.

“Communication is everything,” Chuck Boyk said. “The vast majority of our clients are repeat or word-of-mouth clients because they understand that we make the effort to help our people understand what they are going through

*“It was like there was a platoon of soldiers standing there on the enemy lines,” Julie said. “[He] fought every bit of the way.”*

and understand how we are going to fix their problem. Our goal is maximum recovery – both physically and financially.”

In Julie’s situation, we were able to notify the insurance company of the true seriousness of her injuries, allowing us to obtain for her the proper compensation that she was entitled to, which was much more than her initial offer. The at-fault party’s insurance company was only willing to pay \$7,500 for her injuries. After our office took the case to trial and we were able to prove just how badly she was hurt and the jury awarded Ms. Bobash \$109,500 plus another \$10,950 as pre-judgment interest.

Julie believes that had it not been for her decision to call a lawyer like Chuck Boyk, she would still be in extreme pain without the settlement money to cover her medical bills.

“It was like there was a platoon of soldiers standing there on the enemy lines,” Julie said. “[He] fought every bit of the way.” ■



# Ann Mooney: The Long Road to Recovery

*How One Woman Endured Seven Surgeries to Walk Again*



Ann Mooney

No one ever anticipates that an accident is going to occur. And when Ann Mooney was driving down Smith Road in Ballville Township on November 10, 2012, she

never expected that within a matter of minutes her life would be changed forever after a Chevy Tahoe turned in front of her, causing a near-fatal collision.

After being extracted from her sedan, Ann was transported by helicopter to the University of Toledo Medical Center.

“I was in UTMC for I think 10 days and I had a lot of bones exposed that had broken through the skin,” Ann said. “After learning about the cause of the accident, several people recommended that I call the Boyk Law Firm.”

The woman who had orchestrated and oversaw all types of jobs and employees during her 37 years as a utility worker at the Michigan Sugar Company suddenly found herself not knowing what would come next. She called our firm for help.

“I never knew what to expect,” Ann said. “But Mike [Bruno] came down to the nursing home and introduced himself and told me all about what was going to happen and was very thorough. He just seemed like he was part of the family already.”

Our office took over the task of dealing with the at-fault party’s insurance company and securing medical payment coverage for her out-of-pocket expenses so that she could focus on her long road to recovery.

The accident left her with bleeding on the brain and multiple abrasions on her left forearm and left wrist from the glass of her car window. But the worst injuries were the open fractures to her right ankle and left femur, which required seven surgeries to repair. Ann spent over two months at an inpatient rehabilitation center before starting additional physical and water therapies in between her additional operations.

But through it all, Ann and her husband Larry stayed positive and leaned on the help that everyone in our

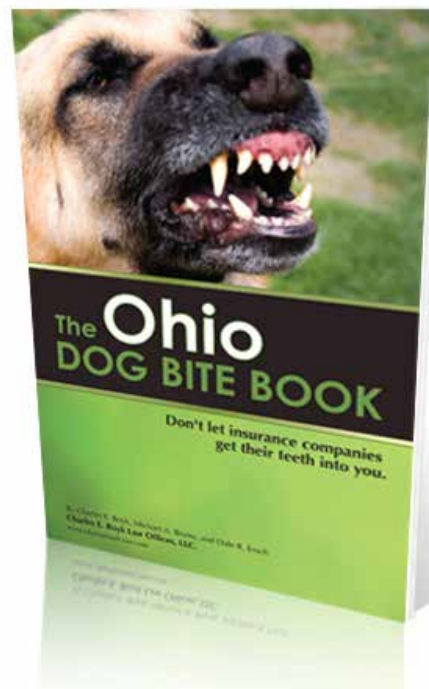
*“After learning about the cause of the accident, several people recommended that I call the Boyk Law Firm.”*

office extended.

“I think any time we had a question or my husband had a question we would call up and everything was answered very nicely, very quickly,” Ann said. “They knew everything, even when the language was a little difficult, but they explained everything when we called and we felt very good.”

The Mooneys felt especially appreciative of our Office Manager, Leslie Rombkowski, and grew quite fond of her during the process.

“Thank goodness for Leslie!” Ann said. “We had a good time with her. She made us feel very, very comfortable. She even came to some of the doctor’s appointments with us” ■



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## Dustin Vogelsong:

# Life Almost Lost: How A Hard-Working Father Fought To Survive



*Dustin stands in a rural road similar to the one where his accident occurred, finally able to walk again*

### The Accident

August 29, 2012 is a date that Lindsey Beek will never forget and a day that Dustin Vogelsong will never remember.

Dustin and Lindsey had been dating for 13 years and relishing their new-found roles as parents to a one-month old baby girl when an accident changed their lives forever. On that fateful August morning, Dustin was traveling westbound on Buckskin Road in rural Hicksville, Ohio when his truck was struck by the driver of another truck that failed to yield at a stop sign.

Dustin's vehicle was so heavily damaged that the jaws of life were needed to remove him from the wreckage before he was taken by ambulance to Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

### The Injuries

Upon arrival to the hospital, he was rushed to the intensive care unit and a breathing tube was inserted into his throat since severe swelling in his neck and larynx made it impossible for him to breathe on his own. He had extensive blood loss from the wounds on his face and scalp and it was clear by the deformity in his leg that Dustin had sustained severe fractures to his right ankle and tibia/fibula.

Dustin also suffered from a severe traumatic brain injury as a result of the crash and had apparent brain bleeds. His jaw was fractured in multiple places, which required surgery and the need for his jaw to be wired shut.

"All I remember is waking up and going to work, then the next thing you know, I'm in the hospital," Dustin said.

### Getting the Right Help

It was a week after the accident before everything sank in and the family and Lindsey rallied together and came up with a plan on what needed to be done. Part of that plan was to call Charles E. Boyk Law Offices, LLC.

"After it really sank in what happened, maybe that night or the next day, family members and people were saying, 'You know, this is what you need to do,'" Lindsey said. "I think I waited a few days before we gathered the information of what happened, but I heard about Charles Boyk through Robert and Michelle Lucas, the parents of my good friend. She said that she really loved you guys and had a great experience and she recommended you. The only phone call I made was to you guys."

*"The only phone call I made was to Charles E. Boyk Law Offices."*

From that point on, Boyk Law handled everything from making sure Dustin got top-notch medical care to dealing with the at-fault party's insurance company.

"Leslie and Leah in the office pretty much took care of everything," Lindsey said. I didn't have to do much of anything. If I had a question something needed taken care of, they were there."

### The Recovery

"It took about a week after the accident for everything to even sink in," Lindsey said. "Dustin kept asking over and over and it took a while for it really to sink in what actually happened to him."

During his 36-day hospital stay at Parkview, Dustin underwent a battery of on-going tests, x-rays, MRIs, and exams. After neurology had determined the extent of Dustin's traumatic brain injury and the severity of the brain bleeds, he was seen by an orthopedic surgeon and immediately underwent a surgical op-



*Dustin's truck, completely unrecognizable after the accident*



*Dustin's jaw was still wired shut and the breathing tube was still in place one month after the accident*

eration to repair the deformed right tibia/fibula and right ankle fractures. After the fractures were repaired, Dustin was kept in traction for the remainder of his stay at Parkview to keep the leg and ankle stabilized.

Following his hospital stay, Dustin was moved to an inpatient rehabilitation center, where he struggled to undergo difficult exercises that tested his ability to regain strength in his right leg and ankle, as well as to re-learn simple tasks like feeding himself. The inability to complete the tasks quickly led him to become very upset and irritated with his lack of progress.

The traumatic brain injury he suffered caused amnesia, preventing him from remembering the day of the accident and those days following. He didn't fully comprehend the severity of the accident or his injuries, which made his frustrations even worse.



*Scars remain after one of Dustin's eight surgeries*

He was hospitalized for another six weeks since he was struggling with cognition and balance, he was non-weight bearing on his right leg, and he still had the tracheotomy tube in place. Dustin was moved via air ambulance October 4, 2012 to the University of Toledo Medical Center to complete his rehab treatment and receive top-notch care from their orthopedic department.

Even after his discharge weeks later, he was unable to put weight on his leg for three months and he required the use of a wheelchair.

