

PearlAnn Legacy Foundation

Faith, Hope, and Love in Action



PEARLANN LEGACY CLASSIC

Corporate Sponsorship Packet

A Community Wheelchair Basketball Event

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Sponsor Information Packet

The PearlAnn Legacy Foundation exists to carry forward the courage, resilience, and unwavering love of Pearl and Ann Bennett. Rooted in their story and inspired by the barriers they broke, we work to strengthen families facing adversity and empower individuals with disabilities to pursue education, opportunity, and a life of dignity and purpose.

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A Note from the Founder

Thank you for taking a moment to look through this packet. This foundation is deeply personal to me, and every part of it is rooted in the lives of my parents, Pearl and Ann Bennett. Their story is one of quiet strength, resilience, and a love that held our family together through some very hard seasons. Carrying their legacy forward is both an honor and a calling.

The PearlAnn Legacy Classic is one of the ways we share their spirit with our community. It brings people together, celebrates ability and inclusion, and supports students and families facing their own challenges. Inside this packet, you'll find a little more about who we are, why this work matters, and sponsorship opportunities. Truly, any level of support is meaningful.

Thank you again for your time, your consideration, and the work you do in our community. If you ever want to talk more about the foundation or the event, I would be honored to connect.

With gratitude,

Cynthia McMaken

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Our Story: The Legacy of Pearl and Ann

Every legacy begins with a story. Ours begins with two people whose lives were shaped by hardship, strengthened by faith, and defined by love.

Pearl and Ann Bennett both faced significant physical disabilities from childhood. Pearl contracted polio at age five, leaving him with a crippled arm and hand. He turned to alcohol as a means of coping with his emotional pain. His addiction caused great hardship for him and his family. Ann was born with a severe form of clubfoot and was denied admission to high school simply because the world was not built to accommodate her. Yet both carried a quiet resilience that shaped their family and inspired everyone who knew them.

Despite their early educational barriers, they believed deeply in the power of learning. They encouraged their children to pursue opportunities they themselves were denied. Later in life, they lived out that belief: Ann earned her GED at age 40, and Pearl became a certified nurse's aide in his early 50s — milestones that reflected courage, determination, and hope.

Their lives were not easy, but they were profoundly meaningful. The PearlAnn Legacy Foundation was created to honor their truth — not a perfect story, but a courageous one. A story of perseverance, compassion, and steadfast love. The PearlAnn Legacy Foundation does not just carry their names — it carries their spirit. Through our scholarship program and adaptive sports initiatives, we continue the legacy they lived every day: resilience, compassion, and a belief in the power of opportunity. Their story is our foundation, and their legacy is our mission.

Mission & What We Do

Mission Statement

The PearlAnn Legacy Foundation honors the lives of Pearl Leroy and Anna Lou Bennett by carrying forward their legacy of breaking barriers and rising above adversity. We support individuals and families who have faced significant hardship through educational scholarships and initiatives designed to honor resilience, empower potential, and promote inclusion. Guided by Faith, Hope, and Love, we strive to inspire others to rise above adversity and live with courage and dignity.

What We Do

The PearlAnn Legacy Foundation turns “Faith, Hope, and Love in Action” into meaningful opportunities for individuals and families facing adversity. Our work centers on two core initiatives that reflect the heart of Pearl and Ann’s legacy.

1. The PearlAnn Legacy Scholarship

The PearlAnn Legacy Scholarship supports students who:

- live with a disability
- face significant family-based adversity
- demonstrate resilience, determination, and a desire to build a better future

This scholarship honors Pearl and Ann’s belief that every person deserves the chance to rise, to learn, and to pursue their full potential.

2. The PearlAnn Legacy Classic (Adaptive Sports Event)

The PearlAnn Legacy Classic is an adaptive sports event celebrating ability, courage, and community. The Classic:

- raises awareness about disability inclusion
- promotes physical activity and community engagement
- provides a platform for adaptive athletes to shine
- supports our scholarship fund and future mission-driven programs

It is a joyful, energetic expression of resilience — a living tribute to the spirit of Pearl and Ann.

