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Janie's Pantry Helping Feed **Hungry** **Toledo Public Students & Families**

What was once a small storage room in a West Toledo Public Elementary School is now filled with many of the items we find in our own kitchen cupboards.

Kari Sharp has been the principal at Larchmont Elementary School for eight years and isn't the first to notice that the student population and their families' needs have evolved. Principal Sharp said, "Toledo Public Schools does a wonderful job of providing free lunch and breakfast for our students, but we wanted to cover the areas that were not being served."

Sharp and her Larchmont leadership team turned a recognized need into an ambitious initiative when they partnered with Charles Boyk Law Offices and the Boyk Family in October 2022. It didn't take long for all to

agree to name the pantry after Chuck Boyk's mother-in-law, Rita "Janie" Bockrath. Janie was a mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who took great pride in caring for her family. She cooked meals plentiful with fruit, vegetables, and meat often sourced from their family farm. Janie never wanted anything to go to waste. She cherished the privilege to put food on her family's table and clothes on their backs. She knew that these things were essential and something everyone deserved.

Janie's Pantry perfectly embodies all that Janie stood for and offers the Larchmont community and leadership team an opportunity to emphasize that a child's basic needs must be met for them to learn.

Since its opening on February 1st, the pantry

has been stocked with personal hygiene items, cleaning products, snacks, dinner, and breakfast foods to take home after school or over the weekend. The school also receives regular donations from the Islamic Food Bank of Toledo. School leaders quickly discovered that their students' needs were far greater than anticipated, with up to 30% of families requesting to receive items in a little over a month.

The Boyk Family knows that there are children in need beyond the Larchmont community and are hoping to make Janie's Pantry a pilot initiative that gains interest from other local business leaders. The Larchmont Team is currently connecting with other interested schools throughout the district to advise them on opening a pantry in their building.

"Janie's Pantry is another outstanding example of how our community partners support our schools and students. Access to donated food, personal hygiene items, and cleaning supplies, is a true benefit for our students, and their families," said Dr. Romules Durant - CEO/ Superintendent of Toledo Public Schools.

If you want to donate items to Janie's Pantry or are interested in becoming a community partner with another Toledo Public School, please contact Larchmont by email at JaniesPantryLarchmont@gmail.com.



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Sexual Assault – Nursing Home Case

Many of us have been called to face the often gut-wrenching decision to place a loved one in a nursing home or assisted living facility. While these decisions are often incredibly difficult, it often offers the safest, best living situation for those unable to care for themselves. Unfortunately, despite our best efforts to ensure our loved one is placed in the best facility for their needs and comfort, it sometimes turns out that the operators of these facilities place profits over people.

Our office recently filed a wrongful death suit against one of those facilities – Oakleaf Village of Toledo. Our client spent a lot of time carefully touring Toledo-area assisted living facilities and talking with their staff about their ability to provide care for his mother. Our client's mother suffered from progressive dementia, and her ability to walk and care for herself had declined.

After researching Oakleaf Village in Toledo, visiting the facility, and talking with

their staff about their dedicated memory care services, our client decided this was the best option for his mother. Management touted their highly trained and qualified staff, state-of-the-art technology to ensure safety, and their friendly, caring community. Our client's mother settled in, and initially, everything seemed fine from the outside.

However, our client's mother tragically suffered a serious brain injury from a suspicious fall and subsequently passed away. Records obtained by our firm revealed a disturbing history and pattern of Oakleaf's neglect and disregard for her safety, health, and care. This included not only a long history of falls at the hands of unqualified and/or negligent aides but also a documented sexual assault by another resident – whom Oakleaf knew posed a risk to other residents.

"You have to make neglect and inadequate care of the vulnerable and the dependent

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unprofitable," says Boyk attorney Wes Merillat. "Operators of these facilities have control over whom they hire, whom they are putting our loved ones into contact with, and how they prioritize safety."

If you in any way suspect a loved one is being abused or neglected in a care facility, report the potential mistreatment as soon as possible. It not only can help protect your loved one but also can help prevent future abuse of others.



Boyk Law Publishing Sexual Assault Victims Book

Sexual Assault is an extremely traumatic experience. To help victims navigate the challenges of seeking justice, Charles Boyk Law Offices is publishing A Guide to Making Sexual Predators Pay. The new book will provide a comprehensive overview of sexual assault and the role the justice system plays in criminal and civil prosecution. Charles Boyk Law's A Guide to Making Sexual Predators Pay will be available for free. To reserve your copy, call our office at 419-241-1395.

If you or someone you love has suffered from sexual abuse, Charles Boyk Law Offices can help you work towards a solution that may provide much-needed closure and compensation.

Charles Boyk Law Veteran Scholarship Accepting Applications

The Law Offices of Charles E. Boyk, LLC is excited to announce that applications are now open for our 7th annual Boyk Law Veteran Scholarship, which will award \$2,000 to a student currently attending an accredited college or university who has either served in the Armed Forces or is the child of a US Veteran. The scholarship was created as part of Boyk Law's continued commitment to the servicemembers of the United States Armed Forces and their continuing education.

The applicant must have served in the United States Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, or Reserves or is the child or stepchild of a veteran. They must be a U.S. citizen currently attending an accredited college or university within the United States, have a minimum 3.0 GPA, and have completed at least one semester of classes at an accredited college or university.

