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Hope for Kids Gauga

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Hope for Kids provides funding for Wi-Fi hot spots for Geauga County public school students transitioning from in school to on-line learning.

Hope for Kids Geauga acted swiftly and diligently to identify and respond to a need caused by one of the unfortunate impacts of COVID-19. The Hope for Kids board of directors allocated over \$19,000 to fund Wi-Fi hot spots for 300 Geauga County K-12 students who do not have internet access at home.

On March 12, Gov. Mike DeWine announced that all Ohio schools would close for at least three weeks to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. The local schools started to prepare students for schooling through email and online communication with their teachers and completing online assignments. Hope for Kids board members promptly contacted the Geauga County schools, including Chagrin Falls, to inquire about students whose lack of home Wi-Fi connection could cause a learning disadvantage.

The mission of Hope for Kids Geauga is to raise funds and awareness to improve the lives of abused, neglected and at-risk children in Geauga County. The board agreed that funding this need falls within their goal of leveling the playing field for the area youth.

"The board was able to communicate quickly and vote to proceed with this project through email communication," said board member Engelina Koberna, who took the lead in contacting the schools. "It is hard to imagine students not having the benefit of the internet in this age of technology."

Timothy Velotta, principal of Chardon Middle School, responded to Mrs. Koberna, "This is an amazing support to our students and the greater community. Thanks to you and your organization."

Additional financial contributions of \$4,000 from the Geauga Family First Council and \$3,000 from Geauga JFS, Special Services enabled us to provide Cardinal School District with 52 hot spots for children in their district.

Hope for Kids Geauga would like to continue to supply Wi-Fi connection to students whose families are unable to afford this service, beyond the COVID-19 crisis. Unfortunately, the board has obligations for funding children through several agencies and does not have the current capital to shoulder this on their own.

To make a contribution to the project, please send a donation to:

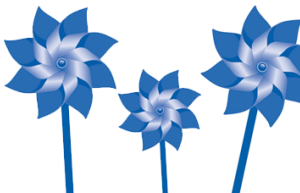
Hope for Kids Geauga, PO Box 21, Novelty, OH 44072 and indicate Wi-Fi on the memo line. Or visit www.hopeforkidsgeauga.com for alternate options.

You can also visit Chardon resident Mike Laudato's Hope for Kids Geauga COVID-19 GOFUNDME page at the link below to make a donation.

https://www.gofundme.com/f/hope-for-kids-geauga-covid19-donation?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=m_pd+share-sheet

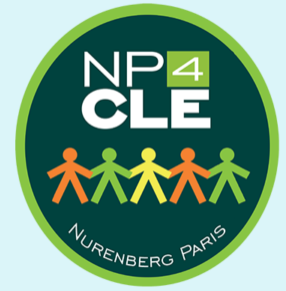
APRIL

National Child Abuse
Prevention Month



Be a part of a strong, nurturing community that is supportive of families and plays a role in preventing child abuse and neglect and promoting child and family well-being.

The Nurenberg Paris law firm has been serving the Cleveland area since 1928, and is grateful for the support they received from generations of Clevelanders as the firm has grown. As a way to give back to the community Nurenberg Paris has created NP4CLE, which recognizes local non-profits and charities work.



NP4CLE is hosting a contest in which worthy organizations will be able to earn up to \$5000, to help with their mission. Hope for Kids Geauga has been chosen as their June 2020 charity. Please watch our *facebook* page for details about how you can help us be awarded the generous contest prize.



Hope for Kids Geauga Board Member-Amy Hewis

Amy is the Preconstruction Coordinator at The Austin Company and has worked in the construction industry for the past fifteen years. She enjoys travel, golf, attending the theatre, cooking and working in her garden. She is also an avid Disney fan! Amy first got involved by participating in the annual golf outing and became inspired to join the Board so she could help out firsthand.

Amy believes every child deserves to have a happy childhood and looks forward to helping achieve this goal by volunteering with Hope for Kids. Amy will be chairing the 2020, Annual *Golfing for Kids*-Golf Outing, scheduled for Monday, August 10, 2020.

SAVE THE DATE



The 2020 Golf Outing has been scheduled for Monday, August 10th, 2020 at Chagrin Valley Country Club. However, due to the current Covid-19 Pandemic, Hope for Kids Geauga may need to reschedule the outing for a later date. Based on this, we ask you to please check back for updates. THANK YOU for your continued support.



REMEMBER TO SELECT HOPE FOR KIDS AS YOUR CHOSEN CHARITY WHEN SHOPPING ONLINE AT AMAZON SMILE.

HAPPY 3rd BIRTHDAY!

Hope for Kids Geauga is celebrating it's third year in it's expanded role in the community.

WITH MORE FUNDS WE CAN EXPAND OUR REACH!!



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