



OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

BUILDING ASSETS IN THE COMMUNITY

► Committee Organization and Structure

- √ **1999** Committee organized, affiliated with national initiative
- √ **2000** Designed pamphlet, determined Mission Statement and Goals
- √ **2004** Formed Non-Profit Corporation, adopted By-Laws, elected Officers
- √ **2005** Obtained 501(c)(3) status with IRS
- √ **2006** Launched website www.copley-fairlawnhchy.org

► HC•HY C-F is a regular **participant in community events** including Copley Heritage Days Festival, Copley Police Department's Annual Safety Halloween Event, craft shows, and at Summit Mall during Summit County Children Services Child Abuse/Family Awareness Month. Information on Asset Development is distributed. (ongoing)

► **A series of newspaper articles** called "Assets in Our Community" appeared regularly in *The Montrose Sun*, a local newspaper. Based on information supplied by committee members, information on incredible things going on in our community was published. (2003-2004)

► The ***Volunteer Information Resources*** are volumes of notebooks filled with information on opportunities for youth and adults to volunteer at more than forty area non-profit agencies and organizations. Forms and pamphlets have been provided by many of the agencies and are readily available to students. The *Volunteer Information Resource* is located in the Guidance Office at Copley High School and online at www.copley-fairlawnhchy.org (2003-present)



▶ During the Holiday season, HC•HY C-F encouraged teens to become involved in the Salvation Army of Summit County's **"Give Time For Others"** campaign by volunteering as bell ringers during the holiday season. (2004)

▶ HC•HY Copley-Fairlawn committee members participated in **"Youth Service America"** in the Nature Zone at The Land Lab at Arrowhead Primary School. Over one hundred children and adults teamed-up and cleaned-up the lovely gardens and greenhouse at Arrowhead Primary School. (2004)

▶ A raffle prize was donated to the **American Cancer Society Relay for Life**. (2004/2005) In 2006, our Youth Committee formed the "Laps for Lauren" team and walked during the 24 hour event. A trophy for the youth organization raising the most in donations was won.

▶ **Students volunteering** at Copley Police Department's Safety Town and Halloween Event have been treated to lunch compliments of HC•HY C-F. (2003-2006)



▶ Students and adults were encouraged to participate in **"Support Our Troops"**, a community-wide, community-driven outreach program. Collections of much needed items such as toiletries, sundries, snacks and literature were shipped to our servicemen and women in Iraq and Afghanistan, and to the Walter Reed Hospital for soldiers in Washington D.C. This project was in cooperation with Copley V.F.W. Post #7971, Fairlawn V.F.W. Post #349 and private donors. (2004)

▶ **Bulletin board and poster displays** with information on Asset Development are at CHS and CFMS (2006)

▶ A **Meeting for Businesses** was held in November, 2005. It was an elegant affair at Fairlawn Country Club. Nearly 100 participants heard a Corporate Executive from the Smucker Company speak on how they incorporate Ethics and Character in their very successful business in Orville.

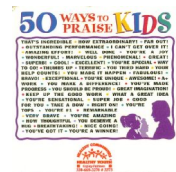


BUILDING ASSETS FOR PARENTS AND ADULTS

▶ **Workshops for parents** on the Asset Approach have been conducted by CFMS Middle School Counselor Robert Cowie.

▶ HC•HY C-F organized the “**Partnership for a Healthy Community**” Workshop. More than 100 participants were educated by former Copley-Fairlawn City Schools Administrator Eugene Nofsinger, our local “expert” on Character Education and Asset Development. Attendees at the all day event included school staff, community members, safety forces employees, parents, mental health professionals and clergy. Action Plans were developed. (2001)

▶ **Refrigerator magnets** with “Positive Ways to Praise Kids” were distributed to all parents with children at CFMS (2002)



▶ HC•HY C-F has purchased several publications and materials for parents:

√ Copies of *What Kids Need to Succeed* by Peter Benson, the president of Search Institute are in each school library. (1999)

√ The *Parenting Solutions* CD set, a comprehensive four-volume audio program with information on parenting issues is available in the Parent Resource Room at Copley-Fairlawn Middle School. (2001)

▶ Copley-Fairlawn school staff and HC•HY committee members have all attended **Character Education Workshops and Asset Development trainings** compliments of HC•HY. Additionally, Copley School staff has been offered incentives to attend.

▶ **Presentations about Asset Development** and HC•HY Copley-Fairlawn were made to parents at D.A.R.E. Night Out 2000 (325 participants), and to several community groups.

