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Tribute to Toledoans: Cleaning “Angel” In The Business of Making Toledo Homes Sparkle



Cheryl Cheatham with husband Mark

There are very few people in the world who truly enjoy the task of cleaning and even fewer who would say that they “love” to clean.

But for Cheryl Cheatham, she has made it a life mission to bring her love of neatness and organization into homes all over northwest Ohio. In October 2011, after nearly two decades of cleaning homes for Molly Maid, Cheryl opened Heavenly Angels, a residential cleaning business located in Toledo.

“After Molly Maid closed, I had the choice to either find a job or start off on my own,” Cheryl said. “I didn’t want another boss, so I started my own company, which was my lifelong dream.”

Most of Cheryl’s clients have been with her for 17 years and majority of them have come from word-of-mouth. Two of those clients were Mr. and Mrs. Dom Bruno, the parents of attorney Mike Bruno, before Mrs. Bruno passed away in 2009.

“I miss Mrs. Bruno,” Cheryl said. “I remember having conversations with her when she was sick. I just wanted her to feel comfortable. I told her to just take care of today. That is what I am here for – so you can relax and focus on today.”

“Having Cheryl at the house made life so much easier for my parents,” Mike Bruno said. “She was a calming force during a difficult time, a characteristic I learned while she was my client for two injury claims. I’ve always been happy to work with Cheryl and I am grateful for her support.”

It is that compassion and desire to communicate that has contributed to her success. Cheryl always makes it a point to discuss with clients exactly what needs to be done and she makes sure clients know that they can feel comfortable asking her not to touch certain fragile or special items, pets, or belongings.

“When you have a company, the best thing to do is to have a relationship,” Cheryl said. “Talk to people. Many of my clients, especially the seniors, want communication more than they do cleaning. I talk to them, ask them about their day, the family, their pets, and then I get

down to my job.”

Heavenly Angels provides both initial cleaning services which focus on deep cleaning of things like appliances, windows, baseboards, and walls, as well as regular maintenance cleaning that covers bathrooms, kitchens, vacuuming, dusting, and mopping, among other things.

In addition to cleaning, Cheryl also offers clients the option of having her organize and de-clutter their homes or even restructure furniture arrangements to best suit the personalities of the families and flow of the traffic through the house.

“When my clients come home, I want them to know that someone was there,” Cheryl said. “They can tell my touch. That’s what I do - I give my Heavenly Touch. Heavenly Angels, heavenly touch.”



Cheryl offers free estimates for homes of any size, and appointments can be made by calling 567-249-6279.

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BIKES FOR KIDS WINNERS OVERCOME MEDICAL ADVERSITY BY STAYING POSITIVE

Looking forward to the summer can be difficult when you constantly have to worry about your health. But for the first two Bikes for Kids winners, it is all just a matter of looking on the bright side.

Each were nominated and chosen for their unwavering optimism during surgeries that that no child should have to go through.

The first bicycle giveaway held special meaning for two families, 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 was donated as a way to honor 2009 Bikes for Kids winner Kayla Meeker, who took her own life at 16-years-old after being cyber-bullied. The winner was scheduled to be 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, I asked Carly if she would be willing to choose the winner of 'Kayla's Bike' on her birthday," Anneke Godlewski said. "Carly happily agreed, so I 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 steadfast 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. "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."

Another girl who has overcome many more obstacles than that of the average child was our second Bikes for Kids winner, Kyle Johnson.

Kyle was born with bilateral congenital cataracts and had her first eye surgery at six weeks old and her most recent surgery this past April, with other surgeries in between.

Even though the doctors at the Kellogg Eye Center at the University of Michigan have done wonders for Kyle's vision, it is 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 has never had a negative word to say.

It was Kyle's stoicism that prompted her mom, Stacey Catchings, to nominate the girl for the Bikes for Kids program.

"Kyle 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."

If you know of a child who exhibits Destiny and Kyle's same resilience during times of adversity, please let us know by visiting www.BikesforKidsToledo.com and telling their story. Together we can work to recognize kids who make a difference in the lives of others and inspire others to be kind to their friends, family, classmates, and community.



