



Our Heritage—

For people who favor rebuilding relationships
and restoring hope for our youth.

FALL 2021

Cody Haven Wernle's 2021 Alumni of the Year



During his young life Cody has faced numerous challenges. He has been in and out of placements since the age of 13. Three times he was here at Wernle. If you ask Cody about his life, he acknowledges that he has had a lot of challenges, but he says, "Without the experiences I would have lost valuable life lessons that helped shape my future." He goes on to further say, "While I was in these placements, I learned how to deal with many of my issues including my anger and depression."

Cody graduated from high school in 2020 while he was still at Wernle. Even while he was finishing high school, Cody demonstrated strength and determination. He worked part-time at the local Walmart. Some weeks he worked more than 30 hours. He graduated with honors and as soon as he could, he enrolled in a local community college. Wendy Baker, our Title One Specialist says, "Cody is a true success story, and I am so proud to have been a part of that." Tim Knoob, our Senior Program Manager says this about Cody, "He became a role model for the other kids on campus."

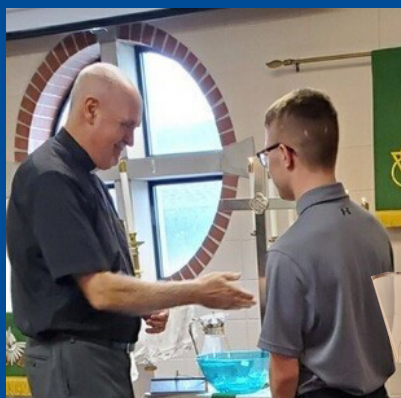
When he finished his first semester of college, he was placed on the honor role for his grades. All of the staff on campus were so proud of him. While on campus, Cody was a faithful attendee of our Chapel services. Almost every Thursday evening he could be found in Chapel. One week he asked if he could be baptized. "I had the opportunity to baptize Cody, it was a very special moment," says Rev. Cliff Nunn the Campus Chaplain.

Before graduating from Wernle in August of 2021 Cody had successfully completed two semesters of college and was still on the honor role. He had continued working at Walmart and amassed quite a savings. He was planning for his future. "By the time I said good-bye to Cody, he was a totally different kid," says Norm Smith, Director of Referral Development. When it came time for the committee to consider who should be the Alumni of the Year for our 2021 Catalyst4Change event, it was unanimous. Cody was quickly selected.

We are so proud of Cody and all that he has accomplished. It is because of your support that boys and girls like Cody have a fighting chance here at Wernle. It is your gifts that empower our mission and help us bring hope and healing to the young people we serve. Way to go Cody! Keep reaching for the stars!

Yours for the Children,

Rev. Cliff Nunn
Director of Development
& Campus Chaplain



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Fall Fun Comes to the Wernle Campus

This fall season the kiddos on campus had lots of fun activities. There was a pumpkin drop, which was quite messy and loved by all. Many of the kids worked hard to decorate their units.



A fall festival was hosted in the Lingle Wellness Center where everyone was able to play games and win prizes. It was a very festive atmosphere.



Haunted houses were built from popsicle sticks, and of course Trick or Treating on the campus. A great time was had by all.





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Sponsor a Child for Christmas

Your gift of only \$200 will sponsor a child's Christmas wishlist. Help us provide a great Christmas for every child on our campus by sponsoring a child for Christmas. Simply mark "Christmas" on your check and use the enclosed envelope to return your gift us. We will do the shopping and your generosity will fill the wish list. Thank you for helping us make Christmas great for each child on our campus.





HERE IS THE CHURCH



Here is the steeple...we all remember that little ritual from childhood. Let us go past the church, the steeple and the doors just for a moment and recognize the people. There are so many wonderful people that support Wernle through their church by leading the way. If we listed them all this would be a very long newsletter. Instead, we have chosen three individuals to recognize.

Michelle Walker. Michelle held an Open House for Wernle at her Thrivent office in Muncie, IN. It was a tremendous success. Thank you to Michelle and all those who supported her in blessing Wernle with cash donations and gifts. Michelle is a member at Zion Lutheran in Hartford City.

Ted Hirschey. St. Mark Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne is a tremendous supporter of Wernle. Leading the way is Ted Hirschey, who makes several trips a year to Wernle, to deliver supplies for the boys and girls. Ted is a true friend to the Wernle kids and is always on the lookout for items needed.

Ingrid Miller & Jenelle Gross. Ingrid and Jenelle led a group that consisted of Ingrid's youth group and several adult volunteers in giving the Wernle main classroom a facelift. They painted the entire room and they bought new classroom tables and chairs along with many school supplies. It was awesome to have a youth group on campus helping the Wernle youth.

Ingrid and Jenelle both work at St. John Lutheran Church in Celina.

A Wernle Christmas Giving Tree!

Please consider putting up a Wernle Christmas Giving Tree. Many of you have had wonderful success with this in the past. It is a chance to give back at Christmas to kids who have never experienced holidays the way most of us have.

Wernle is their home for the holidays so please help us give them something to rejoice in. Chapel services to learn what Christmas truly is and gifts from others to show the Wernle girls and boys they matter.

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Have You Visited Our Campus?

When was the last time you visited our campus? Have you ever visited our campus? We invite you to call and make your appointment to take a tour of the Wernle campus. Come and walk in the shoes of our residents and their families. See how our youth live while they are with us.

Visit the cafeteria, classrooms, and Chapel. Come and see how your donations make a difference, not only for today, but for years to come. When you see with your own eyes, walk the pathways, enter into the buildings, it makes a difference. These collective experiences really bring home the mission that you are a part of. It clarifies your view of our work and puts you more easily in touch with our passion. Walking around our campus changes your perspective.

Either Chris Parker our Church Relations Officer or Cliff Nunn our Director of Development & Chaplain will be happy to show you around. Email or call today.

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GIVING TUESDAY



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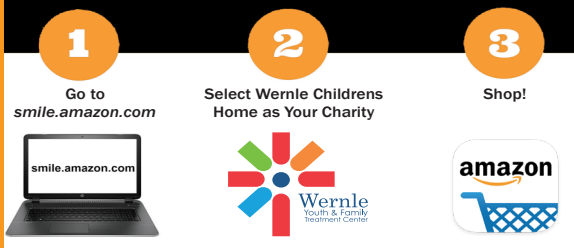
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