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## Janie's Pantry – One Year Later: **TPS Elementary & Boyk Law Still Fighting Childhood Hunger**



*(L-R, Larchmont Principal Kari Sharp, Psychologist Sarah Darrow, Boyk Law's Becky Casteels & Molly Siedlecki)*

In early 2023, Charles Boyk Law partnered with Larchmont Elementary School to launch Janie's Pantry, an innovative new program designed to feed hungry kids and improve performance in the classroom.

"Toledo Public Schools does an excellent job with free meals, but many students were relying on multiple school-provided meals due to food shortages at home," she shares. "We were providing essentials like food, clothing, and hygiene products out of our own pockets until the idea for the pantry came about," Principal Kari Sharp explains.

"I've been pitched lots of ideas over the years", says Chuck Boyk, "but when I heard their idea for helping schools and children in the Toledo Public School District, it blew me

away and I thought it was one of the best ideas I'd ever heard."

Chuck and his family agreed to fund the program, which was named Janie's Pantry after his late Mother-in-law. The pantry was equipped with shelving, and stocked with food, and other essentials.

"There is no overhead for us," says Larchmont School Psychologist Sarah Darrow. "All of the funding goes straight to the children or their families. We're grateful because we get to see them thriving and doing better in school as a result."

Today, Janie's Pantry is serving even more students and families. School leadership revised the ordering process, which can now be handled online or by returning an order form to the school. Older seventh and eighth-grade Larchmont students are learning early job skills by stocking shelves, taking inventory, and fulfilling orders. Parental volunteers also assist with the program, which strives to maintain anonymity. "We try to make it as accessible as possible while also maintaining anonymity, says Principal Sharp. "We never want to make people feel self-conscious about asking for help, and while school staff know who the families are,

the students and volunteers helping with the program do not."

Recently the school's parents' group began collecting and gently used clothing for families as well. "It's no secret that kids outgrow clothing very fast, and this is a way for the families to help each other," says Darrow.

"I'm so impressed that they are so proactive," says Chuck Boyk. "Instead of doing nothing, they thought out of the box and it's just super impressive."

Teachers and administrators from other schools have reached out to Larchmont about their program, and Principal Sharp hopes that Janie's Pantry can serve as a pilot program, to address broader needs within the district. "Long term, I would like to see something similar in all of the school buildings, because there are a lot of elementary schools and high schools in the TPS area that could use the same program", she says.

***For those interested in supporting Janie's Pantry with donations, monetary or otherwise, please contact Larchmont Elementary School at 419-671-3650. Together, let's ensure no student faces hunger, empowering them to thrive both in and out of the classroom.***

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# Charles Boyk Law Offices Launches 16th Annual Bikes for Kids Contest



Nominations for the 16th Annual Charles Boyk Law Offices Bikes for Kids contest are now open! Charles Boyk Law has given

away bikes each summer since its Bikes for Kids program launched in 2009. Parents, teachers, family, and friends are encouraged to nominate a deserving child for this incredible opportunity. Visit our website and tell us why your nominee deserves a bike. Whether it's for their positive impact on the community, academic achievements, or their resilience in overcoming adversity, we want to hear their story. From all the submissions, we'll select 10 remarkable kids to receive a brand-new bike, courtesy of Charles E. Boyk Law Offices.

Bikes for Kids isn't just about gifting bikes—it's about acknowledging the extraordinary efforts of children who make a difference. "We created Bikes for Kids to honor the incredible kids in northwest Ohio who rise above challenges and selflessly

serve others," says Chuck Boyk. Boyk Law is dedicated to promoting bicycle safety and celebrating outstanding children in our community. Over the years, we've proudly given away more than 150 bikes, while also promoting bike safety to families across the region.

We're honored to continue our partnership with Wersell's, Toledo's oldest bike shop, for the 16th year in a row. Each bike is custom fitted by Jill Wersell, who generously provides helmets and bike locks for all our Bikes for Kids winners. "We're thrilled to collaborate with Charles Boyk Law Offices for the 16th year of Bikes for Kids!" says Jill Wersell. "It's a wonderful opportunity to recognize these exceptional children."