▶ HC•HY Copley-Fairlawn and HC•HY Bath-Richfield worked together and sponsored a presentation for parents on drug and alcohol abuse. **Police Officer Pat Willis**, from Lake County Narcotics Agency, enlightened the hundred or so attendees with current and accurate information on drug and alcohol use among our young people. (2003)



▶ Pediatric Psychologist **Dr. Georgette Constantineau** educated parents on issues Teen Issues including depression, sex, alcohol and drugs. This was a joint project with Copley-Fairlawn and Revere C.A.R.E. Committees. (2005)



BUILDING ASSETS FOR YOUTH

▶ Guidance Staff at Copley-Fairlawn Middle School are regularly in the classrooms **educating students** on Character Education and Assets, and information is available on their section of the school website.

▶ Three Copley High School students were selected to attend the “**Leaders in Training**” 2 week camp at Camp Y-Noah, with registration fees paid by our committee. (2002/2003)

▶ The booklet/workbook “**Building A Better Me**” was given to all students in grades 5 to 8 in the Copley School District. Students who returned a form signed by a parent stating that they completed the activities in the booklet were eligible to win fantastic prizes, including a Family Pass to Geauga Lake. (2002)

▶ **Absolutely Incredible Kid Day®**, a project of Camp Fire USA, has been celebrated at Copley-Fairlawn Middle School each spring for the past several years.

√**2002** Then **Deputy Mayor for the City of Akron, Dorothy Jackson** relayed her personal story to students of overcoming adversity, struggling with poverty and racism, and rising to a most prominent position with the City of Akron. An inspirational reading from *Oh, The Places You'll Go!*, the classic Dr. Seuss book was part of her message. In addition, the school building was decorated with balloons and banners. Each child received an ice cream treat, and a certificate stating that they were indeed an “Absolutely Incredible Kid”.

√**2003** Students viewed motivational videotapes “**Miracle on Lane Seven**” and “**Remember the Titans**” and were treated to a snack.

√**2004** An inspirational message was given by a local media personality on the morning news broadcast, AM Copley, and ice cream treats were passed out at lunchtime.

√**2006** Coupons and passes to Laser Quest were given to all students at CFMS and treats were passed out at lunchtime.

▶ “**The Power of One**” and “**Children Practicing Respect (CPR)**”, exciting multi-media presentations, were viewed by students grades 7-12. (2003)

▶ **Motivational Speaker Bob Lenz** and his entourage “AJ the Illusionist” were brought to CHS, CFMS and the Copley-Fairlawn community. This was a joint project with Fairlawn United Methodist Church. Mr. Lenz’s powerful message on “Values, Courage and Respect (VCR)” is sure to remain in the minds of the students for some time to come. A spiritual evening program was offered to parents and youth who wished to return and witness an encore performance. The auditorium was packed! (2004)

In 2006, Mr. Lenz and AJ were welcomed back to Copley. Students heard his presentation titled “Choices” and learned:

- You have a choice.
- Every choice has a consequence.
- If you give in to fear, you’ll make bad choices.
- The loving choice is always the best choice.



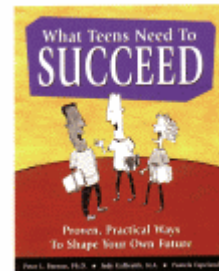
▶ **“You Make the Difference”** - HC●HY Copley-Fairlawn provides “wooden nickels” to school staff at CHS and CFMS who can “award” them to students for behavior that goes “above and beyond” that which is expected. Students can redeem the nickels in the school cafeterias for a snack. More than 1000 of these “tokens” have been awarded at the Middle School and the High School. (2003-present)

♥ A heartwarming story - A teen student who was the recipient of a “You Make the Difference!” coin was not going to redeem her token because of the “sentimental value” attached from when the teacher gave it to her.

▶ HC●HY Copley-Fairlawn provided gift cards and prizes to students who were entered into a drawing for demonstrating **Character Traits** at Copley-Fairlawn Middle School. (2002/2003)

▶ In 2005, we began actively **recruiting youth members** and will continue to do so.

▶ The Search Institute book *What Teens Need to Succeed* was purchased for the student libraries at CHS and CFMS. (2006)



▶ **“Huddle Up”** are monthly, small group education and discussion sessions for teens, facilitated by an adult, focusing on issues chosen by the youth themselves. Huddle Up sessions began in February 2006.

► **Teen Dances** were held in April and June 2006. Proceeds (\$2700.00 and \$2000.00) were donated to Benevolent Funds for two local young people diagnosed with cancers.