The next year brought numerous procedures, including steroid injections into the right knee and ankle and two subsequent surgeries in an attempt to relieve

the pain he was experiencing.

While Lindsey vigorously works to help Dustin return to the life that he once lived, his prognosis of doing so is slim to none. His cognitive problems from the brain injury and the major fractures of his right lower leg and ankle would prevent him from ever being able to work in roofing again.

Being that Dustin had been labeled as "totally unemployable," experts were able to calculate that Dustin would incur an economic loss of \$1,053,234.00 over his lifetime. This amount is pale in comparison to the emotional and mental loss that Dustin has sustained and will continue to deal with for the rest of his life.

Dustin's future and existing medical expenses totaled more than \$500,000. These numbers do not factor in the 50 days that Dustin spent in the hospital in a sedative state, missing out on some of the most precious moments of his young daughter's life. The numbers never even consider the psychological damage this has caused to his personal life.

**The Outcome**

Although a lawsuit was filed in common pleas court, Boyk Law was successful in securing a confidential, out-of-court settlement without the need for a trial. Charles Boyk was the chief negotiator on Dustin's behalf and was successful in negotiating a confidential settlement which was more than pleasing to Dustin and his family.

In addition, Chuck was successful in negotiating with Dustin's medical providers to significantly reduce the lien that they had on Dustin's claim, thus significantly increasing the amount of money that the firm was able to put in Dustin's pocket.



*Dustin Vogelsong and Lindsey Beek*

Dustin and Lindsey were not only happy with the outcome of the case, but also at the service that they received from Boyk Law.

"Everyone went above and beyond," Lindsey said. "They took care of some things that I didn't even think that they could. I would strongly recommend Charles Boyk Law Offices." ■

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**Alyssa Headley:**

# The Road To Recovery After A Rollover Accident

*A 23-Year-Old's Journey To Getting Back On Her Feet*



*Alyssa works to walk with crutches*

Alyssa Headley was working two jobs and on her way home from one of them when her life was literally turned upside down.

At 10pm on May 9, 2014, Alyssa was struck by an uninsured driver who had run the stop sign at the corner of State Route 199 and Roachton Road, causing her car to flip three times and leave her hanging upside down by her seatbelt.

After being extracted from the vehicle, Alyssa was transported by ambulance to the University of Toledo Medical Center where it was determined that she had a dislocated left knee cap and two shattered bones in her ankle.

A plate and two screws were surgically implanted to repair the damage to Alyssa's ankle and the hardware was in place for two months. In addition to the plates and screws, Alyssa had to have a large halo surrounding her leg, causing her to be wheelchair bound for much of her recovery.

"When I was admitted to trauma unit at UTMC,



*A halo prevented Alyssa from being able to walk*

*"They took care of everything and I will be a client for life."*

my dad looked up lawyers and found Charles Boyk and one of the nurses who was cleaning the wounds around the hardware said that she had heard great things about Chuck Boyk, so we called him up and had a meeting at the house," Alyssa said.

A few months after the accident, Alyssa had to undergo a second surgery to have the hardware removed.

Charles Boyk Law Offices handled the entire process and helped Alyssa obtain compensation under her uninsured motorist coverage, to help pay for the abundance of medical expenses that she had incurred.

"It was actually pretty easy for me," Alyssa said. "They took care of everything for me. They only asked for a couple of signatures and some paperwork and asked for some pictures of the injury. Not a big deal."

Through it all, Alyssa continued to stay optimistic, despite being cooped up the house and unable to drive.

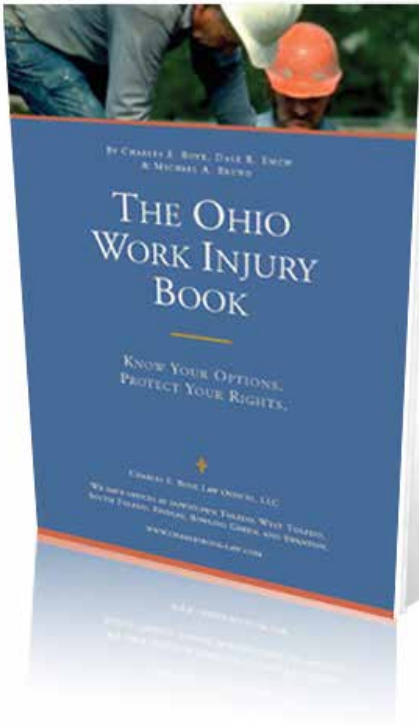


*Alyssa's ankle after surgery*

"Cindy, Leslie, and Lisa in the office were very kind, very nice, very patient," Alyssa said. "They could tell I was getting a little on edge being locked in the house and they were very helpful."

Alyssa attributes her substantial settlement to the hard work and experience provided by the firm. She was also pleased with the service she received.

"Chuck is funny," Alyssa said with a laugh. "And he's a good guy and knowledgeable. I love the lawyer's office and I will be a client for life. I recommend them to a lot of people." ■



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# A Tribute To The Late Craig Parliment: Avid Motorcyclist's Life Is Cut Short While Riding His Beloved Harley



*Craig with his stepson, Eric, in the 1970's*

When Craig Parliment's life was cut short on May 18, 2014, he was doing something that he loved – riding his Harley Davidson. On that fateful day, the avid motorcyclist and his passenger, Connie Shope, were stopped at the intersection of State Route 15 and US 20 in Williams County when a 27-year-old man rear-ended the bike, ejecting both from the motorcycle. Connie sustained multiple life-threatening injuries and Craig passed away at the scene.

Craig left behind four sons and four grandchildren, along with multiple friends and family members who all had the same thing to say about the 66-year-old man: that he had quite the sense of humor and would often find joy in the little things.

He had a passion for Corvettes and belonged to the Fountain City Corvette Club and Corvette Action Center and he was a frequent contributor to online Corvette chat rooms. He was always attending car shows around his hometown of Stryker, Ohio and



*Craig with one of his Corvettes*

Craig was one of four people that had put together the first Cruisefest in Auburn, Indiana in 2004. After learning of his passing, other Corvette enthusiasts took to the web to offer their thoughts and condolences on the Corvette Action Center's website:

"I remember Craig with a smile on my face. He cracked jokes and he came across genuine. Nothing was groomed, edit, revised, or withheld."

"A genuine 'good guy.'"

"Being a tool and die maker by trade, he loved his machines, bikes, trucks, and when I met him he had three Corvettes. He always left you with a positive feeling."

"Craig had a heart of Gold and the stature of a puppy dog...very nice man..."

Craig's childhood years were spent fishing and hunting deer and pheasant. At 14, he got his first 22-gauge rifle then at 16 he got a 12-gauge Ithaca shot gun. He was also into working on motor vehicles and, as a child, built a mini bike from scratch, entered it in a local car show, and won a trophy.

In high school, Craig played football and competed in track and field, where he threw shot-put and discs. In drafting class, he would sketch concept and hot rod cars and after graduation attended the General

*"I remember Craig with a smile on my face. He cracked jokes and he came across genuine. Nothing was groomed, edit, revised, or withheld."*

Motors Institute of Technology just north of Detroit. From there he began working at GM in Ewing, New Jersey as a tool and die maker until the plant closed and he transferred to Ohio before retiring from GM in October 1999 after 31 years of service.

This is all in addition to his passion of riding motorcycles. His biggest dream was to pack a bag and ride across the country visiting places that would perk his interest by the name of the town or location. He loved covered bridges. If there was one near where he was going he would take a route that would pass him through one. He spoke often of trips with his navigator, Connie Shope, to places with interesting names like Hell, Michigan.

Craig's oldest son, Jason, remembers a life lesson taught to him by his dad that gives us an idea of the one-of-a-kind guy that Craig was.



*Craig (in the red hat), surrounded by his sons and grandkids*



## CASES OF INTEREST

"When I was 16, I wanted to trade a lady in my neighborhood the 1966 Chevelle wagon dad gave me for her 1969 Firebird," Jason said. "My dad said, 'Why would you want to trade for a "me too" car?' I was lost. He said, 'Whenever you talk to someone about what car they have and they say they have a Firebird, you'll say, 'Me too.'" That being said, I never traded, and continued working on that Chevelle until I was 17 and drove it to school."