We hope this scholarship can bring hope to those struggling to pay for their education and encourage students to continue pursuing their educational goals. Thank you to all those who serve and continue to serve our country. To apply for the Charles Boyk Law Veterans Scholarship, visit our website, www.charlesboyk-law.com/2023-boyk-law-veteran-scholarship.



RECIPE: Brian's Award Winning Salsa Soup



NO IT'S NOT CHILI! And, it's super easy.

INGREDIENTS:

- Two 16 oz jars of your favorite salsa (I used Mateo's Medium or Willy's Sweet Hot)
- Two 15 oz cans of kidney, black, or pinto beans drained
- One 15 oz. can white corn (drained)
- 1.5-2 lbs finely chopped cooked chicken
- 1 C brown sugar
- 1 C BBQ sauce (Sweet Baby Ray's is good)
- 2 C water
- 1 lager or brown ale
- 1 C freshly chopped cilantro
- sea salt/cracked pepper
- 2 T hot sauce

INSTRUCTIONS:

Throw it all into a large pot (except cilantro - add right before serving) and let it cook for a few hours. This one is always better the next day. Serve with sharp cheddar, sour cream, corn chips on top. And/or corn bread. Or... Brian's favorite side... a peanut butter sandwich! (He's dead serious - you'll thank him later).

Andrea Young Talks to Scott High School Students about Renting a Home

Attorney Andrea Young joined other representatives from the Toledo Bar Association and spoke with Scott High School's Junior and Senior classes. The subject of the presentation was informing the students of their rights as renters as they look ahead toward moving out into their own rental homes after graduation.



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The Toledo Bar Association also featured guest speakers Monica Yvonne, Supervising Attorney at Legal Aid of Western Ohio, and Maggie Humphrey, TBA's Director of Pro Bono & Community Engagement.

The speakers discussed the rights and responsibilities of renters and landlords and how to handle rental disputes. Andrea Young advised students to take pictures of pre-existing damage in the apartment before signing their lease to help them get their security deposits back. She also explained what landlords can and can't do. "They can't change your locks or shut off utilities. They can't enter your home improperly without giving you notice they are going to do so, and they can't remove you without a court-ordered eviction," she told the students. Young also told them how renters should respond to issues. "If any of this is going on, contact an attorney. Contact Legal Aid. There are resources out there. Don't try to handle it on your own."



CASES OF INTEREST: APRIL 2023

Auto Accident Leads to Workers' Compensation Claim & Third-Party Personal Injury Action

Our client was traveling southbound on SR 590, approaching the intersection of CR 13. At the same time, another driver was traveling westbound on CR 13. The other driver failed to stop at a stop sign and entered our client's path of travel. As a result, our client smashed into the other vehicle's passenger side, and both cars went off-road, causing our client to strike a utility post and a brick light post before coming to rest. He was taken by ambulance to the ER with a head wound. At the ER he was found to have a lumbar disc injury and a blood clot in his leg. Because he was on the job at the time of the accident our office is pursuing a workers' compensation claim and a personal injury claim against the at-fault driver.

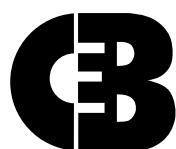
Intersection Accident at Woodville Road & Nevada Street, Toledo, OH

Our client was a passenger in a vehicle traveling westbound on Woodville Road in Toledo, Ohio. At the same time another vehicle traveling on Woodville, veering toward Nevada, smashed into the vehicle our client was traveling in. Our client suffered significant injuries and was transported to the hospital by life squad. At the hospital they found that our client suffered a shattered femur, a broken kneecap, a fractured cervical spine, and a brain bleed. He underwent multiple surgeries and was admitted into a rehabilitative facility for recovery. Our office is investigating all applicable insurance coverage to maximize his recovery.

Unauthorized Driver Crashes Into Overpass, Injuring Other Driver

A truck driver unlawfully hauled an oversized load on I-75 in Rossford, Lucas County, OH. The driver smashed into a highway overpass, causing significant damage, and fled the scene. As a result, concrete debris fell from the overpass and covered the road below. Our client was traveling the same highway a short time later and ran into concrete debris on the road. While exiting his truck, he fell on the debris and suffered an elbow fracture. As our client was on the job at the time of the injury, our office is pursuing a workers' compensation claim and a third-party claim against the at-fault driver.





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March's Raving Fan of the Month

"Very friendly staff, so very professional and easy to work with and talk to. Would use them in a heartbeat. I've never encountered such an amazing staff that was so helpful at a lawyer's office. I will send my family to them if something happened, glad forbid, we'll never go anywhere else!! Thank you for all you have done to help me." – Sara S.

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NEW! Episode 44 Is Out!



Episode 44 of the Boyk Brief podcast features a conversation between attorney Andrea Young and commercial photographer - videographer - director, Nick Amrhein.

Nick and Andrea discuss his career and training. His love of photography and video started as an avid skateboarder in Toledo. After almost dying before a trip to the emergency room led to him being diagnosed as a Type I diabetic, Nick moved to Los Angeles. He scraped by until he secured an internship at Loyalty Creative, where he assisted Kevin Ou, one of the best celebrity photographers in the business. Nick returned to the Toledo area and founded Nick Amrhein Photography, in 2010.

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