



A Community of Hope

Wernle 2008 Annual Report

From the President

For Wernle, 2008 was a monumental year. Over the past few decades, we have transitioned from the place we were – an orphanage – to a brighter, more positive place... *a Community of Hope*. The year marked a turning point in this transition as we embarked on a rebranding initiative so we could better tell our story. We also added new sectors, including private secure, acute diagnostic and substance abuse services so we could instill hope into more children and reach out to affect more lives. We were also able to recognize some of the biggest assets to children at the 2008 Catalyst for Change awards reception and banquet. And in 2008, in order to continue our efforts of recognizing these assets, we completed our Feasibility Study for our capital campaign.

To all of you who were a part of our efforts in 2008. We sincerely thank you and invite you to be involved in Wernle's continued success in the months and years to come.

Darrell Gordon, MSA,
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President/CEO

PROGRAM UPDATES

Wernle was able to add a private secure residential unit, an acute stay diagnostic program and substance abuse services to our treatment repertoire over the course of 2008. These services are fulfilling a dire need in our community and will enable us to better care for the residents at Wernle. We plan to continue revolutionizing our practices in the years to come so we can remain a top provider of care for children in need.

2008 Special Events

Catalyst for Change, Awards Reception and Banquet **National Award Recipient**

Charlie Weis – Head Football Coach, University of Notre Dame

Regional Award Recipient

Bishop Callon W. Holloway, Jr. – Bishop of the Southern Ohio Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church

Local Award Recipient

The Honorable Wilfrid G. Dues – Judge in the Juvenile Probate Division in Preble County, Ohio

Local Award Recipient

The Honorable Darrin Dolehanty – Judge for Wayne Superior Court handling delinquency cases involving children

Philanthropist of the Year Award

St. John Lutheran Church – Celina, Ohio – Providing consistent support to Wernle and our youth

Coaches for Kids Golf Classic

Hosted by University of Notre Dame Head Basketball Coach Mike Brey