

The Piggyback Foundation

Carrying Families Through Times of Need Since 2007

We are approaching our 15th Anniversary for Piggyback and our 10th Anniversary for When Pigs Fly. It has been a blessing to serve the community and bring joy to children and families facing life-threatening illness.

Our board members acting as family liaisons have sat with countless families while parents have shared their stories and hearts. We have shared in the joy and grief. People have asked how can we keep going, but I have to ask myself how could we not.

I pray that cancer will be cured in the lab by researchers and science, but until then we will be working in our neighborhood supporting local children, giving families a place to turn for support.

Our foundation is dependent on the generosity of people, businesses and organizations in our community. We could not do our work without your support. By sharing families' stories, we hope you can see how your support truly makes a difference in the lives of families battling devastating illnesses.

With gratitude and joy,

Lisa Hiler



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Piggyback's Good Works

2020 %

*96% Funds raised went directly to families in need

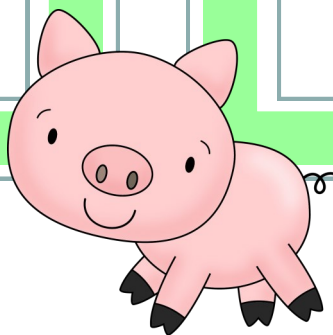
*4% spent on administrative expenses/fundraising

2007-2020 Overall %

*92% of funds raised since 2007 were given to families through the foundation's programs

*4% of funds raised since 2007 were used for fundraising expenses

*3.6% of funds raised since 2007 were used for Administrative expenses



THE BUTTERFLY EFFECT—JOSEPH'S STORY

My step mother Ashley Williams was battling breast cancer and unfortunately passed July 15 of last year. The Piggyback Foundation is no stranger to the struggles of dealing with terminal illness in the family. I do not mean to boast or brag about myself. By talking about how the foundation has affected me, it is with the sole intention of providing first hand experience that the work the Piggyback Foundation does has purpose.

For those unfamiliar with the butterfly effect, put simply, it implies that small changes or events can lead to large-scale changes in the future. To me this is self-evident, I am a strong believer that good deeds have compounding effects. This effect is multiplied when it affects children, positively or negatively. When your love one is dying of a terminal illness, there are a lot of negative memories and to a child, perhaps the worst loss they've ever experienced. The Piggyback Foundations goal of establishing normalcy during this time does its best to cancel this negative effect and replace it with positive ones. Looking at where I am now, I attribute much of it to the good nature and generosity of others, some complete strangers compelled by nothing but compassion.

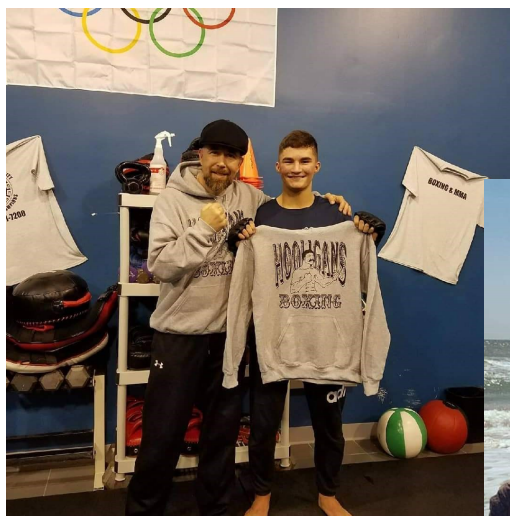
My name is Joseph England and I am currently serving the United States Marine Corps. My military occupational specialty (MOS). I am a Corporal of Marines, my primary MOS is a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear Defense Specialist, my secondary is a Martial Arts Instructor. I teach Marines how to protect themselves from these hazards, and how to defend themselves from those who wish us harm. I will never know if the skills I have taught my Marine brothers and sisters will save their lives, but I am content knowing that when or if they face a situation that threatens them, they will be better prepared because of my work.

