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

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Your Gifts Make a Difference

Thankfully, we appear to be in a lull when it comes to the Covid-19 pandemic. Unfortunately, we don't seem to know when it may rear its ugly head again with another spike or outbreak. Many in our country are living in a heightened state of anxiety. What will be the by-product of this heightened state? Add to that the difficulties we have all faced over the past two years involving death, isolation, and fear. These have not been easy times.

Service providers are showing statistics revealing another side effect of the pandemic and that is the widespread psychological trauma that many across our nation have felt, and nowhere has that been felt more, than among our youth.

Our youth have had to struggle with isolation, fear, anxiety, and uncertainties impacting every part of their lives. Their academic habits were interrupted by schools closing, followed by needing to adapt to e-learning. They were isolated within their homes, away from friends, with adults who were struggling with loss of jobs, isolation, and a complete disruption of their daily lives. Where does this leave us as we look to the future?

Nearly half of Americans report that the pandemic harmed their mental health, according to a Kaiser Family Foundation poll. A federal emergency hotline for people in emotional distress registered a more than 1,000% increase

in the first quarter of 2022, when compared with pre-pandemic numbers. Data is showing that depression and anxiety are already roiling the nation.

Wernle is here to help answer the call and provide solutions for youth and families during these difficult times. Thankfully, with your help we have recently completed renovations on our oldest residential building. Adding a beautiful new atrium to the front, providing an all-season space filled with natural light for therapy sessions. We completely refreshed the interior of the building providing remodeled bathrooms, and new lighting throughout. We removed walls so that the space has a more open floor plan, and remodeled office spaces. Finally, we expanded the day room adding new seating, television, and interior play space. All of these renovations also allowed us to add additional beds to the unit so that more youth can be served.

We have plans to renovate 2 additional residential units on our campus. These renovations will also allow us to serve more young people. Our prayer is that you will continue to be apart of our expansion. There are numerous ways to be involved. Please send in your donation today or contact us to discuss involvement opportunities. Together, we will continue to stand in the gap for young people and their families.





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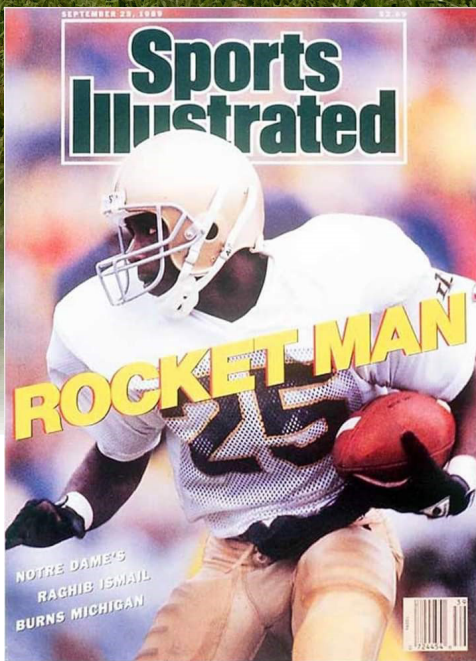
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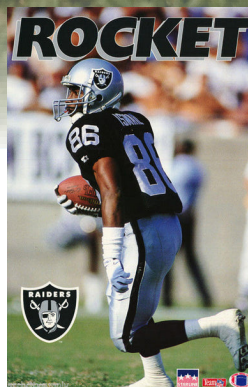
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10:30
Tee Time

Host: Raghieb (Rocket) Ismail



Raghieb "Rocket" Ismail came to prominence playing college football for Notre Dame. Rocket played in the NFL from 1993 to 2001 where he recorded two 1,000 yard receiving seasons. In 2004, College Football News named "Rocket" the 75th player on its list of the Top 100 Greatest College Football Players of All-Time. During his NFL career he played for the Los Angeles Raiders, Carolina Panthers, and Dallas Cowboys.