Jason also recalled the years that weren't so great in the Parliment family.

"Growing up, we did have our rough times," Jason said. "My dad battled drug and alcohol addiction until I was about 10. His sobriety date is actually my son's birth date - February 4th - and this year was his 27 year mark. Several years ago when he was going

through a divorce, he was very upset and hurting. I suggested to him that maybe he should go back to meetings. Growing up, going to meetings for him was like going to church for some people. He did go and not only like once a week. Sometimes he went daily and as much as three times in one day. At his service I was amazed by how many people he touched in the program. It's clear that another passion of his was going to meetings and helping others.

Our office was privileged to be the firm chosen to help the Parliment brothers after the wrongful death of their father. Chuck Boyk had previously represented both Connie and Craig when they had been involved in another motorcycle accident while riding together. This time, our goal was to alleviate some of stress of the claim so that Craig's family could focus on celebrating him and the memories that he created for his loved ones.

"Dealing with the loss of a loved one can be devastating, especially when the death was caused by the negligence of someone else," Chuck Boyk said. "We wanted to prevent the Parliments from having to deal with the tough legal side of things like demanding compensation from the insurance company and corresponding with the insurance adjuster for the person who caused the accident. Putting these tasks in the hands of attorneys who handle issues like this on a daily basis allows families the chance to tackle their grief and mourn the loss of their loved one without distraction. Our deepest condolences continue to go out to the Parliment brothers, as the relearn how to live life without their dad." ■



## Connie Shope:

# Learning To Live Through The Aftermath Of A Tragic Motorcycle Accident



*Connie in elementary school*

For Connie Shope, motorcycle riding meant freedom. It was just the open road, no schedule to follow, and no destination in mind. The world was hers to see from the back of a bike and she and her travelling partner, Craig Parliment, wanted to see it.

They would often travel together, seeking out places on the map with unusual names. They would ride to Hell, Michigan or to Lizard Creek, Tennessee after simply packing a bag and tossing it on the back of Craig's Harley Davidson.

"Nearly every weekend we would go riding," Connie said. "Craig and I would go on four day weekend trips all over Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana. He was always such a nice guy to travel with. He would always stop to help if he saw someone broken down on the side of the road."

But the idyllic days of riding through the spring, summer, and fall were cut short on May 18, 2014 when Connie and Craig were rear-ended by a 27-year-old man who wasn't paying attention while driving his Chevy S-10 pickup truck. The man struck the motorcycle with such force that Connie was thrown into the intersection from the back of the bike and Craig was killed instantly.

"The last thing I remember from that day was putting on my riding boots before going on the bike," Connie said. "The rest is just a blur."

Connie was life-flighted to an area hospital where she underwent emergency brain surgery to save her life. Doctors did not expect her to make it through



*Connie during happier days before the accident*

the night. It wasn't until police and rescue personnel searched through her wallet that they discovered her birth certificate and contacted her mother, Victoria Dowling.

Even though it had been years since the two saw each other, Victoria was determined to help her daughter beat the odds and pull through.

"I received the phone call that a 34-year-old woman that was thought to be my daughter was involved in a serious motorcycle accident," Victoria said. "As soon as we figured out it was Connie, I was on the road to get to her, two hours away. You never stop being a mom."

Connie spent two weeks in intensive care and when she was finally released, Connie started her month-long stay in inpatient rehabilitation at where she had to learn to walk again.

The hardest part of about the recovery was not the healing of her shattered pelvis, right and left leg fractures, rib fractures, or the multiple brain and surgeries. It was dealing with severe memory loss and learning that Craig had not survived the accident.

"You have to keep looking toward the next day," Connie said. "Because you have the next day. My friend didn't have the next day. He was a nice guy who was always riding and now he can't. And his sons don't have their dad anymore."

Connie took "looking toward the next day" very seriously and made a miraculous recovery. She learned to walk again and is slowly starting to exercise once more, which she always enjoyed doing.

"I ruined the doctors' plans," Connie said with a smile. "They had to put up with me for a little longer."

Even though Victoria has had the chance to reconnect with her daughter, the pain and anger of Connie's near-fatal accident and the loss of Mr. Parliment's life still sticks with her.

"It is hard to watch your daughter fighting for her life," Victoria said. "Connie had a collapsed lung and was clinging to staying alive. There was virtually no hope for her and the person who caused the accident got to walk away after ruining another person's life."



*Staples in Connie's head after one of her many surgeries*

That was a big part of the reason why Connie and Victoria reached out to Charles Boyk Law Offices: so that she could have someone fighting in her corner after the negligence of another driver. Chuck Boyk had represented Connie and Craig after a previous motorcycle accident and were pleased with the results.

"By letting our office handle the accident claim, it allows Connie to focus on what is most important – regaining her health," Attorney Chuck Boyk said. "We took over all correspondence with the insurance company which alleviated Victoria from being bombarded with phone calls and letters asking about Connie's medical treatment."

Connie is determined to move forward and move on with her life. With the help of our office, she is now able to focus on her recovery without worrying how the medical bills are going to be paid. The settlement we were able to secure for her provides compensation for things like her injuries, inability to work, and pain and suffering, although no amount of money will ever be able to cover the physical and emotional detriment the accident has caused.

"Connie's story speaks to the importance of uninsured and underinsured auto insurance coverage," Victoria said. "Her life was destroyed physically, mentally, and financially because the person that hit her had less than adequate insurance, which was not Connie's fault. Hopefully others read this and realize how important it is to protect themselves with insurance from drivers like the one who took Craig's life and ruined my daughter's." ■

# Supporting the Northwest Ohio Community 2014 Fulton County Fair Booth

## Free Photos and Great Prizes

People from all over the states of Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana took a moment to have a free photo taken at Boyk Law's booth at the Fulton County Fair from August 28th to September 4th and enter to win one of nine prizes given away this year.

The employees were excited to each spend a day talking to fairgoers and each other at the event that took place in Wauseon, Ohio, and more than 260,000 were expected to attend.

We would like to congratulate everyone who won a prize this year and thank all of our clients and colleagues for coming out to visit the booth. We are excited to provide all fairgoers with free photos from the Boyk Law Photo Booth again next year!



Cheers to the winners of these NINE prizes:

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8. HUGE Gorilla stuffed animal - Jessie of Toledo, OH
9. Digital camera - Adam of Wayne, OH



1. Evelyn F.



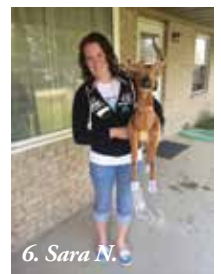
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## Small Smiles, Big Injuries:

# How a Pediatric Dental Clinic Went Drilling for Dollars

*When Attorney Wes Merillat learned that tens of thousands children had been taken advantage of by people of authority, the child advocate knew he needed to get involved.*



- "If you don't agree or if you don't bring your child back, we will be forced to call Child Services."
- "Your son's teeth are bad because you feed him too much candy and soda."
- "It's normal for kids to be scared of going to the dentist."
- "Using a papoose is a common practice and totally acceptable."

Kids all across the country had entered Small Smiles dental clinics with perfectly healthy teeth and left with mouths full of fillings and caps, after having had their teeth drilled and root canals performed - sometimes even without pain medication. Wes Merillat immersed himself into the resulting litigation, to become a voice for the many families that had no idea that the children were abused behind closed doors.

Why did Small Smiles dentists perform this unnecessary and painful treatment? We believe the reason was so that they could steal money from the government and make a larger profit off of the kids.

Small Smiles clinics were one of the few dental facilities that catered to children on Medicaid. Many parents had no choice but to take their children to Small Smiles, since many area dentists only accepted private dental insurance.

With nearly 70 clinics in the United States open at one point, Small Smiles' goal was to make as much money as possible, as quickly as possible. This meant strapping the kids down in order to work on them faster and performing treatments that were unneeded and unnecessary, before sending the bill off to Medicaid.