We're also excited to continue our partnership with Brightz, a local company specializing in LED lighting for bicycles and recreational equipment. In addition to receiving a bike, all Bikes for Kids winners will also be equipped with Brightz LED lighting products for safer rides after dark.

Charles Boyk Law will showcase the inspiring stories of Bikes for Kids winners



through video profiles on our YouTube channel, website, and across our Boyk Law social media platforms.

You can nominate deserving kids and explore profiles of past winners on our website at [www.bikesforkidstoledo.com](http://www.bikesforkidstoledo.com).

*Let's come together to celebrate the resilience, kindness, and achievements of our community's children through Bikes for Kids. Nominate a deserving child today and help us make a difference, one bike at a time!*

## New Ohio Law Gives Childhood Sexual Abuse Victims More Time to File a Claim

The Ohio Legislature just passed a new law, and it could make a big difference for people who have experienced sexual abuse as kids. Here's what you need to know:

**1. If someone was sexually abused when they were under 18 years old, they now have until they turn 30 to take legal action against the person who hurt them.**

**2. If someone has a disability or physical challenge and was abused before they turned 21, they also have until they're 30 to pursue legal action.**

**3. If someone was abused after they turned 18, they have one year from the date it happened or from the day they find out who the abuser was to take legal action.**

This new law means that many more people who were abused as kids might have a chance to seek justice.

***Charles Boyk Law handles a lot of cases like this. If you think you might have a claim, we're here to talk and help you figure out your options.***



## Boyk Law Publishes 6th Edition of The Ohio Accident Book

Charles Boyk Law Offices is publishing the 6th edition of *“The Ohio Accident Book: Don’t Get Caught in Insurance Company Traps”*, written by attorneys Charles Boyk and Mike Bruno.

Thousands of accidents occur daily on Ohio’s roadways, resulting in hundreds of injuries. The consequences can be devastating for those who are injured. Health problems present the most obvious concern, but financial pain can linger long after injuries heal.

Insurance companies have one goal when dealing with an accident: settling the claim for as little money as possible regardless of whether the victim is fairly compensated. That’s why attorneys Charles E. Boyk and Mike Bruno wrote a book to help you navigate the process. *“The Ohio Accident Book: Don’t Get Caught in Insurance Company Traps”* serves as a reference guide for people who have been injured as the result of someone else’s negligence.

*If you would like a free copy of this book or one of the multiple other publications written by our attorneys, please call our office at 419-241-1395 or visit our website library at <https://www.charlesboyk-law.com/library/>*

## RECIPE:

# Cooper’s Dad’s Pizza Soup

### INGREDIENTS:

- 3 large cans (or 6 small cans) of tomato soup
- Same amount of water as cans of soup
- 2 tsp garlic powder
- 2 tsp onion powder
- 1 T oregano
- 1 T basil leaves
- 1 lb. Italian sausage - ground
- 1 large sweet onion
- 1 lb. pepperoni link
- 2 T minced garlic
- 12-16 oz. baby bella mushrooms
- (optional) 6 oz. sliced black olives

*Chef’s note: you can use anything you would use on pizza in this, like banana peppers, jalapenos, garlic cloves, etc.*

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Mix soup, water, spices, and heat (not to boil).
  2. Cook sausage, ground to small pieces, add onion, and sauté until translucent. Then add minced garlic for about 2 minutes (not enough to burn it). Also, sauté mushrooms in a little olive oil with salt and pepper - or just add them without sautéing! Both ways work.
  3. Dice pepperoni into smaller 1/2-inch pieces (roughly).
  4. Add everything to the soup mix, and heat on low for 1-2 hours.
- Serve with crusty bread and mozzarella cheese.*



## CASES OF INTEREST: APRIL 2024

### Drunk Driver Blows Through Stop Sign, Breaks Woman’s Sternum

Our client was a passenger in the backseat of the vehicle when the accident occurred. Her husband was driving the car with their son seated in front. The collision happened when another vehicle failed to obey a stop sign, striking our client’s vehicle on the driver’s side. Investigations revealed that the other driver was operating the vehicle under the influence of alcohol and with a suspended license.

