

CHILDREN IN PHILANTHROPY AWARD



NICHOLAS GUINEY



Nicholas Guiney has the leadership and philanthropic heart that expresses wisdom and compassion far beyond his 13 years. As a middle school student at Seton Catholic School, he is a prolific fundraiser for his favorite cause, The American Cancer Society, for which he has raised more than \$120,000.

Nick began his prestigious career at the age of four, when he sold lemonade as an on-site fundraiser for the Relay for Life. He later organized his own Relay for Life Team—named “Angels for Life”—and raised \$1,005 the first year. This year, his “Angels for Life” team grew from 24 to 42 members and raised \$28,000.

Nick has one simple goal: “I can help sick kids with cancer.” Relay for Life will always be at the heart of his giving, unless the American Cancer Society calls him and tells him not to show up because they found a cure... that is his dream.

In addition to his work with the American Cancer Society, he has also raised money for Rainbow Babies Hospital and Akron Children’s Hospital. He raised money and volunteered his time to support Operation Care in Dallas, Texas, whose purpose is to take care of every homeless person’s need. He also raised \$5,000 to grant a wish through the Make-A-Wish Foundation® for an Akron boy who wanted to go to Walt Disney World. He visits the Elms Nursing Home in Hudson during holidays, bringing them good cheer and gifts. “I love doing it for the smiles you get from everyone,” said Nick.

Nick’s next fundraising goal is to raise money for Give Kids the World Village, a place where terminally ill children and their families can forget their problems for a week and just be normal. His goal is to raise \$1.2 million dollars by 2011 in time for their 25th anniversary.

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