Some Small Smiles dental centers even had quotas and "production goals" for the dentists to meet. If the dentists performed work on a certain number of kids within a certain period of time, they would receive a monetary bonus. These bonus opportunities made dentists want to work harder and faster on the kids, even when a child didn't need certain treatments performed at all.

Unnecessary treatments performed on Small Smiles patients included:

- **Filling cavities that never existed**
- **Performing root canals on healthy teeth**
- **Shaving down baby teeth in order to add silver caps, even on the front teeth**
- **Attaching silver crowns to baby teeth, making it difficult for the adult teeth to grow through**

During the treatments, many kids were strapped down with a device called a "papoose." Also called "stabilizing," the papoose boards would prevent children from being able to move their arms or their legs. Many children were so frightened that they urinated in their pants or vomited during the procedures.

Since many of the Small Smiles clinics had rules posted forbidding parents to go past the waiting room, many moms and dads had no idea what happening to their kids, until it was too late.

But when some parents furiously spoke against Small Smiles about the way their kids were treated, they were either ignored or the dentists would say things like:

- **"These treatments needed to be done."**
- **"This wouldn't happen if you brushed your child's teeth."**

Dental hygienist whistleblowers were able convince the FBI to get involved and it was discovered after a three-year investigation that thousands of kids were abused. The U.S. Department of Justice ordered Small Smiles' parent company, FORBA Holdings LLC, to pay back the \$24 million they took from Medicaid.

Wes Merillat and the attorneys at Charles Boyk Law Offices have been helping children who received horrific treatment as Small Smiles patients by bringing claims against the Small Smiles dental centers on their behalf to compensate the kids for things like:

**The cost of additional dental care.** Many children have been told by other dentists that they now need surgery or other procedures to fix the problems caused by Small Smiles.

**The cost of psychotherapy.** Children who suffered serious injuries at the hands of adults they should have been able to trust - like dentists - often end up needing rigorous therapy sessions to cure them of their fear and anxiety. This is especially true for those children whose fear was so bad during the treatments that they urinated or vomited, or for kids who have reoccurring nightmares about dentists.

**Pain and suffering.** Memories of the horrific events can stay with a child long after the physical pain of a root canal goes away, which is why a victim should be compensated for that distress.

Wes has been working cases since 2010 and was appointed by U.S. Federal Court to the Plaintiffs' Advisory Committee.

# Super Lawyers

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Wes' appointment to the committee makes him very familiar with the litigation surrounding the Small Smiles cases and his role on the Committee gives him inside knowledge of how to best help parents of Small Smiles victims.

He has extensive experience fighting for the rights of injured children and young adults, and dedicates his career to helping kids. Wes has handled nearly 1,000 Small Smiles injury cases, along with cases involving a child who lost his life to the negligence of others, and those who have suffered traumatic brain injuries at the hands of people they should be able to trust.

These may be just a few of the reasons why Wes earned the title of Rising Star by Super Lawyers for the second year in a row, an accolade that is bestowed upon only 2.5% of the attorneys in the state who have been practicing 10 years or less.

His passion for being the voice of silenced Small Smiles patients is what drove him to also write the book, *Small*



*Smiles, Big Injuries: A Parent's Guide to Dealing with Small Smiles Abuse.* The book outlines everything from the history of the dental clinics' mistreatment of kids to how parents can preserve their children's legal rights if abuse is suspected.

The Small Smiles cases were still being fought at the time this publication was printed, but we hope to obtain justice and compensation for the children in the coming months. ■



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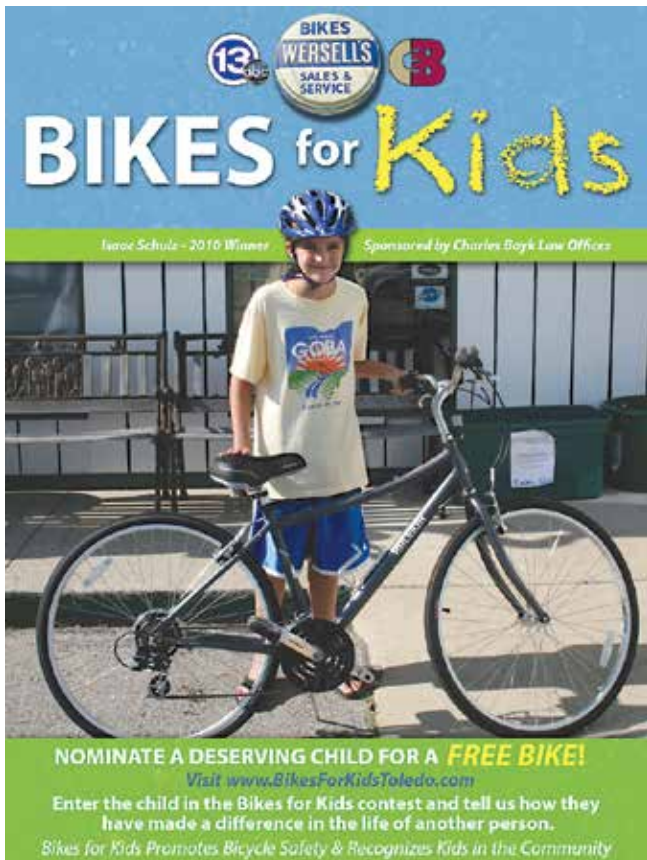


Chuck Boyk rides his Wersell's bike in the 1960's.

## Recognizing Kids Who Make A Difference!

# Bikes For Kids

*2014 Winners at a Glance*



We asked parents, teachers, caregivers, and loved ones to recognize a deserving child this summer by nominating them to receive a free bicycle from Wersell's Bike Shop.

Started by Charles E. Boyk Law Offices in 2009, Bikes for Kids gave away one bicycle each week of summer from June 9th until August 15th this year, and Wersell's donated a helmet and a lock to each winner. Every week, Boyk Law contacted the child's nominator and his or her parents and invited them to bring the child in to Wersell's for the bike reveal. We also invited the local media to each event, and since many families opted to keep the Bikes for Kids win a surprise until the child arrived at the bike shop, it was neat to watch the news reporters capture the shocked reactions on the kids' faces when they learned that their good deeds had won them a new bicycle. The child and his or her family were then interviewed, photographs and video were taken, and each child received a custom video of the experience to share with their friends, in addition to being highlighted in our monthly newsletter. The videos can be viewed by visiting [www.BikesforKidsToledo.com](http://www.BikesforKidsToledo.com).

While there were no specific guidelines on what makes a nominee deserving of a new bike, we encouraged nominators to think about any kind things that the child had done for others, or how the child had positively impacted his or her family, friends, community, or classroom.

"We created Bikes for Kids as a way to pay tribute to the great kids in northwest Ohio who do things both big and small for others," Chuck Boyk said. "Not every child has the opportunity to do something huge that creates major change, but all kids have the opportunity to take minor steps in their own lives that positively impact those around them. We wanted to celebrate the extraordinary that can come from the ordinary." ■

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Kayla Meeker



Carly Meeker and Destiny Rivera

## Bikes For Kids Tribute To Kayla Meeker

This year, a special tribute was held for the Meeker family to honor the memory of 2009 Bikes for Kids winner, Kayla Meeker.

Kayla's smile could light up a room. She was always a caring sister to her foster and adopted brothers and sisters, and always quick to try and make other people laugh. Even when battling a rare health issue that left her paralyzed for eight weeks in 2009, Kayla never let the immobility dim her resolve. For these reasons, among many others, her mother nominated the then-11-year-old for that year's Bikes for Kids contest and Kayla won one of that summer's bikes.

Sadly, Kayla took her own life on May 8, 2014, at the tender age of 16. The Anthony Wayne sophomore was an avid softball player and was still known after all these years for making others smile.

To honor Kayla and her dedication to others, Charles Boyk Law Offices donated an extra bicycle to the 2014 Bikes for Kids program, to help raise awareness on cyber bullying and childhood suicide prevention. We asked the community to make us aware of any child or teenager who exhibited Kayla's same passion for helping others by visiting [www.BikesforKidsToledo.com](http://www.BikesforKidsToledo.com) and telling their story.

Together we hope to work to recognize kids who make a difference in the lives of others and help put an end to childhood suicide.



