

The Piggyback Foundation

Carrying Families Through Times of Need Since 2007



It's hard to believe that 16 years have passed since The Piggyback Foundation became a reality and not just an idea. We have grown since our days of helping one family at a time. However, the foundation has remained consistent in its mission to maintain normalcy for children in families facing the devastating diagnosis of a life-threatening illness.

Funding for our mission has continued to grow through the generosity of our families, friends, neighbors, volunteers, and businesses in our community that have been touched by the needs of the children and families we support.

Over time we have come to realize that our emergency funding is necessary to help relieve stress in the home. We have had an increase in the need for mortgage/rent payments, car repair, general groceries, and gas. The rising cost of daily living expenses for families battling illnesses, such as cancer, is compounded by the loss of, on average, 40% of their income.

I see and hear this stress when talking to a new family receiving support through our foundation. Many of our families have said how grateful they are and that they don't know how they would have made it through without our support. I give the thanks to God and to all of you who have had faith in our people and our foundation.

I wish you could see the relief and bits of joy that we all give our families. Just knowing someone is there to support them, pray for them and the joy that we all give our families. Just knowing someone is there to support them, pray for them and help them through their journey gives hope. It inspires us to keep working. I hope you enjoy reading a few stories in our 2023 newsletter. It gives a little glimpse into why I have such immense gratitude for every single person who supports our mission.

Joyfully,

Lisa Hiler



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Piggyback Review



	2023	2007-YTD
Dollars Raised	\$190,239	\$1,872,374
Dollars to Families	\$194,489	\$1,617,074
Families Served	87	733
Children Served	186	1,603

2023

96% of funds raised went directly to families in need
4% spent on administrative expenses/fundraising

2007 - 2023

94% of funds raised since 2007 has been given to families through the foundation's programs
2% of funds raised has been used for fundraising expenses
4% of funds raised has been used for administrative expenses

Helped 5 families with a Disney vacation

Supported trip to Niagara Falls to allow a family sharing one last memorable moment with their loved one.

Provided a weekend getaway to Hocking Hills

Financially Supported 14 Children to allow them to attend Camp Patmos.

*Supported a skiing trip to allow a family one last memorable moment with their mother. *

Purchased functional and sensory equipment to allow a family the opportunity to provide joyful childhood memories.

Sent three families to see the Nutcracker Ballet.

Supported a birthday party at Dave & Busters.

Financially supported funeral expenses for Piggyback families.

Gave out \$2,000 in scholarships.

Purchased a computer for a student.

*Helped 22 children participating in basketball, Taekwondo, softball, soccer, horseback riding lessons, music lessons, football, volleyball, driver's education, cheerleading, and acting classes. *

Halloween Buckets given to 16 families.

Supported 20 Families for 2022 Christmas.

Gas cards to families as they frequently attend medical appointment.

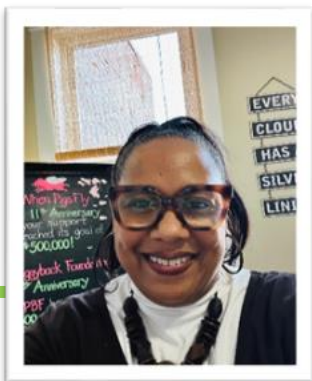
Meet our Board Members

Hello all, my name is Dawn Black and I have been working part-time with The Piggyback Foundation for 8 months now under the title Administrator. But really, I'm just here to assist and help where I can.

A little about me; I'll be married for 30 years April 1st, 2024, to Jeffrey Black. I have a beautiful stepdaughter with three wonderful children that I do not get to see as much as I'd like, but I love them all dearly. I also have lots of godchildren, nieces and nephews that have kept me busy and broke throughout the years, lol.

I've worked eight years as a Child Protection Worker with Children Services in Richland and Huron County, as well as two years with Richland County Board of DD after graduating college in 2011 with a bachelor's in criminal justice. I also served as a Licensed and Ordained Minister for ten years with the Second Baptist Church of New London until the Lord redirected my ministry path.

Life has drastically changed for my family after the passing of our mother. I'm now the caregiver and guardian for my sister Sandy who now lives with my husband, our Tyson (our dog), and I. Due to all the change, I had to resign from Huron County CPS to focus on my sister and work with her schedule. God put in my path a sista/friend, Melissa Murphy, who has been such a blessing during this difficult time in my life. She would talk about The Piggyback Foundation and the awesome work the organization does. I had never heard of it, so she gave me Lisa Hiler's number because she was looking for some part-time help and I was tired of sitting at home while my sister was at her day program. Now, here I am – praying and serving.



We have admired the mission of The Piggyback Foundation for many years and feel greatly honored to have the privilege to now serve as board members. We have worked through our church with the foundation to provide services and to sponsor Piggyback family members to attend Camp Patmos. We feel the foundation makes a big difference in the lives of families enduring difficult times. We are excited to be a part of the board as we will be able to personally experience the opportunity to help families by offering them love, hope, and support.

Laura Winkler & Amy Parcher



You Can't Do It Without the Talent!

Staff / Board / Volunteers

- 6 members on the Executive Board
- 10 Members on the Working Board
- 1 Administrator – New position added

Spent more than 5,000 hours working to support families!

- 7 Shop Managers:
- 4 Volunteer Managers



When Pigs Fly

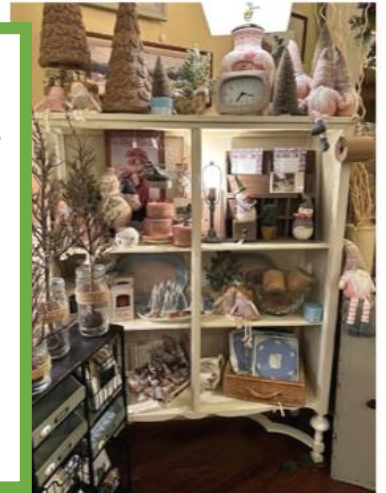


When Pigs Fly
In Support of The Piggyback Foundation

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10am - 4pm
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When Pigs Fly - BTL



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Notes from our families...

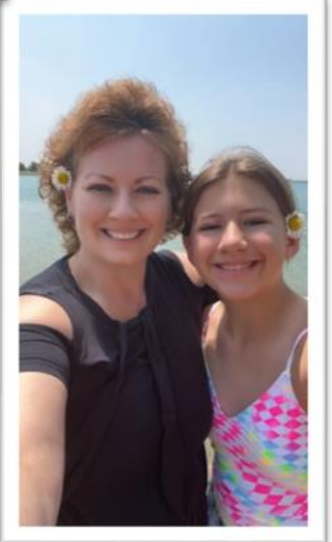
Please extend my family's deepest appreciation to the Piggyback board for your support. We are using the money to equip a transport van for a wheelchair. You folks are incredible!



Thank you for all you have done for us. I just can't thank you enough. It has helped us out during this rough time.



Thank you for being there for my family and myself. The support meant a lot to me when no one else was there. I could always depend on you.



As someone who is very much accustomed to being the helper and not the "helpee", Thank You! The thought and generosity you have bestowed upon my family has been a blessing. I only hope one day to be on the other side of this and helping others as you've helped me.



Thank you

Thank you for the support during this challenging time. The kindness that you've showed really gives us strength to keep fighting.



Thank you so much for all you have done to help provide for our family during the past year. We are in awe of the kindness and gifts. We are blessed and grateful for the support.



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:

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

Other: \$ _____

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