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Student Spotlight



Allow us to introduce Sunny (name has been changed to protect privacy). I choose Sunny because this young lady is always smiling and pushing through all

of the obstacles that come her way with a positive attitude. Sunny is 13 years old and currently in the sixth grade. She is very creative and enjoys arts and crafts. Additionally, she loves to decorate the unit for every occasion and holiday.

Sunny came to Wernle in the summer of 2021, right before the start of the new school year. At first, she was very resistant to participating in school. Many days she would refuse to participate in her classes, sometimes even refusing to attend. When she did take part in class, she would usually rush through her assignments so that she could

spend her time off task, thinking about other things, or doodling.

It was apparent to our staff and educators that Sunny did not believe in her academic abilities. However, with consistent support and encouragement from teachers and staff, she began to turn things around. Regular encouragement along with small academic victories, enabled her to begin to build up her confidence. Soon she began to see larger academic achievements. Her assignments were completed and on time. Her grades improved and so did her attendance and attitude.

Once some initial success was enjoyed by Sunny, she really began to turn things around. The last few months Sunny has been enjoying her time in the classroom. Her confidence is much higher, she now gets up eager to go to school. Her attitude and disposition have become optimistic, and her excitement is contagious as she now encourages others to be successful.

Everyone here is so proud of Sunny and what she is accomplishing. She is on track academically and we are confident that she is going to successfully complete the sixth grade and be well poised for junior high school.

Way to go Sunny!!





Sharpe family pledges unwavering support

No child's path to success should be interrupted. When it is, the Sharpe family is committed to helping Wernle Youth and Family Treatment Center remove obstacles and guide them in the right direction.

Owners of Ohio-based Health Care Logistics® (HCL), Gary and Connie Sharpe, together with their children, Bethany Reid and Kyle Sharpe, are proud to provide financial support as this year's Catalyst4Change (C4C) presenting sponsor. The sponsorship is part of a five-year, \$50,000/year pledge.

"As a philosophy, we decided instead of giving a little (donation) to a lot of organizations, we would give an amount that will make a difference (to fewer)," Gary said of the family's ongoing support of Wernle. "They really do a great job."

Since learning about Wernle through their home church, Trinity Lutheran, and making their first donation more than 30 years ago, the Sharpe's have given regularly to the cause. In addition to the C4C sponsorship commitment, the family provides a monthly donation to alleviate the monetary pressure of building maintenance, transportation, treatment and more.

Connie said Wernle's mission met the family's criteria for giving and was an easy choice.

"If we were going to give, we wanted it to help a local person who, they themselves were trying to improve," she said, "and these kids are really trying."

"We want to give a hand up, not just a hand out," Bethany added.

The Sharpe's take great pride in knowing their gifts provide critical care to young people in need of a place where love, concern and compassion are the pillars for positive change. Gary and Connie are especially proud to share their Wernle history with their grandchildren, now third generation supporters.

Bethany shares that pride and uses her position as a board member to continue the family's legacy of giving time and treasure to the organization.

"When it's a program you believe in, it is very easy to give to it," she said. "Sometimes I give my time and of course I give of treasure. I just do what feels right. And the Wernle program feels right."

HCL specializes in manufacturing, packaging and distributing unique and hard-to-find products for medical and pharmaceutical professionals. The company, which began in 1978 in the Sharpe family garage, now stocks more than 10,000 products in 20+ different lines and employs more than 300 people.



Our Catalyst4Change event occurs in September and will be here before you know it.

Last year we hosted our first hybrid event, meaning we gave you, our friends, and donors the option of attending this amazing event live on our campus, or joining us virtually. This resulted in a large attendance on our campus and online. 2022 will feature another hybrid event.