Kayla Meeker as a Bikes for Kids winner in 2009

"The goal of Bikes for Kids is to recognize the compassion and kindness of Toledo's kids, especially this year, in light of the tragic loss of a young girl who was so giving to others," Chuck Boyk said.

## Bikes For Kids Week #1 Winner Destiny Rivera

Bikes for Kid's first bicycle giveaway meant a lot to two families this year, as Kayla Meeker's 10-year-old sister, Carly, presented the winner with the extra bike that was donated in Kayla's name.

Nicknamed "Kayla's Bike," the extra bicycle's recipient was chosen on June 9th – a date that held extra special meaning in the Meeker family. On June 9, 1999, Kayla, then a 17-month-old orphan, was brought to the Meeker family to be adopted. June 9, 2014 was Kayla's sister, Carly's, 10th birthday.

When we learned of the significance of June 9th, we asked Carly if she would be willing to choose the winner of 'Kayla's Bike' on her birthday. Carly happily agreed, so we called her on June 9th, read her the choices, and she chose Destiny Rivera, a 13-year-old girl from Findlay who recently beat leukemia.

Destiny was nominated by her mother, Melissa, for her unwavering strength after being diagnosed with monosomy and myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS) this past November, which progressed into acute myeloid leukemia (AML). Despite chemotherapy, radiation, and two bone marrow transplants that required Destiny to be isolated for 86 days in her hospital room, Destiny still kept her upbeat attitude.

"Destiny is one of the strongest people I know," Melissa Rivera said at the time of the bike giveaway. "She has showed other children with cancer to keep fighting and that there is light at the end of the tunnel. After being stuck inside a hospital for almost three months, Destiny is ready to go outside and play like a 13-year-old should. We try to live one day at a time and make lots of memories with our loved ones. Always tell the people you love how much you love them, because tomorrow is never promised!"

Our deepest condolences go out to the Rivera family, who lost 14-year-old Destiny to her 11-month battle with leukemia on October 16, 2014.

Not only was Destiny a fighter, but she was kind, gracious, and always knew how to make people laugh. It was an honor to know you, Destiny.



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*Khyle Johnson*



*Hope and Jeremy Davis*



*Isaiah Wingate and Brienne Godfrey*

## **Bikes For Kids Week #2 Winner Khyle Johnson**

Looking forward to the summer can be difficult when you constantly have to worry about your eyesight. But for 8-year-old Khyle Johnson, it was all just a matter of looking on the bright side.

Khyle Johnson overcame many more obstacles than that of the average 8-year-old girl. She was born with bilateral congenital cataracts and had her first eye surgery at six weeks old and her most recent surgery in April 2014, with other surgeries in between.

Even though the doctors at the Kellogg Eye Center at the University of Michigan had done wonders for Khyle's vision, it was still not easy having to wear thick glasses and to wonder when the next surgery will be. But through it all, the Gesu 3rd grader had never had a negative word to say.

It was Khyle's stoic attitude that prompted her mom, Stacey Catchings, to nominate the girl for the Bikes for Kids program, and she was excited for her daughter to be surprised at the bike unveiling at Wersell's Bike & Ski Shop.

"Khyle is the most lovable child you'll ever meet," Stacey said. "She never complains. She always tries to do her best and has never asked why she looks different than the other kids since her glasses were so thick. She is an awesome child and I love her more than she will ever know."

When Attorney Chuck Boyk heard about Khyle's story, he was touched.

"It is not every day that you learn of a little girl who can endure such challenges without complaint," Chuck Boyk said. "She has mastered a quality that many adults have yet to learn and I am confident that her positive attitude is going to serve her well throughout life."

## **Bikes For Kids Week #3 Winner Jeremy Davis**

There are some kids who simply have a drive to help others, even without being asked. Jeremy Davis is one of those kids.

A hockey player since the age of three and a half, it was two years ago that Jeremy wanted to combine his love of the sport with his dedication to helping others, so he asked Gliding Stars if he could join their other volunteers and teach kids with special needs how to ice skate. Typically Gliding Stars does not enlist the help of kids so young, but when the facilitators of the adaptive ice skating program saw his skill on the rink and his patience with the children, they were happy to bring him on as a regular volunteer.

"Jeremy has really built a special bond with the kids he skates with," said Bill Himmel, Coordinator for Gliding Stars of Toledo. "He is a super kid with a big heart. He is loyal and dedicated, and really dependable. We skate 26 weeks out of the year, and he is always there."

It was Jeremy's mother, Hope Davis, who nominated the 12-year-old for Bikes for Kids.

"Jeremy is always helping others," Hope said. "That is just the kind of kid that Jeremy is. He participates regularly at his synagogue through weekly services and youth group and is diligently studying for his bar mitzvah, which involves learning Hebrew. He loves to play baseball and teaching others how to. We are very proud of him."

This is why Jeremy was chosen to win Week 3's Bikes for Kids bicycle from Wersell's.

"Any kid who still finds time to teach others out of the kindness of his heart while juggling all of his many responsibilities must be someone special," Attorney Chuck Boyk, founder of Bikes for Kids, said. "We are happy to give to someone so giving of himself."

## **Bikes For Kids Week #4 Winner Isaiah Wingate**

It is not every day that you meet a 7-year-old who is as conscious about others' feelings as Isaiah Wingate. And when his Monroe Road Elementary classmate was injured on a field trip, Isaiah was the first person to come to his aid.

This act of kindness did not go unnoticed by one of the trip's chaperones, Brienne Godfrey.

"When one of the kids fell and got hurt, I witnessed Isaiah run over to help the boy, lift him up, and get him to his teacher," Brienne said. "He then sat with the boy until he stopped crying and felt better enough to play."

Brienne was so touched by the gesture that she nominated him for Bikes for Kids.

When Isaiah's parents, Brad and Michelle Wingate, found out that their son had won Week Four of Bikes for Kids, they were thrilled and of course proud of his compassion toward others.

"Isaiah is a very sweet boy," Brad Wingate said. "He is one who always does the right thing, even though he is young. He's conscious of other people's feelings and of what he can do to help people. He will run right over and care for his little brothers if they are hurt and he is always reading to them or putting together puzzles with them."

Attorney Wes Merillat was pleased to learn the story behind this week's winner, since not every kid has the opportunity to do something extraordinary and life-changing. Even the ordinary can speak volumes.

"It is all about kindness and doing for others what you can with what you have," Wes said. "Isaiah sounds like he genuinely cares for others and isn't afraid to help where he can."





Max Tate



The Hero's You!  
Artie Griffin and Jordan Holloway



The Harris Family

## Bikes For Kids Week #5 Winner Max Tate

It can be heartwarming to see a child get along so well with his younger brother. But Max Tate takes caring for his little brother to a whole new level.

Despite having to battle Sensory Processing Disorder since he was 21 months old, Max has made it his mission to help his 8-year-old brother, Jake, battle his Type 1 Diabetes. This means always watching out for him in case he goes “low” (suffers episodes of low blood sugar) and encouraging him to eat the right foods at the right times instead of tempting food that may affect his health. Max’s parents, Stacey and John Tate, are grateful for the help that Max provides to Jake.

“Max is the definition of an amazing big brother!,” Stacey said. “Max has his own challenges with his sensory processing disorder and low muscle tone, but takes great care of his little brother. He makes sure he hasn’t eaten something he’s not supposed to eat, helps get his blood testing kit when he needs to be tested, and protects him at recess when he’s having trouble.”

For those reasons, Stacey nominated Max for Bikes for Kids, and the Waterville Primary School 4th grader was awarded the bicycle at Wersell’s.

“I’m so happy!,” Max exclaimed when he learned of his prize. When asked why he does what he does for his brother, Max’s reply was simple: “He’s my brother and I just want to take care of him.”

Max’s battle with Sensory Processing Disorder, a life-long medical condition, can be hard. The disorder causes prevents the nervous system from properly receiving messages from the senses and turning them into appropriate motor and behavioral responses. This means that all of Max’s senses are affected and can make it difficult to tackle daily tasks, like riding a bike.

That is why Bikes for Kids and Wersell’s fitted Max with a special bicycle that allowed his family to help him to learn to ride like other kids his age, until he masters riding completely on his own.

