



Zachary Garbig Memorial Fund*Life Connection of Ohio* Edison Community College

The Zachary Garbig Memorial Fund, an account within the HOPE Foundation, is pleased to announce a new opportunity within Darke County for organ and tissue donor registry. In conjunction with Life Connection of Ohio and Edison Community College, students and the public may sign-up anytime day or evening to register to be an organ donor by stopping in at the Darke County branch of Edison Community College.

The Zachary Garbig Memorial Fund was started in 1999 by his parents, Phil and Karen Garbig, in honor of their son who received a liver/small bowel transplant as a fifth grader at Arcanum Schools. Although he lost his battle seven months later, his experience gave much needed knowledge to the medical professionals for future transplant recipients. The Garbig family believes we can make the best of an unfortunate situation by donating our organs and tissue and blessing someone else with health, hope and the promise of life. Gifts made to the account by friends and families on his behalf are designated to be used to further the quest of the family to increase organ and tissue donation awareness. The fund has paid for many billboards and other outreach methods throughout the years and they wanted to do something different this year. Thanks to the



Pictured:(L to R): Karen Garbig, Tracy Williams of Life Connection and Janice Michaels of Edison Community College

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HOPE Foundation Has A New Home

The HOPE Foundation is pleased to announce that as of the week of April 16th the HOPE Foundation will have a new home. HOPE will now have an office at 201 West Main Street in Greenville. This will enable the President, Patty Lavy, to be more available to members of the community who already have an account with the HOPE Foundation and those that are interested in learning more about the organization.

The HOPE Foundation will start with part-time hours but President Patty Lavy, is always available by calling 548-HOPE. Meetings may be held at the new office or if preferred in the individual's home. Stop in to obtain information, schedule an appointment or welcome them to their new office.

Fast Facts About the HOPE Foundation Scholarships

Did you know that...

- The HOPE Foundation gave out \$70,780 to local Darke County students for college scholarships in 2006?
- The HOPE Foundation since 1989 has given out \$571,693 in college scholarships to area students?
- There are over twenty people on the HOPE Board of Directors watching over these dollars and making sure the organization is efficiently run?
- Through these scholarships every year the HOPE Foundation distributes money to every area of the county?
- Since the HOPE Foundation distributes its funds to scholarships through a reimbursement method, all students have proven themselves successful and have completed their freshman year before they are awarded a scholarship?
- Generous donors in Ansonia and Arcanum have contributed money to allow students from their local schools to receive the opportunity of a second year scholarship if they continue to be successful at their college?
- Last year's average scholarship award per student was \$1,875?

HOPE Foundation Begins Legacy Society

Life Connection continued.

Have you ever wanted to be on the ground floor of something that will have a lasting impact? Have you wanted to be considered a “founder”? Here’s your chance by becoming a Charter Member of the HOPE Legacy Society.

The HOPE Legacy Society is for members of the community who include the HOPE Foundation in their estate planning. It may be a bequest through their will or through proceeds from an insurance policy. The gift can be specified for the board of directors to use it as they feel is best for the overall community or it can be used for scholarships or for a specific nonprofit agency. The ideas of where you can leave a legacy gift for the community are endless.



How do you become a member of the legacy society? Contact Patty Lavy, President of the HOPE Foundation for information. You do not have to report how much you plan on giving to the HOPE Foundation or even sign a binding contract. You just have to report that at this time your plan is to include HOPE in your financial estate legacy. We take your word that you will follow through or let us know if your plans change.

Everyone who signs up before December 31, 2008 will be considered a Charter Member of the HOPE Legacy Society.

Give your community a gift of a lifetime and leave your own personal legacy for Darke County. Call Patty Lavy at 548-HOPE or 548-4673 for more information.

New Board Members

HOPE Foundation welcomes Julie Boring and Nick Cox to its Board of Directors.

■ Julie is a life time resident of Versailles. After graduating in December, 1986, from Wright State University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Julie obtained her CPA Certificate in 1987. Julie and her husband, Rod, founded Boring & Associates Certified Public Accountants, Inc. in Versailles. Their office is located in the historic Worch Library building on East Main St.

