

Mike & Gretchen Burns Trust Fund

Fellow Jaycees and JCI Senators,

As some of you are aware, we have taken on the monumental task of helping a truly deserving Jaycee family. Mike Burns, JCI Senator #47637, and Gretchen Burns, JCI Senator #46294. Below I will outline what has happened and what you can do to help in improving the quality of life for Mike and Gretchen.

June 2009- Mike lost his job due to downsizing

February 2011- Mike went back to work at Copeland in Sidney

In March 2011, Gretchen, who is a type 2 diabetic, had open heart surgery. Shortly after the surgery, they moved out of their home. Due to financial hardship from her surgery, they filed bankruptcy in November, 2011.

In September 2012, Mike broke his ankle. Due to an issue involving a non-sterile procedure in his Drs. Office, gangrene set in and Mike lost his left leg below the knee. Mike is also a type 2 diabetic. Shortly after, Mike filed for disability retirement due to his medical condition.

In October 2012, Mike developed an infection in his right big toe and was diagnosed with an arterial disease. He went to a wound specialist, and it was determined he needed a vein bypass on his right leg.

In September 2013, due to a clot in his leg and an arterial failure from lack of circulation and loss of pulse, the doctors determined the right leg must be removed as well. Mike lost his right leg just below the knee.

Currently, they are not living in anything near close to a handicap accessible home. They are renting and cannot make any modifications to the home. Our goal is to raise enough money to get them back into a home of their own.

Jim Ellis, JCI Senator #58309, our attorney and past legal counsel for the Ohio Jaycees, and I have opened a TRUST FUND ACCOUNT with the US BANK, we have obtained a tax ID number and have the account set up for Mike and Gretchen. This is not a charitable donation account and cannot be written off on your taxes. Below is the information needed to send your donation to help Mike and Gretchen.

Please open your hearts and your check book by giving Mike and Gretchen their life back, so even though it may take a while, they may live out a long and happy life knowing they don't need to worry about their living conditions. I cannot begin to tell you how important this is. Please pass this along to friends, family, coworkers and to anyone who would be willing to help a truly wonderful family in need.

God Bless You, and Thank You

Ron Trego JCI Senator #39782

Jim Ellis JCI Senator #58309

DONATIONS CAN BE MADE TO:

The Mike and Gretchen Burns Trust Fund
P.O Box 24211
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