I was introduced to Martial Arts around the age of 15, attending a free Jui-Jitsu class that my grandmother brought me to at the only dojo in Norwalk, eventually finding Hooligan's Boxing and MMA where I immediately developed a strong bond with the others and felt a sense of belonging. When I was training, the only thing on my mind was improving myself and helping others do the same. During Ashley's trials with breast cancer, my father did his best to keep us from being burdened by the emotional toll that cancer can bring into a household. I did not know it at the time, but terminal illness is expensive, very expensive.

I established a routine going to high-school, working, and going to train Jui-Jitsu in the evening as a release. Behind the scenes, the Piggyback Foundation was there to help my father pay for my martial arts classes, all the way up until I left 1 month after graduating Edison High School to join the Marine Corps. If not for the Piggyback Foundation's help, my family would not have been able to afford to send myself, my brother, or my step-sister to anything. The course of my life could have been radically changed. The emotional toll of Ashley's cancer would have been the only thing to occupy my thoughts. Humans need a sense of purpose, community, and belonging or else they will go mad.

July 15 2020, the day Ashley passed, I was driving back to Camp Lejeune, NC returning from leave. I had said goodbye just before I left, knowing that it was likely the last time I would see her alive. When she did pass, it was hard for everyone. However, our family still had that "normalcy" that the Piggyback Foundation was so vital in maintaining. We all had purpose, community, and belonging. By having these things in our lives we could remember Ashley the way she would have wanted, by focusing on all the good memories and exciting times that we had, and celebrating her life, not letting her passing bring us pain and sadness. There is no doubt in my mind that Ashley took comfort knowing that the Piggyback Foundation had helped her and the ones she loved make so many good memories and ensured that her family was taken care of. I personally want to thank everyone at the Piggyback Foundation, you have made a difference in my family's lives, and I intend to pay it forward.

Respectfully,
Corporal England, Joseph A.
CBRN Chief/MAI
H&S Company
Combat Logistics Battalion 8
Combat Logistics Regiment 2
2D Marine Logistics



KIDS TO CAMP

Kids To Camp was officially launched this summer!! Together 7 churches, private donors & the foundation sent 11 kids to Camp Patmos, a non- denominational Christian youth camp that exists to support the local church. Camp Patmos, located on Kelleys Island, works closely with the foundation to ensure that the kids connected with the camp, through the Piggyback Foundation, were emotional supported in their time of need. One mom told us, “It was a life changing, cherished time for them!” We are thrilled at the *Kids to Camp* success!! We look forward to next summer and are hopeful to have more churches join us in sharing the hope found in Christ.

Special Thanks to all the local churches/groups for their *Kids To Camp* Support!

St. Alphonsus Parish	The Presbyterian Church
Calvary Baptist Church	St. Peter’s Lutheran Church
St. Joseph Parish	The United Methodist Church
The Norwalk Gathering	Women’s missionary group



*Pictured
Jesse Pausch, Landon Steffanni & Alex Coker*



Even though we closed for several months due to Covid, the shops remained successful in 2020. From April 2020 to April 2021, donations to the WPF shop raised \$48, 505. This has all been possible with the many generous donations to our shop, along with the many hours volunteered by over 63 shop volunteers.

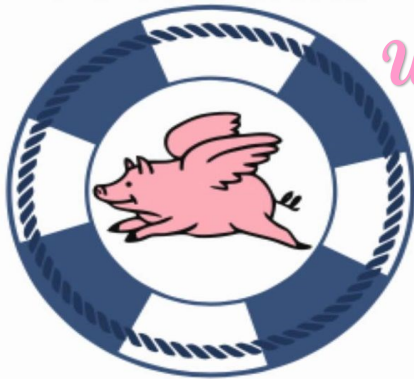




When Pigs Fly Too is a clothing boutique featuring new and unique clothing to fit your style. All proceeds support The Piggyback Foundation. The shop is located across the street from our original shop on Main Street in Norwalk.