## Bikes For Kids Week #6 Winner Jordan Holloway

When you fall off of your bicycle, the best thing to do is to pick yourself up and jump back on.

That is why Boyk Law was so proud of Week #6’s winner; a young man who treats life with the same resilience after being faced with challenges that are difficult to overcome.

Week #6’s bicycle was awarded to Jordan Holloway, a 14-year-old boy who, despite battling Autism, has been surprising people with his progress and independence his whole life.

Jordan was nominated by his father, Artie Griffin, for his unwavering concern for and ability to help others, even while battling his own disability.

“His diagnosis doesn’t affect his compassion because he’s constantly helping others and particularly enjoys interacting with children,” Artie said. “And while attending a bike camp last summer at the Ability Center, Jordan shocked everyone by how quickly he learned to ride a bike on his own. With a new bike, his independence will surely continue to grow.”

## Bikes For Kids Week #7 Winner Bradley Harris

For 16-year-year old Bradley Harris, training for the Special Olympics is serious business. So serious, in fact, that during a training session for the regional tournament, he did not realize just how fast he was going, and ended up injuring himself after taking a corner too quickly. Bradley split his helmet, seriously cut his lip, loosened a couple of teeth, and bent the front fork on his bicycle.

The damage to the bike caused it to be disqualified at States, but luckily Bradley was able to borrow another athlete’s extra bike and go on to win silver medals in the one-mile and three-mile cycling events.

Even though Bradley has Autism, his perseverance and dedication to helping others shines through his limitations, which is why his father, Mark Harris, nominated him for Bikes for Kids.

“Bradley is growing into a very special young man who loves to help people, especially at church where we serve community meals every evening,” Mark said. “He always encourages others, and even made it a point to help calm a competing athlete who was afraid of impending rain at one of the recent Special Olympic events.”

His kindness and determination also did not go unnoticed by Gary Sensenstein, a former WTOL sports anchor and one of Bradley’s former teachers at the Autism Model School.

“Bradley has had a remarkable year athletic-wise,” Gary said. “He played soccer and made State Finals for Basketball. He likes every challenge. From soccer to basketball, Brad is usually matched up against bigger guys, but he doesn’t hold back and he is always ready to play.”

Bikes for Kids rewarded his hard work with a new bicycle, helmet, and lock during Week #7. And even though the win is a surprise, we let Bradley’s Special Olympics coach, Sue Hess, in on the secret, and she was thrilled to learn the news.

“Even after his accident, Bradley still picked himself back up and went to the area event the next week,” Sue said. “He tries so hard and does a wonderful job, even with the struggles he faces with coordination.”



*The Gomez Family*

## Bikes For Kids Week #8 Winner **Alicia Gomez**

When a person is made fun of or insulted by another, it can be human instinct to indulge in self-pity, especially for children. Nearly one in three students reported being bullied during the school year, according to the National Center for Educational Statistics, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warn that victims of bullying are at an increased risk of for depression, anxiety, sleep difficulties, and poor school adjustment.

That is why it was so heartwarming for Bikes for Kids to read the nomination of Alicia Gomez, a 9-year-old from Tiffin who has chosen not to let bullies get the best of her. The fourth grader has been enduring racist comments since second grade, as kids repeatedly tease her for her skin color and tell her that she looks like a boy and has a mustache.

But instead of letting those comments define her, Alicia has opted to help other victims of bullying. It was her mother, Sarah Gomez, who nominated Alicia for the Bikes for Kids program.

“Alicia was raised not to judge another person no matter what and that everyone is special and deserves respect,” Sarah said. “She puts aside things being said about her and helps others who are dealing with similar issues. She stresses to fellow peers as well as to younger and older kids that we are each unique, each deserve to be happy as well as liked and loved, no matter who we are or what we look like. If she sees someone sad or hurt she is the first one to step in and make them feel better. She overcomes how she feels by helping others.”

The strength it takes to use her own struggle to help others is why Alicia was chosen as Week #8’s Bikes for Kids winner.

“Alicia’s selfless acts of kindness during her own adversities take an amazing amount of courage,” Attorney Chuck Boyk said. “I have no doubt that one day, when they are grown, the kids she has helped will fully understand the true magnitude of her compassion.



*Employees Kassi Kiel (left) and Emily Revenaugh (right) with Kalob Hoot*

## Bikes For Kids Week #9 Winner **Kalob Hoot**

For many kids, summertime is usually spent playing in the neighborhood, enjoying the sunshine with other children. But 11-year-old Kalob Hoot wants to make sure that even the elderly have the chance to enjoy life, which is why he takes it upon himself to help his older neighbors with everything from taking out the trash to helping unload groceries.

Kalob’s mom, Heather Hoot, has been watching him do this – completely on his own – for years, and is proud of the young man that he is becoming.

“Kalob is the type of child that would willingly go without just so someone else doesn’t have to,” Heather said. “He goes out to help the elderly in the neighborhood every single day! He walks their dogs, gets their mail, takes out their trash, and never accepts any of the money they offer. Kalob simply tells them, ‘My mom gives me an allowance, but thank you anyway.’ He even plays cards with them to keep them company.”

It was for these reasons that Heather nominated her son for Bikes for Kids. We found his story to be so heartwarming that we chose him as Week #9’s winner.

In addition to helping anywhere between five and seven neighbors during any given week, Kalob also makes frequent trips to the local Senior Center to bring the older generations some treats.

“Any kid who takes time out of his summer to regularly give back to the elderly is a winner in my book,” Attorney Chuck Boyk said. “I am sure that his neighbors appreciate the acts of kindness and he is certainly setting a good example for his peers.”



*Alexis Bowman and Alexis Malkowski*

## Bikes For Kids Week #10 Winner **Alexis Malkowski**

With all of the recent news about bullying, depression, and suicide, it is refreshing to hear about a young girl who makes it her daily goal to be kind and friendly to others, quietly going along and leading by example.

Alexis Malkowski recently turned 8-years-old and she has already mastered the art of getting things done, which is why her teacher at Northpoint Academy felt compelled to nominate her for the Bikes for Kids program.

“From excellent grades to outstanding behavior, Alexis is an all around wonderful student,” said her teacher, Alexis Bowman. “From making the honor roll to rising to the top of our behavior chart daily, she is a role model to her peers and a friend to everyone in our class.”

Awesome behavior and compassion in the classroom can be contagious, and even spark random acts of kindness, which is why Bikes for Kids, Teacher Mrs. Bowman, and Alexis’ parents and grandparents surprised the girl with a new bicycle, after she was chosen as Week #10’s winner.

Attorney Chuck Boyk hoped that the gift of a new bike encouraged and inspired other kids to follow suit.

“Any time we can recognize even the littlest things that kids do to be model students and classmates, we will,” Chuck said. “It is important for kids to realize just how much of an impact being kind and courteous can have on themselves and on others.”

Alexis’ grandmother, Janie Malkowski, was elated to learn about the girl’s prize.

“She is a very wonderful child, very giving and helpful,” Janie said. “She’s just a sweet little girl. A little sparkle, a little star. Alexis is going to be so thrilled, especially since her bike was stolen.”



Debbie, Sevario, and Serenity Proffitt

## Bikes For Kids Week #11 Winner Serenity Proffitt

As school starts back up, there are some kids who may dread waking up early to sit in class all day. But not 10-year-old Serenity Proffitt. Instead, Serenity looks forward to earning another perfect attendance award for the third year in a row. Serenity only missed two hours of school for a dental appointment in third grade and was not one minute late and didn't miss one day in fourth grade, making the challenge for the Whittier 5th grader that much more appealing.

In addition to making the honor roll the past two years, Serenity also works hard to help her mother, Debbie Proffitt, with the foster children that the family helps care for.

"When Serenity came to me [as a foster child] the week after her second birthday, she had never had a baby crib or bed of her own," Debbie said. "She slept on the floor or with people in their bed. She cried a lot. When CSB found Serenity her biological mom was in California. Serenity is truly a miracle. She does well in school. I still do respite care for other foster kids from CSB and Serenity helps me a lot with the kids, playing with them and running and getting the supplies for me. She is so deserving."