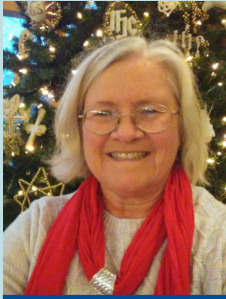
Think creatively, maybe you would like to host a dinner or party in your home or at your church. Assemble some of your friends, enjoy some great food and fellowship, and plan to watch the event live on your TV. You can invite friends who have never heard of Wernle. People that you believe would be interested in the work that we do. By joining us virtually as a group, couple, or individual, you can bid on auction items, participate in the live auction, hear our honorees, and learn more about our mission.

Please plan to be a part of this fantastic event either in person or virtually. We will be announcing our National Honoree very soon, so stay tuned to our website, www.wernle.org to learn more about our 2022 Catalyst4Change!



We Continue to Recognize our Valuable 2021 Catalyst4Change Sponsors





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.

Jane Brown. Jane Brown has been the Wernle Representative at St. Matthew Lutheran church in Arcanum for a good while. Jane has done too many things to mention but this past Christmas she made sure there were a whole bunch of new soccer balls and basketballs for the Wernle girls and boys. St. Matthew has joined with Gordon Grace United Methodist in Arcanum.

Connie Izor, from St. Andrews in Farmersville, OH, has been sending the kids at Wernle greeting cards and gifts on their birthdays for years. Connie and Diane Thompson split the duties and the card and gifts keep coming month after month.

Karen Reiber. Over the past couple years, Karen Reiber, and the good folks at Faith Lutheran in Cincinnati, have been providing holiday treat bags for the Wernle boys and girls. Karen and her husband Kurt made trips to Wernle to deliver, and they also met up with us in Oxford on several occasions during the pandemic. Karen also recently secured a very nice grant for the Wernle allowance program.



WERNLE COACHES4KIDS GOLF OUTING Monday, May 16, 2022 SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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Newsletter recognition	•	•	•								
Opportunity to provide gifts to golfers	•	•	•	•	•						
Golfers, cart, green fees, breakfast and lunch	4 Teams	3 Teams	2 Teams	2 Teams	1 Team	1 Team			1 Team	Single	
T-Sign Provided	3	2	1				•				
Name, logo, and link on Wernle website	1 Year	9 Months	9 Months	6 Months	6 Months	3 Months					
The "Works" package Included	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	•	
Team photo	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	•	

The "Works" Includes 2 Mulligan's per player, longest drive, hole-in-one, super poker hole, and closest to pin.

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Churches Spring Gathering

April 23rd, 2022



Lifting Up Children

We have not gathered on campus since the pandemic began. So, we are happy to announce our Spring Gathering is back! Join us on Saturday, April 23rd from 11:00AM to 1:00PM. This is a great time to see the campus and to bring any donations you may have collected to Wernle. We will talk about what is new here on cam-

pus and have a general Q&A session. We will then serve lunch. After lunch, for those who would like a tour, we will walk campus. Please RSVP to Chris Parker by April 14th so we may get the lunch numbers correct. We can't wait to see you!

cparker@wernle.org 765-939-4598

Allowance Fund

Some of the most important things kids can learn at Wernle revolve around life skills. Each week, the Wernle girls and boys receive an allowance of \$5.00. They do chores such as sweeping or laundry to earn the allowance. The allowance is so important because it teaches them basic money management. Please consider a gift to the allowance fund. Use the enclosed envelope and simply write "allowance" on the memo line of your check. Thank you!

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MISSION

Wernle is a family-focused, child-centered agency providing opportunities for the growth and development of troubled children and their families—individually, interpersonally, and socially—through caring programs and healing relationships which are reflective of God's love revealed through Jesus Christ.



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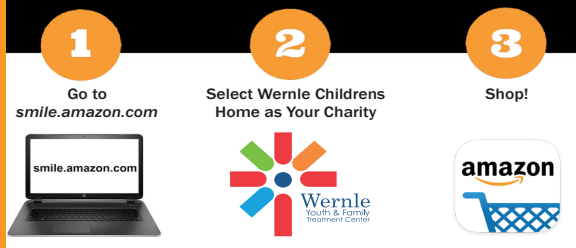
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