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## Anti-bullying Programs Promote Peace

No one should have to put up with bullying. Fortunately, there are ways children can learn to overcome bullying and become confident leaders in school and in the community.

Since 2001, Greenleaf Family Center has been offering curriculum-based prevention programs to build character and discourage aggression and violence in elementary and middle schools. Our professionals encourage children to learn the importance of establishing a cooperative learning environment, accepting differences among their peers, and developing a strong sense of self-esteem while sharpening their understanding of the effects of teasing, ridicule, and violence.

According to Prevent Child Abuse America, 160,000 students stay home from school each day for fear of being bullied. Students who, by age eight, are identified as bullies are six times more likely to commit a crime by the time they are age 24. In fact, both the Ohio House of Representatives and the Senate passed an anti-bullying bill in 2006 requiring schools to adopt anti-harassment and anti-bullying policies, and for the state auditor to report on violations of those measures each year.

Bullying is a serious problem that affects the lives of children, as well as, their families. Parents, if you suspect your child is being bullied, talk to your child and prepare a detailed account of what your child endures. Be prepared to consult with school officials so the problem can be handled accordingly. Parents should also educate their children on what to do if the child finds him or herself in a hostile situation. Here are some tips:

- Ignore the taunts and walk away from the situation.
- Do not fight back. It may only worsen the problem.
- Stay in places where there are teachers nearby.
- Stay with other kids and meet children with similar interests.
- Report any bullying they see to a teacher.
- Do not be a target by bringing money and expensive items to school.
- Always be confident. Bullies tend to pick on kids who look afraid or uncertain.

Greenleaf Family Center's Anti-bullying Program helps to create a ridicule and violence free, no bullying environment.

The Bully, the Bullied, and the Bystander: From Preschool to High School--How Parents and Teachers Can Help Break the Cycle of Violence by Barbara Coloroso is a great reference on anti-bullying!

For more information on our Anti-bullying Programs and how to bring our program to your school, please contact: **Danielle Maggiore at (330) 376-9494, Ext. 259.**

### Special points of interest:

*- Anti-bullying services*

*- Night at the Races*

*- Nick Browning 2011 Betty Dalton Community Service Award Winner*

*- Make a Future Gift to Greenleaf Family Center*

*- A Message from the President*

## Night at the Races Save-the-Date!

Come enjoy a night of fun, horse racing and raffles! Greenleaf Family Center presents our third annual Night at the Races on **Saturday, March 26, 2011** at Zwisler Hall (located on St. Sebastian's campus) at 476 Mull Ave. in Akron. Tickets are \$15 presale or \$20 at the door and include dinner and soft drinks, BYOB. Dinner this year will be provided by Outback Steakhouse! Doors open at 5:30PM. Tickets may be purchased at Greenleaf Family Center, 212 E. Exchange Street, Monday through Thursday from 8:30AM-8PM. Purchase and name a horse for only \$20. If it wins, you win \$50 (you do not have to be present). For more information call Laura Shank at (330) 376-9494, Ext. 255 or visit us at [www.greenleafctr.org](http://www.greenleafctr.org).



## Nick Browning - 2011 Betty Dalton Community Service Award Recipient!

Congratulations to Nick Browning, recipient of the 2011 Betty Dalton Community Service Award! This prestigious award is given to an individual who shows great commitment and dedication to community service, volunteerism, and support of the non-profit sector. Nick is President/CEO of FirstMerit Bank's Akron Region. In addition to this role, he has responsibility for Public Funds and the Community Development Corporation. He is also a member of the FirstMerit Bank, N.A. Board of Directors and Executive Committee. Nick has always placed a high value on giving back to the community. His current and most recent involvement on many community boards, councils and committees include: Greater Akron Chamber Trustee; Leadership Akron, Class XVII and Trustee; Summa Health System Hospitals Trustee and Chair of the System Audit Committee; Akron Community Foundation Trustee; Knight Foundation Community Advisory Committee; University of Akron College of Business Advancement Council member; Sisler McFawn Foundation Trustee; and Summit Education Initiative Trustee. Nick served as board chair of Greenleaf Family Center from 2002-2003 and is now an Emeritus Trustee. Nick and his wife, Cindy, have three children, Haley, Emily, and Jacob, and live in Hudson, Ohio.



**Greenleaf Family Center is very pleased to honor Nick at the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Art Amore ~ the Art of Giving fundraising event! Please Join us Friday, July 15, 2011 at Portage Country Club to honor Nick and all of his outstanding achievements!**



## Make a Future Gift to Greenleaf Family Center

Remembering Greenleaf Family Center in your will is one of the easiest ways to continue the impact of your annual gift. People need not be wealthy to create a meaningful and lasting legacy. When you draft or update your will, your attorney will know how to handle the wording for the charitable bequest. It can be as simple as inserting the following sentence: "I give and bequeath to Greenleaf Family Center, 212 East Exchange Street, Akron, OH the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ dollars or \_\_\_\_% of my estate."

Have you already remembered Greenleaf Family Center in your Will? Please let us know your gift intentions so we can recognize your generosity. For more information, contact Laura Shank at (330) 376-9494, Ext. 255 or [slaura@greenleafctr.org](mailto:slaura@greenleafctr.org).

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## When All Things Matter...

Since college I have maintained a book of sayings and, without divulging the year, suffice it to say this book has been with me for decades! I revisit my saying book often, but especially during times when this great world of ours is just not making sense to me. I find the sayings bring some comfort, provoke thought, provide humor. Here are a few samplings:

"The young do not know enough to be prudent and, therefore, they attempt the impossible, and achieve it, generation after generation." -- Pearl S. Buck

"Old age is like a plane flying through a storm. Once you're aboard, there's nothing you can do. You can't stop the plane, you can't stop the storm and you can't stop time. So one might as well accept it calmly, wisely." -- Golda Meir

"May God stand between you and harm in all the empty places where you must walk."  
--Old Egyptian Blessing

"I wake up every morning determined to both change the world and have one heck of a good time. Sometimes this makes planning the day a little difficult." --E.B White

and, lastly,

"There are no goodbyes--only love." --my daughter, Molly

May March bring us warmer weather and provide comfort, guidance and healing to everyone in need.

Judy Joyce, President/CEO

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