Store Hours
Tuesday – Saturday 10-4
Closed Sunday and Monday



When Pigs Fly

By the Lake

509 Main Street
Huron, Ohio 44847



When Pigs Fly By the Lake opened its doors in June of 2021 with great success. Thank you to all who have helped get the store up and running and for the amazing community support.

A special thanks to Buffy Greenwalt, for the countless hours spent starting up the Huron shop and for your dedication to the Piggyback Foundation!!

Store Hours
Wednesday- Saturday
10-4



WAYS TO SUPPORT THE PIGGYBACK FOUNDATION

- 1) **Volunteer at our Shops**—we are always looking for volunteers to help at our When Pigs Fly Store, When Pigs Fly Too Store, or When Pigs Fly by the Lake. If you would like to donate a few hours of your time, stop by or call any of our shops.
- 2) **Make a Donation**—We are graciously accepting all gently used and new household items everyday during store hours. When Pigs Fly is always looking for items such as furniture, artwork, frames, dinnerware, jewelry, and much more! We also except monetary donations, which can be donated through our website, mailed, or dropped off at any of our stores.
- 3) **Volunteer to help at fundraisers**—We are always looking for new ways to raise money for The Piggyback Foundation to be able to support local families in their time of need. We currently are planning a Fashion Show for Spring 2022. If you would be interested in helping with fundraisers, please call or stop into any of our shops and share your contact information.
- 4) **Share your talents**— Quilting, knitting, decorating, furniture repair—If you have a special talent you would like to share, we would love to hear from you!
- 5) **Prayers**—Our Piggyback families need all the prayers they can get! If you are unable to donate or volunteer your time, please consider praying for our families. Never underestimate the power of prayer. For a list of families to add to your prayer list, check out The Piggyback Foundation’s website or stop by and ask one of our volunteers today.

PBF Executive Board: Lisa and Dirk Hiler, Lisa and Matt Herner, Amber Riley,
Tom and Laurie Schmuhl

PBF Working Board: Julie Murdock, Melissa Murphy, Marty Long, Linda Camp, Deb Lucal,
Julie Eckloff, Tricia Ebner, Krista Schafer, Natalie Freed

When Pig Fly

31 East Main Street
Norwalk, Ohio 44857

419-660-1932

Store Hours
Tuesday—Saturday
10:00-4:00

www.whenpigsflynorwalk.com

When Pigs Fly Too

28 E. Main Street
Norwalk, Ohio 44857

419-660-1932

Store Hours
Tuesday—Saturday
10:00-4:00

No donations accepted at this
site

When Pigs Fly by the Lake

509 Main Street
Huron, Ohio 44839

Shop: 419-616-5288

Cell: 419-602-2661

Store Hours
Wednesday – Saturday
10:00 - 4:00

Call for donation times



Save the Date!!



Join us for a Vintage Fashion Show

When: May 1st, 2022

Where: The Village Barn—Monroeville, Ohio

What to expect:

The Piggyback Foundation is currently planning a fun afternoon for all ladies to raise money to support the foundation. Tickets will be on sale at all When Pigs Fly Shops or by any board member early 2022. We will have auction items, light snacks, and of course, a Vintage Fashion Show !

This is a great way to spend time with grandmothers, mothers, aunts, sisters, and daughters, while raising money for The Piggyback Foundation and enjoying fashion from the 1920s-1980s!!

Personal Reply

To: The Piggyback Foundation, P.O. Box 436, Norwalk, Ohio 44857

From:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

_____ I would like to partner with The Piggyback Foundation in support of families facing the challenge of maintaining normalcy for their children, when confronted with a life threatening illness, such as cancer. You can count on me to support the work of the foundation with a generous tax-deductible contribution of:

_____ \$50.00 _____ \$25.00 _____ \$75.00 _____ \$100.00 _____ \$300.00 Other: \$ _____

Supports a family for Christmas!
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Please make your check payable to: The Piggyback Foundation.

The Piggyback Foundation is a 501(C) (3) non-profit charitable organization.

All contributions are tax-deductible.