



HENRY & LAURA HUTH CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

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President's Message



Lon Johnson, President, presents recognition award to Dick Huth

It has been almost two decades since the inception of the Foundation. I am proud and happy to follow in the footsteps of Dick Huth and Dr. Dick Hill, my predecessors. They established a vision and sense of purpose that are the Foundation's

guiding principles today. Their leadership embraced accountability and a willingness to explore innovation and change.

The Foundation was chartered to honor the legacy of Henry and Laura Huth. They demonstrated the principles of disciplined generosity and charity, especially toward children. As we look back to their story, we draw strength and conviction to continue finding ways to assist at-risk infants, youth and adolescents to have the kind of opportunity so many of us have been given.

Thanks to the bold direction of the Board members and our many donors and sponsors, the **Foundation expanded its outreach and increased Grant distributions by over 26% in 2019**. This was done after careful examination of the recipients and their ability to measure and show tangible results. We continue to seek and partner with organizations aligned with the Foundation's aspirations. Most importantly, we thank the many kind benefactors to the Henry and Laura Charitable Huth Foundation.

Highlights from 2019

Open Arms Adoptions

Recognizing that every child does not enjoy the ideal family/educational environment, the Huth Foundation has also provided financial support to Open Arms

Adoptions, a private, non-profit, licensed adoption agency in Portage County.

The mission of Open Arms Adoptions is to provide a loving, stable home to every child in need. They work tirelessly to create an environment that embraces the unique set of circumstances each

set of birth parents, prospective adoptive parents, and children bring. Their goal is to create families who can successfully meet the long term needs of children and infants.

The **Huth Foundation grant, in the amount of \$10,000**, will be used to further the agency's work to place sibling groups together in adoption as many brothers and sisters are separated in foster care. Additionally, the agency will expand its efforts to reach women experiencing a crisis pregnancy and who may need extra guidance.

Project REBUILD

Project REBUILD offers troubled youth an option for a better life. Project REBUILD's long term goal is to transform the lives of at-risk youth through education and job training so they may become educated, working, productive contributors to the community. Historically, the youth served by Project REBUILD have quit school or dropped-out, deepening their spiral into poverty.

Paul Longville, Foundation Treasurer, recalled, "Since 2004, the Henry and Laura Huth Charitable Foundation has partnered with Project REBUILD, and we have provided over \$88,000 in grants to Project REBUILD.



Huth Foundation Outreach (continued)



In July 2019, leading members of the business and professional community from Summit, Stark, and Portage Counties enjoyed an exciting round of golf at the 28th Annual Huth Golf Invitational held

at Chenoweth Country Club in Akron. The highlight of the event was the presentation of a **Grant award in the amount of \$9,000 to Project REBUILD** in continued support of its programs to aid the local community. Katherine Immel, of Timken Company and Board President for Project REBUILD, along with Joanna James, Project REBUILD Executive Director, accepted the award on behalf of Project REBUILD.

St. Joseph School

St. Joseph School follows a tradition of excellence in education for grade-school students in Portage and surrounding counties. It is a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) curriculum. The Huth Foundation grant supports five students who would otherwise be challenged to attend this exceptional school.

On Tuesday, September 3, 2019, our **Board members presented a scholarship grant to St. Joseph School in Randolph, Oh. This grant, in the amount of \$15,000 and totaling \$55,000 for eight consecutive years,** was accepted by Rev. Thomas Acker S.J., administrator. Father Acker remarked, "our pursuit of excellence in education leads to continuous improvements in curriculum, facility, and staff. Our enrollment increased this year."

St. Joseph School has taken advantage of our support — and every available resource, for that matter — to build a culture of educational excellence that is having profound impact on gifted children.

An example is Zack Balk, one of our scholarship recipients and an 8-grader. Last year, Zack wrote a play, "The Trip to Omega." His script made it to stage and to

an entertaining production by the Magic Theatre Company of Barberton, Ohio. A lively discussion in the St. Joseph Grade school classroom sparked Zack's idea for the play: "We were talking about Mars and humans going there to live if something happens to Earth." Good grades matter, too and Zack's strong academic performance is keeping pace with his extracurricular successes.



We're proud to fund organizations such as Open Arms Adoptions, Project REBUILD, and St. Joseph School that provide vital support to at-risk infants, youths, and adolescents. The most rewarding part of this legacy of giving is knowing that these grants are changing lives.



Mark Johnson Joins Foundation Board

The board members have enthusiastically approved the appointment of Mark Johnson to the Foundation board, effective January of 2019. In 2019, Mark assumed the role of Golf Event Co-Chairman. The Huth Golf Invitational is the largest source of income for the Foundation. For many years, Mark's participation in planning this event has been one of the reasons it has been so successful.

Mark is a proud alum of St. Vincent's St. Mary's of Akron, OH, and attended University of Cincinnati. As a long-time resident of the Cincinnati area, Mark enjoys many activities in addition to golf. Mark is also the owner of Cincinnati Print Solutions, serving B2B accounts on both a local and regional basis. In between golf and business, Mark is happily married with two beautiful daughters.

Please join us in welcoming Mark as our newest Board Member!



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