



The Piggyback Foundation

Carrying Families Through Times of Need

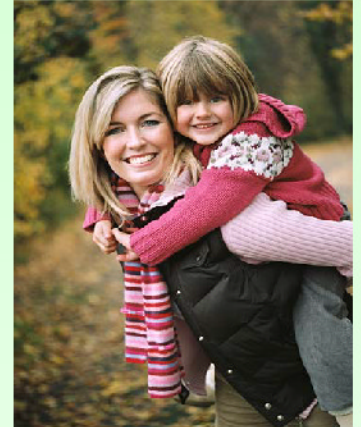
A Year of Growth...

Becomes a Larger Gift of Giving

Over the past couple of years the federal government has cut over 30 million dollars in funding for childhood cancer and other illnesses. Who will take responsibility to see that children diagnosed with cancer and their family members get the support they need while fighting their courageous battles?

We are proud to say that The Piggyback Foundation along with our donors are taking some of that responsibility. Together we are continuing in our third year to fund the needs of many Huron County families affected by the challenges of cancer, heart disease, kidney failure and many other serious illnesses.

In 2008 our Board of Directors (Janel Doll, Lisa Herner, Matt Herner, Dirk, Hiler, Lisa, Hiler, Cindy Liben and Allsion Smith) set some pretty lofty goals. The overall theme was to double our funding and to be able to help all families who qualified maintain normalcy for their children. With the help of some generous donations we were able to help 22 families and over 50 children. Our annual Cutting for the Cause was held on October 5th with over 150 people in attendance. The foundation raised over \$9,000.00. A special thank you to all of our individual donors, volunteers and our Christian Roberts family for their support and making Cutting for the Cause 2008 our most successful fundraising event to date. The foundation has awarded over \$10,000.00 in funds to Huron County families year to date. We hope to be able to exceed this amount in 2009.



Over the past year The Piggyback Foundation has grown with three new board members and over forty volunteers. Our new board members have added beneficial insight in the areas of business, volunteer organization and family needs. Our volunteers have made meals, helped with Piggyback Christmas and made sure each child receives a birthday wish. We are beginning to research grant opportunities from corporate and private foundations for funding. A calendar of events has been created along with a new website to help keep communication current.

Our Thanks ... There are many challenges that lie ahead in the war on cancer, heart disease and other devastating illnesses. We are dedicated to our mission, and we are dedicated to honoring the lives of every child and parent affected by a life threatening illness. It is because of your support, that we are able to continue our work. It is our goal to see that all that can be done is being done and that each and every family has the financial assistance needed to maintain normalcy for their children. Thank-you for your continued support and allowing us to facilitate your generosity. Without your support none of what we do would be possible. *Dirk and Lisa Hiler*

The assistance we provide to families dealing with a life threatening diagnosis, helps relieve some of the financial burden and stress during a very difficult time.



In Loving Memory

Tim Smith, age 14, was diagnosed with a relapse of T cell acute lymphocytic leukemia in November of 2007. Tim endured long stays at Cleveland Clinic and the devastating effects of chemotherapy. The Piggyback Foundation was able to help Tim and his family with financial support, meals and house cleaning. On March 19, 2008, Tim lost his battle with cancer. A Celebration of Life in honor of Tim's birthday, December 11th, was held at St. Paul's Catholic School. We raised over \$1,400.00 in Tim's honor.

Marcella Popke, age 47, was diagnosed with a relapse of breast cancer in October of 2007. Marcella was a loving mother of two children, Nicholas and Megan. The Piggyback Foundation helped Megan attend Curtain Call Productions Acting Enrichment Classes and paid for her softball and basketball fees and provided money for the required sports equipment. Megan's family and her teammates helped her through the difficult loss of her Mother. Marcella lost her battle with breast cancer on April 20, 2008. Dave and Jill James are sponsoring a concert fundraiser on April 18, 2009 for The Piggyback Foundation in honor of Marcella Popke and her Beautiful Life.

Road to Recovery... In November Zachary Davis celebrated his 8th birthday! At the age of five Zach was diagnosed with Hodgkin Lymphoma. We are happy to share that his cancer is in remission. PBF has donated gas cards for Zach's follow-up appointments. He and his family are kept in our prayers.



Childhood Memories

should be happy ones...

Every child loves a Piggyback ride!

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