That is why Bikes for Kids awarded their 11th and final bike of the summer to Serenity. This award was especially exciting, considering that her younger brother, Sevario, won a bike from Bikes for Kids back in 2009.

"We are proud of the hard work Serenity has done from doing well in school to helping her mother with her foster kids," said Attorney Chuck Boyk, founder of Bikes for Kids. "It takes a lot of dedication and faith in yourself to give so freely to others and we commend Serenity for that."

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## Chuck Goes Back to High School

# Start High's Student & Teacher of the Month Contest

### *2013-2014 Winners at a Glance*

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That is why he created the Start High School Student and Teacher of the Month contest. He invited teachers to nominate deserving students who have made a difference in the classroom for Student of the Month and asked students to create a short video nomination of their favorite teacher and why they should win Teacher of the Month. To give the students an example of how to create a video nomination of their favorite teacher, Chuck created one himself, discussing the influence of his former Start High newspaper instructor, Mark Luetke. Chuck then sent a videographer into the school on multiple occasions to make it easier for the students to record a video nomination over their lunch hour and more than 60 video nominations were received.

After the winners were chosen each month, representatives from Charles Boyk Law Offices went to Start High and recorded footage for two videos: one video capturing the priceless reactions of the student nominees telling the winning teachers that they had won, and the other video on the nominating teacher telling the thrilled student about their prize.

Winning teachers received a \$250 Visa gift card, and both the nominating student and winning student each month received a \$50 Visa gift card. In addition to having two videos per month created on the heart-warming nominations, the stories were also featured in Chuck's monthly newsletter that reaches over 12,000 households and eNewsletter that reaches more than 5,000 e-mailboxes.

The response was overwhelming, as teachers and students alike laughed in shock at the surprise of not only winning the contest, but at the kindness shown by their nominators.



*Chuck's video nomination of his favorite teacher, Mark Luetke*

For example, sophomore Draivon High broke out into a grin; exclaimed, "For real? Really? I can't believe it!" and hugged his teacher when he found out that Ms. Claudia Hole had nominated him because of the way he took matters into his own hands and called 911 when he spotted a fellow student having a seizure in the hallway. Luckily the student was OK, but Draivon's quick thinking and compassion for others really stuck with Ms. Hole.

"Draivon displayed compassion, empathy and a level head," Ms. Hole said. "Draivon is kind to other students and makes even the shy students feel special. [He] sets an example for other young men to follow."

Chuck hoped that the \$3,150 he donated to the teachers and students over the course of the year did more than just put spending money in their pocket. The goal of the Start Teacher and Student of the Month contest was to boost morale within the school and show the teachers and the students that they are appreciated, and the contest was also continued for the 2014-2015 school year. ■



*Chuck Boyk, Draivon High, and teacher Claudia Hole*



*Student winner Gabby Garza with nominating teacher Lisa Tucker*



*Nominating student Corey Latimer and winning teacher Mary Mandley*



*Chuck Boyk (left) and Start Principal Ed Perozek (right) congratulate Ms. Annie Haley, who was nominated by her student, Khalil Cowan, pictured*

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- How long will my case take?

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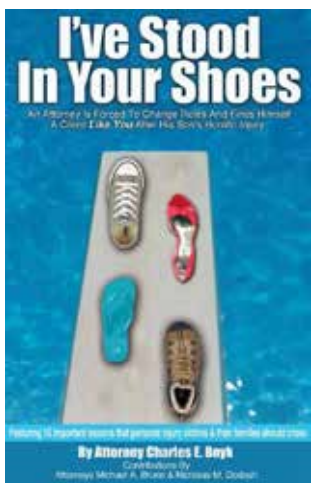
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## Military Messages:

# Paying Tribute to Those Who Serve

*Video series helps families thank their loved ones in uniform*



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*Jordan Bedell*



*Kevin Bedell*

As a way to extend a special thank you to all of those individuals who have served our country in the United States Armed Forces, Boyk Law has launched a Military Messages program.

As a tribute to the brave men and women in the Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, and Reserves, we are inviting anyone who has a friend or loved one serving overseas or out of town to visit our video studio downtown to create a complimentary video message for them.

We will put together - for free - your military tribute video and make sure that it is sent to your loved one wherever they may be in the world, along with a second copy for you to keep.

Families are encouraged to bring with them any photographs or mementos so that our videographer can incorporate them into the video along with the family's verbal message.



*Tom and Carol Bedell discuss their sons Kevin and Jordan*

Tom and Carol Bedell filmed a Military Message for their boys, Kevin and Jordan, who are serving in the United States Navy.

"What a cool program," Tom Bedell said. "We are very proud of our boys and what they are doing. Thanks for thinking for Kevin and Jordan."

If you would like to honor your loved one in uniform, simply call our office at 419-241-1395 or email [marketing@charlesboyk-law.com](mailto:marketing@charlesboyk-law.com) to schedule a time to come down and shoot.

Again, thank you to all who serve - we are grateful! ■

# Testimonials Work: What Our Clients Have To Say

*A Referral Is Considered The Best Compliment A Client Can Offer*

*At the Charles E. Boyk Law Offices, we hold the opinions and feedback of our clients in the highest regard. After all, a majority of our business comes from current client referrals, and we consider that the best compliment a client can offer. Here are a few comments from current and past clients.*

“Chuck is one of the nicest people I’ve ever met and he’s always been there for me. Which is important because that’s what makes a good lawyer is the people. He is good with the people and that’s just one good thing about Chuck.” – *Johnny DiModica*

“It was amazing. We would have gotten the short end of the stick if it weren’t for Wes and you guys. Wes made sure that we felt that he was never going to abandon us and he did everything he could to keep us updated on the progress of things and what the plans were and putting us in contact I just really feel like you guys were sent by angels and that the whole thing was orchestrated by God for us. It’s been an incredible experience and an amazing journey and we just feel so blessed. It’s more than a law office it’s like a family and you have always made us feel welcome, even with our daughter. We know that Wes is a big family guy, but just seeing how you guys conduct yourselves it’s incredible because in this world it’s got to be so hard to be attorneys and work in this business and still have principles and morals and things that you won’t compromise. I think this office is incredible. It encompasses legal matters and justice but there is also a family orientation to it.” – *Lindsay Campos*

“I would definitely recommend Charles Boyk Law Offices because the staff here is wonderful. They actually take the time out to tell you what is going on with your case. Or if you have other concerns, they take the time to listen.” – *S’Neta Flowers*

“My daughter had gotten in an accident and she woke up to the car flipping a couple of times and she broke her neck in a few places. The doctor came out to let us know that she would not be able to use any parts of her body from the torso down and that she would be wheelchair bound from her injuries and broke her spine. She’s had three surgeries but God prevailed because she is walking with a walker, which

they said that she wouldn’t be able to do, and she is using her hands, different things that they said she wouldn’t be able to do, she is doing now. I just thank your staff because they really helped us to know exactly what to do and I was lost, basically.” – *Shirley Reddick*

“From the day I walked in I could tell that it was a warm friendly environment, and that it wasn’t just about the financial aspect of my injuries or the insurance. It was first, ‘How are you doing? What can we do to help you along the way?’ That let me know I was in the right place.” – *Deborah Claytor*

“After my husband was bit by a dog while on the job, I found Chuck through the internet. They held my hand through every step and they’ve worked with me the whole time. I have emailed them so much with questions and comments and they have gotten back to me immediately. I emailed Chuck on a Saturday and I got a response within minutes on Saturday. It has been a horrible ordeal but they’ve made it better. They’ve helped us every step of the way and we are grateful for that. I would refer anyone to your office. Everyone was so quick to help. I truly believe that no one is more special than anyone else here. They treat everybody the same and they make sure that you are informed and that you get what you need.” – *Sarah St. John*



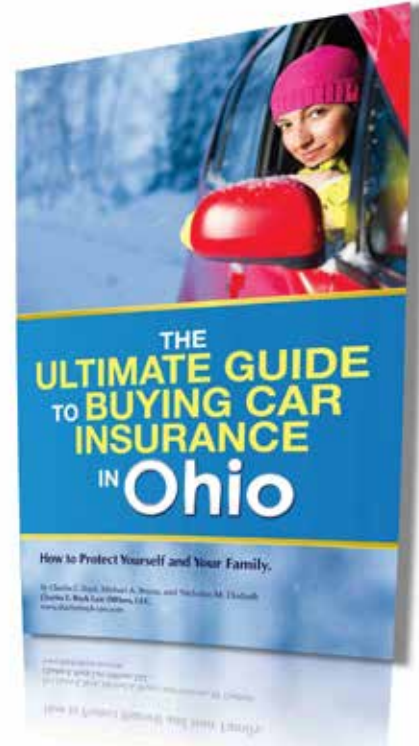
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## Bringing Together Local Artists & Crafter For A Greater Good

# Crafting For A Cause

*Proceeds Benefitting The Daughter Project and Sparrow's Nest*

Handmade jewelry, original art, tasty baked goods, organic candles, and knitted apparel were just a few of the items that were offered for sale to public just in time for Valentine's Day and to support a great cause.