As a consequence of the accident, our client suffered significant injuries, including a fractured sternum and considerable pain in her chest, back, and neck. Emergency services promptly transported her to a nearby hospital, where she underwent extensive medical treatment. Now she is required to labor through numerous follow-up appointments with multiple doctors to address her injuries and aid her recovery.

No one should have to go through this. Our firm is actively pursuing a negligence claim on behalf of our client to ensure she receives fair compensation for the harm she endured due to the other driver’s reckless behavior.

### T-Bone Accident Leads to Severe Stroke

Another driver ran a red light and T-boned our client in the intersection. Tragically, just after our client exited his vehicle, he suffered a stroke. Emergency services swiftly transported him by ambulance to the hospital, where he spent approximately ten days in intensive care. The police cited the other driver for their reckless driving.

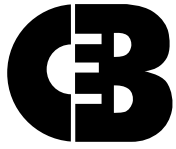
Following the accident, our client has been undergoing extensive occupational and physical therapy to address the injuries sustained in the accident. Our firm is vigilantly pursuing a negligence claim on behalf of our client to ensure he receives the necessary support and compensation for the harm he endured due to the negligence of the other driver. We are steadfast in our commitment to advocate for our client’s rights and to seek the justice he rightfully deserves.

### Man Needs Five Surgeries to Recover from Oncoming Collision

Our client was driving when he was struck by another driver who failed to yield to oncoming traffic. The collision caused our client’s vehicle to overturn and land in a ditch. Promptly, paramedics transported him by ambulance to a nearby hospital, where doctors found a compound fracture below his knee and above his ankle. Our client underwent five surgeries as a result of the accident and continues to require ongoing treatment for his recovery.

In response to this unfortunate incident, our office is actively pursuing a negligence claim on behalf of our client. Our goal is to get our client the necessary support and assistance to aid in his recovery process and alleviate the financial strain caused by the accident. We are committed to advocating for our client’s rights and holding the responsible party accountable for their actions.





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## Win Chuck's Seats to Walleye Playoffs & Mud Hens Baseball

It's an exciting time for Toledo sports fans! The Toledo Walleye are making their annual playoff run and the 2024 Toledo Mud Hens Baseball season is underway.

Whatever your favorite sport, Chuck Boyk always has the hottest tickets in town, and he loves giving them away. Remember to follow Charles Boyk Law on social media for more information on ticket giveaways and visit our website [www.charlesboyk-law.com/win-chucks-seats/](http://www.charlesboyk-law.com/win-chucks-seats/) and sign up for your chance to Win Chuck's Seats.



## April's Raving Fan of the Month

**"I felt supported and confident throughout the process. They demonstrated a genuine commitment to my well-being, achieving a favorable outcome. Highly recommend their professional and compassionate services. Boyk law is the best. My family, kids, and 3 fur babies are very thankful as well."** – Sara S.

Have a positive review to share? Go to [boykreviews.com](http://boykreviews.com) to tell us about your experience!

# Charles Boyk Law Offices Named "Best of Toledo"



With over 615,000 votes cast, the Toledo City Paper named Charles Boyk Law Offices as 2023's Best Attorney in its annual "Best of Toledo Awards." The results were no surprise to our clients who know how hard we work to help them, but we are very grateful for your vote of confidence. The

Toledo City Paper's annual readers' poll asks the public to vote on the best professionals, personalities, artists, and small businesses across Northwest Ohio. Voting closed in December 2023 and the winners were announced in the March 2024 issue of the Toledo City Paper.

A contingent from Charles Boyk Law joined representatives of the other Best of Toledo winners at a celebratory ball at the Toledo Club on March 22nd.

**The attorneys and staff of Charles Boyk Law Offices want to thank all of the readers of the Toledo City Paper for voting us Best Attorney for 2023. We won't rest on our laurels; we plan to work even harder in 2024 to defend our title.**

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