Kyle Johnson enjoying her new bike

Cyclists Ride More Than 375 Miles In One Weekend To Support Bikes For Kids



Anneke, Jim, and Amanda before Saturday's ride

To help spread the word about Bikes for Kids, Boyk Law sponsored a team of four riders to participate in this year's Bike to the Bay, put on by the Ohio Buckeye Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Rod Thompson, brother of Office Manager Leslie Rombkowski; Anneke Godlewski, Communications Director; and Jim and Amanda Kurt, Anneke's dad and sister, all rode their bicycles from Perrysburg High School to Port Clinton High School on Saturday, June 21st before turning around and heading back to Perrysburg the next day. There were varying route lengths that could be taken, but the Bikes for Kids team rode a total of 381.76 miles.

"I still can't believe we rode as many miles as we did," Anneke said. "Like my dad has always said, biking long distances is all about mind over

matter, but I'm still not sure my sore muscles believe that!"

Wersell's Bike & Ski Shop was also on hand, as Jill and Kathy Wersell drove the shop van along the various routes, providing free bike mechanic services to riders. They brought along for the ride their faithful shop dogs, Charlie and Koda, and handed out treats to give to the dogs.

"Anyone who gives Charlie or Koda a treat will be a friend for life," Jill said.

For more information on Bike to the Bay or to join next year's Boyk Law team, contact us at 419-241-1395 or via email at marketing@charlesboyk-law.com.

ASPIRING PILOT'S DREAM A REALITY AFTER AIR FORCE ACADEMY APPOINTMENT



Thomas Heckman receiving his Air Force Academy appointment

club, student council, yearbook, and National Honor Society.

Throughout high school, Thomas was a member of his school's soccer, cross country and track and field teams and earned varsity letters in all three sports. Thomas also volunteered with Safe-T-City all four years of high school. I am confident that Thomas will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Air Force Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Thomas Heckman on the offer of his appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Thomas will excel during his career at the Air Force Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.

For a boy who always wanted to be a pilot, an appointment to the Air Force Academy could not mean more than it did to this year's Bowser graduate, Thomas Heckman.

And when Thomas' uncle, attorney Mike Bruno, learned of his appointment, he excitedly told the office about how the son of his in-laws, Annette and Bob Heckman, became the first Toledo Public School student in 25 years to accept an appointment to the Air Force Academy.

"Bob and I are very proud of the time, effort, determination and hard work Thomas has put forth to achieve this great honor to represent the Toledo area at the Air Force Academy," Annette said. "Thomas has wanted to go to the Air Force Academy since he was in Junior High. He worked very hard to keep his grades up (number three in his graduating class), develop his leadership skills, get a job, and excel at running and soccer."

Ohio Congressman Bob Latta was equally impressed with Thomas' dedication to his school, community, and to the nation. In his April 30th remarks to Congress, Mr. Latta went on to say the following:

Thomas brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the in-coming Class of 2018. While attending E.L. Bowsler High School in Toledo, Ohio, Thomas was a member of the Spanish

While excited to serve his country, Thomas is still getting used to the news.

"I truly felt thankful for not only the opportunity to serve and defend our country while receiving a top-notch education, but I am also excited about the promising future opportunities that exist at a military academy," Thomas said. "I've always wanted to be a pilot but I wasn't into the academy until the summer before my freshman year. All these years I have worked towards this goal of being accepted to the Academy, and it still hasn't hit me what is happening!"

Boyk Law is proud of Thomas' achievements and grateful to him for his willingness to serve and protect our country. We know that the next four years will not be easy, and if you would like to pass on words of encouragement to Thomas as he begins his training this summer, please feel free to send letters or emails to our attention at 405 Madison Avenue, Suite 1200, Toledo, Ohio 43604 or to marketing@charlesboyk-law.com and we will make sure that they are passed on immediately.

START HIGH SCHOOL'S STUDENT & TEACHERS OF THE MONTH



Lisa Tucker and Kylie Parsons

Tears were shed, making it a special ending to the 2013-2014 Start High School Student and Teacher of the Month contest as Boyk Law was finally able to recognize a special Start teacher that helped us start the whole program.

It was the connection between our paralegal Cindy White and Start Math teacher Lisa Tucker that sparked Boyk Law's involvement with Chuck Boyk's old high school, so when multiple students submitted video nominations praising Mrs. Tucker for teaching skills, we were thrilled to be able to reward her with a \$250 Visa gift card.

"Mrs. Tucker is by far the best teacher I have ever seen," said Kylie Parsons, one of four students who nominated Mrs. Tucker. "She works really well with kids, especially one-on-one, and she offers after school tutoring, which is why she is my favorite. Mrs. Tucker is probably one of the best teachers in the whole school. Thanks, Mrs. Tucker!"