■ Nick resides with his wife Paula just outside of Ansonia, Ohio. Nick is President of R.B. Cox Insurance Agencies, Inc. in Ansonia and Greenville, having joined the agencies upon graduation from The Ohio State University in 1970. Paula is a high school teacher with Coldwater Schools. In addition to joining the HOPE Board of Trustees, Nick also serves on: Darke County Education Service Center Board, Greenville National Bank Board, Darke County AAA Board and Wayne Hospital Board.

HOPE President Patty Lavy introduced Julie & Nick to the many functions and services the foundation provides to Darke County charitable organizations and individuals seeking assistance in their philanthropic goals. Their skills will be a great asset to the efforts of HOPE, your Darke County Community Foundation.

wonderful cooperation of Janice Michael from Edison Community College they were able to do so.

Anyone interested in learning more about organ donation or who wants to sign up can do so at the local school branch. They will be directed to the special computer on-site that is designated for this great cause through the website of Life Connection of Ohio. Life Connection is an independent, non-profit organ procurement organization and serves as the designated agency for northwest and west central Ohio. LCO provides services to 52 hospitals and donation education to the 2.2 million residents within a 23 county service area. It is important for people to realize that in the United States, over 95,000 people are on the national organ waiting list and over 2,500 of those are Ohioans. Sadly, 18 people die each day due to a lack of available organs. For more information about Life Connection of Ohio, visit www.lifeconnectionofohio.org

If you would like to make a donation to the Zachary Garbig Memorial Fund to further additional activities promoting organ donation awareness, feel free to send your check payable to HOPE/Garbig Fund, c/o HOPE Foundation, P.O. Box 438, Greenville, OH 45331 or contact Patty Lavy at 548-HOPE.

Go directly to
www.donatelifehio.org to
register your desire to be
an organ donor.



Mandy's Sunshine 5K Run/Walk Saturday, September 22

Mandy Green was a student at Woodland Heights in Greenville. After a four and half year battle with Wilm's Tumor, a rare childhood cancer, she passed away at age 10. Mandy's family and friends have organized the second annual Mandy's Sunshine 5K Run/Walk in memory of this child who lived well, had many friends, loved much and laughed often. The race proceeds will benefit the Mandy Green Class of 2013 Memorial Scholarship Fund which will provide college scholarships to graduating seniors in the year 2013.. This is the class with whom Mandy would have graduated from high school. For additional information about how to register, see www.mandysfunrun.org The funds are managed by the HOPE Foundation.

HOPE Foundation Says Good-bye to a Dear Board Member

The Board of Directors says good-bye to Tim Hissong this quarter after an illness took his life unexpectedly. Tim was the President and CEO of the Brethren Retirement Community. The board extends sincere condolences to his wife, Dawn and their son, Bryan. Patty Lavy, President of the HOPE Foundation stated, "Although Tim was only on the Board for a short time, he will be greatly missed. He has been contributing to the Darke County community for over fifteen years and he will always be remembered for his hard work and good deeds. The Darke County community lost a great man when he passed away."

The Friends of HOPE Campaign a Success

The Board of Directors of the HOPE Foundation of Darke County are pleased to announce that the 2006 Friends of HOPE Campaign was a success. Many individuals and companies "stepped up to the plate" and invested in the future of the HOPE Foundation and Darke County as a whole. These funds are used for the administrative costs of the organization. This enables the community to receive the most money it possibly can for the good of our community and its residents. We are proud of having the lowest administrative fee in the region because of the generosity of our Friends of HOPE. The minimum gift is \$100 to become a member.

If you would like to make a contribution to the 2007 Friends of HOPE fund, please feel free to send it to HOPE Foundation, P.O. Box 438, Greenville, OH 45331. Of course, your gift is tax deductible and it will be listed in the end of the year 2007 report. Please consider joining the Friends of HOPE family.



Thank You!!!

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