



*Thank you for helping us . . .
One child, one life at a time.*

Permanent endowment funds are critical to the future of Berea Children's Home and Family Services in providing annual gift support for programs and services to benefit those most in need.

Your gift helps us to continue our mission of serving children and families in need, and creates a lasting legacy of caring that Robert J. Clark II represented.

For more information, please contact Alex S. Petrus, Vice President of Advancement at 440.260.8341 or apetrus@bchfs.org.

Thank you for your support!



Berea Children's Home & Family Services

202 East Bagley Road, Berea, Ohio 44017
440.234.2006 or 800.639.4974
www.BCHFS.org

Robert J. Clark II Permanent Endowment Fund

at Berea Children's Home
And Family Services



*A Perpetual Tribute to
a Friend and Hero
Who Believed in
Helping Others*



Rob was a very special person and we all love and miss him very much. We are proud to have established this fund as a loving tribute to something he valued in his life, using his talents to help others.

***Mary Forbes,
Sister of Rob Clark***

Rob Clark came to BCHFS in April, 1987 to help children with serious emotional problems to learn to deal with their past and become happy and productive individuals.

He began as a childcare worker and was quickly noticed for his hard work and dedication. He was promoted to cottage manager in 1988. For the next four years he served in this capacity, providing oversight to the staff that provided childcare and treatment to ten children ages 9-14 years old.

Rob was known and well-liked by the children because he cared, set clear expectations, and listened to them. The room that was dedicated in Rob's memory is a place where he would often take someone who was having a problem to listen or counsel them in making good choices.

His lifelong goal was to become a police officer and on January 6, 1992, he joined the Cleveland Police Department.

Rob was a special person who touched the lives of both the children and the staff he worked with.

As a friend of Rob and a fellow co-worker, I believe that Rob would be honored to know that his family and friends have remembered him in this way, which benefits the children of Berea Children's Home and Family Services year after year.

***Tom Cummings,
Friend and co-worker at BCHFS***

Throughout his six years with the department he earned numerous recognitions for acts of bravery and distinguished service.

Tragically, on July 1, 1998, he was shot and killed pursuing a suspect allegedly involved in a drug transaction.

The Robert J. Clark II Permanent Endowment Fund will be a part of Berea Children's Home and Family Services overall endowment fund. Only the annual income from this fund will be spent, with the remaining income being reinvested to grow the fund. Earnings shall be used to possibly:

- To purchase or upgrade recreational equipment for the Robert J. Clark Memorial Room, located in Crossman Cottage on our main campus.
- To provide scholarship assistance to young adults (18 and older) who have left the care of BCHFS and are now transitioning to independent living as a young adult. These funds will be awarded at the discretion of the BCHFS Staff.



The Robert J. Clark II Permanent Endowment Fund will be invested as part of Berea Children's Home and Family Services overall endowment fund. Designated family members will be provided with an annual update on the fund balance and income. Permanent endowment funds are critical to BCHFS in ensuring that we can care for those truly in need, regardless of their ability to pay for services.

How to Make a Gift

Simply make out a check payable to BCHFS and note on the reference line that the gift is designated to the Robert J. Clark II Permanent Endowment Fund. We also accept gifts by credit card. (Visa, Mastercard, Discover, and AmEx)

You may also consider making a pledge to this fund. Simply inform us of your pledge and we will send payment reminders to you.

Other Gift Options

The following are some additional gifting options that are available to you.

Gifting Stocks and Mutual Funds

Appreciated assets such as stock, mutual funds and/or bonds are a great way to fund your memorial gift because of the extra tax

benefit. You receive a significant immediate tax deduction and avoid capital gains tax on the appreciated value when gifting to Berea Children's Home and Family Services, an IRS qualified charity.

Giving Through Your Will or Estate Plan

Many find that giving through their long-range estate and financial plans provides a more convenient way to make memorial gifts. Consider the following options:

I. Make provisions in your will, living trust, and/or estate plans to provide your gift to BCHFS.

II. Arrange for a portion of your IRA, pension plan, 401 or 403b account to go to BCHFS as a beneficiary. Because we are an IRS recognized charity, the portion you gift avoids taxes on accumulated gains.

III. Establish an annuity at BCHFS that pays you, and your spouse (if applicable), income for the rest of your life(s), designating the proceeds as your gift.

IV. A gift of a life insurance policy that has fulfilled its original purpose may provide you with excellent tax benefits by identifying BCHFS as a beneficiary.

Legacy Society

By making any of the above arrangements and notifying BCHFS, you become a member of the prestigious Legacy Society which honors special friends who have made a future gift commitment to our work.