

# Adopt A Class



## Schools Get Special Treat



When students from Archbishop McNicholas High School finished their planned performances of *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*, they didn't want it to end. The show had been a hit, so the student actors approached school staff about performing their play for an audience who they thought would really be thrilled to see a good show—elementary school students. With a great idea in place, but little funds to make it

happen Adopt A Class/ River-view East Partner **Empower MediaMarketing** stepped in and secured a generous donation from the Price Family Charitable trust, ensuring that the show would go on.

Thanks to the coordination of Empower MediaMarketing the students of McNicholas were able to take their show on the road. They packed the set in a U-Haul and gave two more performances of their show to Adopt A Class schools. Students from **Oyler Community Learning Center** and **River-view East Academy** were thrilled with the performances. At the end of the day there were a few individuals with sore muscles from helping to move and set up the stage, but the smiling faces of over 500 students made it all worth it!

## News and Notes

- Over 150 7th and 8th grade students had an interactive career fair at **Roberts Paideia Academy in Price Hill** thanks to a collaborative effort with Learning For Life, Adopt A Class, and Adopt A Class Partner **Turner Construction Company**. Thanks to the generosity of the Roberts Adopt A Class members and several Cincinnati area businesses including sponsor Turner Construction, students had the opportunity to learn more about careers that are often time not afforded to them due to their socioeconomic background. Students learned about careers in fields ranging from architecture to banking.
- Thanks to Adopt A Class Partner **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church** for their gen-

erous donation of over \$4,500 worth of books that will be donated to **Taft Elementary!** Good Shepherd also delivered a "mountain" of school supplies to their adopted 2nd and 3rd grade classes, much to the delight of both teachers and students.

- Bill Burwinkel**, Founder of Adopt A Class, was named to *Cincinnati Magazine's* "The Power List" of the most influential people in the city for his efforts in bringing together at-risk students and members of the business community through Adopt A Class.
- For more Adopt A Class news and the **Annual School Year Schedule**, check out the website at: [www.aacfoundation.com](http://www.aacfoundation.com)

## Welcome New Adopters!

### New Greater Cincinnati Adopters:

- 5/3 Operations Center
  - AL Neyer Inc.
  - BASES
  - Bethesda North - Endo Unit
  - BHDP Architecture
  - Business Courier
  - Cincinnati Children's - College Hill
  - Cincinnati Children's -Speech Path.
  - Cincinnati Dept. of Community Development
  - Cincinnati Payroll Assoc.
  - Citizen's Bank of NKY
  - College Hill Coffee Co.
  - Cornerstone Financial
  - First Watch - Downtown
  - First Watch - Kenwood
  - Gerner & Kearns
  - HORAN
  - Hoxworth Blood Center
  - Llanfair
  - Larosa's College Hill
  - LPK
  - Mercy Hospital Mt. Airy
  - Mother of Mercy High School
  - MRSI
  - MSA Architects
  - National City Bank HQ
  - Neon Lites
  - PNC Bank - College Hill
  - Pricewaterhouse Coopers
  - Roth Partnerships
  - Stepping Stone Ministries
  - Steven Schaefer Associates
  - St Paul Episcopal Church
  - Sylvan Learning Center
  - UPS Business Development
  - USbank - Asset Remarketing
  - USbank - Administration
  - USbank - Consumer Finance
  - USbank - Headquarters
  - USbank - NKY District
  - USbank - Oak Hills
  - VORYS
  - Warsaw Federal
  - WCPO TV
  - World Market - W. Hills
  - YMCA - Mt. Washington
- ### New Portland Adopters:
- Portland Adventist Academy
  - Daymon Worldwide
  - Fred Meyer Office Grocery Division
  - Roosevelt High School Aspiring Educators Class
  - Con-Way
  - MBT Marketing & Communications
  - The Tire Factory
  - Port of Portland
  - Fred Meyer Burlingame Store

# Five Questions for Sybil Mullins

Each newsletter will feature an outstanding person or organization who is going above and beyond to make a difference in the Foundation and in the lives of students. This month's interview is with Sybil Mullins, who is the Business Team Leader for Pleasant Hills Academy in College Hill.



## 1. Could you tell us a little bit about yourself?

*I moved to Cincinnati when I was 11 from Saratoga Springs, New York. I went to college at Denison University in Granville, Ohio, majoring in Spanish. After college, I worked as a baker at the Bonbonerie for 5 years before deciding to go to law school at Chase College of Law. I am an attorney at a small downtown firm focusing my practice in the areas of probate, real estate, corporate and estate*

*planning. I am married to Matthew Mullin (whom I met at Denison) he is an environmental scientist. We have twin 9 year old sons who keep us more than busy.*

## 2. How did you get involved in Adopt A Class?

*I got involved in AAC when a friend told me about the program and introduced me to Bill Burwinkel. When I met Bill, I immediately knew that his energy and excitement about the program was going to be contagious, and it was. I volunteered to serve as Business Team Leader for Pleasant Hill Academy in College Hill. I have met with the teachers at Pleasant Hill and many business and community organizations to spread the word about the great benefits of the AAC program for all parties involved. So far, all the organiza-*

*tions I have approached about adopting classes have all signed on with the program!*

## 3. What does your role as Business Team Leader entail?

*As the Business team leader my role is to get the word out about AAC to local businesses and community groups. I connect with all my adopters on a monthly basis to ensure that the program is running smoothly. I also am in close contact with our School Coordinator to field any questions and address any concerns she may have from the teachers themselves. We believe that communication is the key to a successful partnership between both groups.*

## 4. What positive changes do you see the AAC program making?

*I'm amazed at the immediate connection that kids and adopters feel toward one another. The adopters are fantastic role models for a group of kids that otherwise might not come into contact with people in the business world. The adopters find that getting involved with their classes has proven to be a great team-building exercise and strong bonds are forged between the students and their adopters.*

## 5. Is there anything you would like to say to the adopters/teachers at the beginning of the school year?

*To the teachers: know that it is our mission to have every classroom at Pleasant Hill adopted by the end of this school year. With your input and referrals we can make that happen sooner rather than later. To the adopters: thank you for your commitment to the AAC program and especially to the kids at Pleasant Hill Academy. You are mentoring and serving as role models to children who deserve the very best.*

## Do You Know Someone Who Would Make a Great Adopter?

Since this past May we have added 56 new Adopters. Each of these Adopters was the result of a referral. With many classes still to be adopted the need for referrals is more important than ever. We all know someone that would enjoy being involved. It's as easy as picking up the phone and introducing Adopt A Class, asking if they will allow someone to come explain the program in greater detail and then calling (513-244-8075) or e-mailing Bill Burwinkel at [bill.b@aacfoundation.com](mailto:bill.b@aacfoundation.com). Before we know it we'll have Adopters for all our less fortunate children.

## News from Portland

We are very happy to introduce Brian Tosky, Portland's first Adopt A Class Team Leader. Brian is the Professional and Customer Services Program Manager at learning.com and he is the AAC Business Coordinator for his company at Humboldt elementary.

As the Adopt A Class Team Leader Brian is passionate about helping kids to succeed in life and in their education. He is currently working with Jamila Williams, Humboldt Principal, to develop a book fair which will be a tremendous benefit for the Humboldt students. Adopt A Class is fortunate to have him.

Because of Brian's commitment, Janice and Wayne will be able to spend more time finding additional Adopters for their schools.