Mrs. Tucker was speechless and teary-eyed at learning the news. She gave Kylie a big hug and said, "Awe, thank you!"



Jennifer McClure and Taylor Johnson

Hugs were also shared between Senior Taylor Johnson and Jennifer McClure, after the AP European History teacher told Taylor that she nominated her for Student of the Month.

"Taylor is an astoundingly motivated student," Ms. McClure said. "She is primarily responsible for the creation of the Start High School Gay Straight Alliance and she and three other students take complete responsibility for the agenda and running of the meetings. She is an excellent writer, her writing skills are superb, and she even wrote a one-act show that was performed by her peers this winter. Taylor is dedicated to bringing the Challenge Day program back to Start High School and she believes, rightly so, that the self-acceptance and anti-bullying messages of Challenge Day are desperately needed by the student body. To fulfill this goal, she has thrown herself into helping the GSA fundraise the approximately \$4000 needed to bring the program back to Start."

"Awesome!" Taylor said. "Thank you for nominating me. I am just glad I am not in trouble!" Taylor explained that when she was called down to the main office, she was not made aware of the award, only that someone needed to talk to her, but she was excited to learn that she was actually the recipient of a \$50 Visa gift card.

Make sure to visit our YouTube channel, Charles Boyk Law Offices, and click on "Start High School" to view videos highlighting the students' and teachers' reactions to the nominations and winning.

RECIPE:

Aunt Patty's Perfect Pico de Gallo

This pico de gallo recipe is a fresh take on a classic favorite and is the perfect complement to any outdoor party. Thanks to local attorney and amateur chef Patty Hayden Kurt, for perfecting this recipe in Mexico.

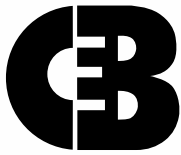
INGREDIENTS:

- 1 large tomato, diced
- 1 sweet onion, diced
- ½ fresh jalapeno, seeded and diced
- 3 sprigs fresh cilantro, chopped
- 1 clove minced garlic
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Juice of one lime
- ¼ teaspoon cumin, optional



INSTRUCTIONS:

Mix all ingredients in a bowl and allow to chill for at least one hour before serving. Makes four servings. This recipe is very forgiving, so feel free to use more or less of any ingredient based on preference.



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What would you give to be able to rid yourself of bad habits that you began as a teenager?

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That is what *Success for Teens: Real Teens Talk About Using the Slight Edge* is all about: finding ways to make small, positive changes in your life that will result in huge accomplishments over time.

Boyk Law is giving away free copies of the *Success for Teens* books and accompanying CDs, so that parents can listen along while their teen reads the book. The book is sure to spark meaningful family conversations, and we urge parents and teachers to contact us for their free copy today. Simply contact us at 419-241-1395, email us at marketing@charlesboyk-law.com, or visit www.freeteenbook.com and we will send you your free copy right away.

CASES OF INTEREST: JULY 2014

Elderly Man Faces Months Of Recovery After Head-On Collision Causes Multiple Injuries

Our client is lucky to be alive after a head-on collision left him with numerous fractures in each wrist and the need for surgical pin placement, rendering his hands temporarily useless. After a multi-day hospital stay to treat several fractured ribs, a broken collarbone, and a fractured clavicle, our client faces in-house rehabilitation and months of recovery.

Nail Salon Visit Leaves Client Battling Infectious Disease & Need For Nail Removal

After a nail tech botched her manicure and cut her finger, our client developed MRSA, a serious staph infection that is thought to have subsequently led to the development of Secondary Reynaud's disease, a disorder that affects the blood vessels and causes serious circulation problems in the limbs. Her nail was removed and she recently began seeing an infectious disease specialist, in the hope that she can undergo treatment for this disease that has no known cure.

Father & Two Children Seriously Injured After Other Driver Runs Stop Sign

A family of three was transported by EMS to a local hospital after being t-boned in their pickup truck. The father was treated for deep tissue bruising that may have contributed to a leg infection and his son spent the night in the hospital so that doctors could monitor his closed head injury. In addition to having to wear a cervical collar, the young boy also needed to see an ophthalmologist to treat the residual broken blood vessels in his eye. The boy's sister spent multiple nights in the hospital and had to undergo surgery to repair a perforated bowel and is still recovering.

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