On February 13th and 14th, the lobby of PNC Bank Building, located at 405 Madison Avenue in downtown Toledo, was transformed into a bazaar of more than 40 local vendors from all over northwest Ohio coming together to support The Daughter Project, an organization that provides support and housing to young girls who have been rescued from prostitution and human trafficking.

The Daughter Project was thrilled to have \$1,500 more dollars to help the young women, thanks to money raised by Crafting for a Cause. All proceeds from the \$25 per day booth rental and well as all raffle funds went directly to the organization.

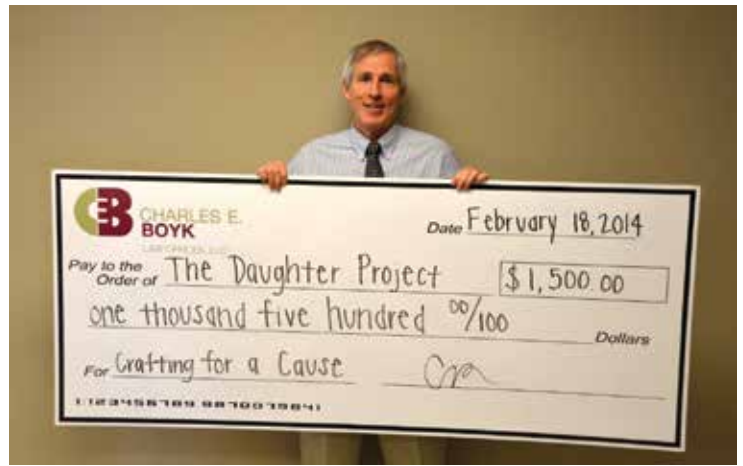
Jeff Wilbarger, the Project's founder, was humbled that so many people would reach out to help the anonymous women who live at the Daughter Project House.

"I cannot thank the Charles Boyk Law Offices family enough for their on-going support of our work at The Daughter Project," Jeff said. "Crafting for a Cause was a wonderfully creative way to raise awareness and money. God does not make prostitutes and He did not create the girls we are helping to be someone's slave. It is a true blessing to have people within our community, like Chuck, who recognize this truth and want to come alongside TDP to help us help girls."

Boyk Law's 2nd Annual Crafting for a Cause was held on Friday, November 7th from 10am to 6pm and proceeds benefited the Sparrow's Nest, a Cherry Street Mission Ministries facility that provides emergency housing for at-risk women.

The Sparrow's Nest was the recipient of \$1,500 and the money will go to fund programs and services for the 70 to 90 women that they help at any given time. The donation will also help with the cost of toiletries, books, supplies, and required items that are needed when the women attend vocational school.

"We were very happy to receive the money," said Linda Cunning, Vice President of



*Jeff Wilbarger, Founder of The Daughter Project*



*Vendor Leta Coyle shows off her crafts*



*Volunteer Mary Jane Skiba mans a table*

*"Sparrow's Nest and The Daughter Project have changed the lives of so many women in northwest Ohio," Chuck Boyk said. "We are proud of the local communities for coming together to raise money for their causes and it was neat to see everyone document the great day with our photo booth."*

Philanthropy for Cherry Street Missions. "Thank you for thinking of us!"

Another fun perk that day was the opportunity for all of the crafters to jump into the Boyk Law Photo Booth and have their photos taken, many of whom opted to also bring in their products to be photographed. ■

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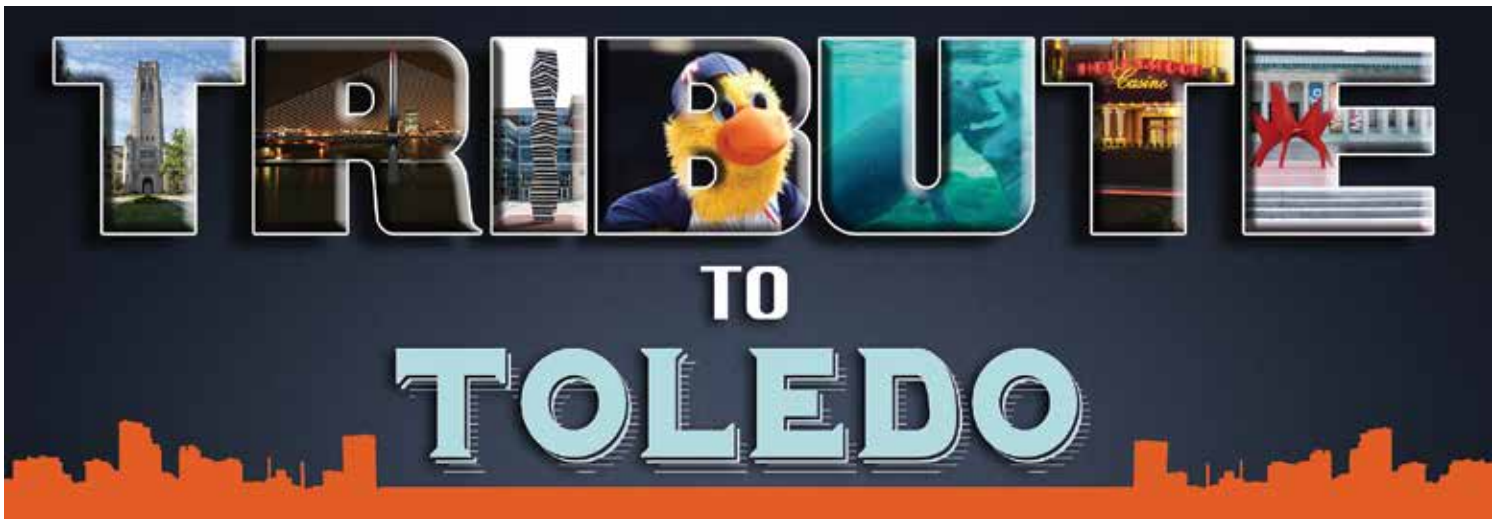
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*The Sparrow's Nest receives a check from Charles E. Boyk*



*Jada Clingo of Humblebee Farms in the photo booth.*



## TRIBUTE TO TOLEDO: RECOGNIZING THE ORDINARY & THE EXTRAORDINARY IN THE GLASS CITY

At Charles E. Boyk Law Offices, we have a passion for helping people. We believe that one of the best ways to grow as a company is by recognizing others by telling their stories. That is why we created the Tribute to Toledo campaign.

By using video, photography, and the written word, Tribute to Toledo all about highlighting those who have a passion for the Glass City and all of the great things northwest Ohio has to offer: the people, attractions, restaurants, parks, historical sites, and businesses that make Toledo a great place to live and work.

“90% of success is attitude,” Chuck Boyk said. “We want to help Toledoans realize what a great, successful city we have. Toledoans are known for making the best of every situation, and there is a whole lot in northwest Ohio to make the best of. We want to promote that.”

The articles and videos we create are offered to the respective families, businesses, and organizations at no charge, so that they can share them with their friends, clients, customers, and colleagues as a free promotional tool or way to preserve their family history.

If you know of someone who you believe should be highlighted by Tribute to Toledo, visit [www.TributeToToledo.com](http://www.TributeToToledo.com) or contact us through any of the ways below and tell us their story.



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