PearlAnn Legacy Classic Event Overview

1. Overview

The PearlAnn Legacy Foundation is proud to present the **inaugural PearlAnn Legacy Classic**, an adaptive wheelchair basketball event celebrating inclusion, resilience, and community. Inspired by a wheelchair basketball game organized decades ago by Ann Bennett, the Classic brings together the Cincinnati Dragons Wheelchair Basketball Organization and local students, faculty, and administrators for a fun, uplifting, and hands-on experience. All participants will use adaptive-sport wheelchairs, creating a powerful opportunity for empathy and understanding.

2. Purpose

- Honor the legacy of Pearl and Ann Bennett
- Promote awareness and appreciation of the life-changing impact of adaptive sports
- Provide a fun and uplifting experience for students, families, and the entire community
- Strengthen community connection
- Raise funds for the PearlAnn Legacy Scholarship, which will serve Fayette County students.

3. Event Description

The event features:

- An exhibition by the Cincinnati Dragons Wheelchair Basketball Organization
- A full wheelchair basketball game with members of the Cincinnati Dragons playing alongside student athletes, faculty, and administrators from Fayette Christian, Miami Trace, and Washington Court House school districts.

4. Venue & Timing

- **Venue:** Miami Trace High School
- **Date:** November 21st at 6:00 pm
- **Duration:** Approximately 1 1/2 hours
- **Expected Attendance:** 250

5. Conclusion

The PearlAnn Legacy Classic is not merely a fundraiser or a basketball game — it is a deeply meaningful, inspirational community event that honors a powerful local family legacy while uplifting students and families across Fayette County.

Why Partner With Us

The PearlAnn Legacy Foundation was created from a story of resilience, courage, and love — and its impact reaches far beyond one family. Your partnership helps us carry forward the legacy of Pearl and Ann Bennett by opening doors that were once closed to them and so many others.

Families facing adversity often walk a difficult road. Disabilities, financial hardship, addiction, and trauma can create barriers that feel impossible to overcome alone. Pearl and Ann knew those challenges intimately and continued to believe that every person deserves the chance to rise, to learn, and to live with dignity.

When you support the PearlAnn Legacy Foundation, you are making an impact on students and families right here in Fayette County. By partnering with us, you will:

- Help deliver an inclusive event that strengthens community pride and unity
- Expand scholarship opportunities for students in Fayette County
- Demonstrate your organization's commitment to resilience, equity, and opportunity
- Empower individuals with disabilities to participate fully in sports, community, and life
- Inspire young people through real stories of perseverance
- Ensure that the values of courage, hope, and resilience continue to shape future generations

Your partnership doesn't just make this event possible — it brings our mission to life in tangible ways.

What Your Sponsorship Supports

Your sponsorship supports the core expenses that make this community-centered event possible:

- **T-shirts** for athletes, volunteers, and board members
- **Event signage** such as banners, flyers, and posters
- **Liability insurance** required for use of Miami Trace High School
- **Event programs** featuring partner and sponsor recognition

Join Us in Building Something Meaningful

We would be honored to partner with you to make the inaugural **PearlAnn Legacy Classic** a powerful, uplifting experience for our entire community. Together, we can celebrate resilience, expand inclusion, and create opportunities for students who need it most.

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PearlAnn Legacy Classic Wheelchair Basketball Game

Uniting our community in an inspiring celebration of adaptive sports while providing funding for the PearlAnn Legacy Scholarship for students across Fayette County.



Legacy Sponsor
\$5,000

Honoring the Legacy of Pearl and Ann

- Naming recognition ("PearlAnn Legacy Classic presented by...")
- Top billing on all event materials
- Full-page program feature
- Social media spotlight
- VIP seating
- Website recognition



Love Sponsor
\$1000

The Greatest of These – Empowering Transformation

- Quarter sponsorship (4 available)
- Quarter promotion
- Logo on event signage
- Half-page program feature
- Social media recognition
- VIP seating
- Website recognition



Hope Sponsor
\$500

Lifting Students and Families Toward Possibility

- Logo on event signage
- Quarter-page program feature
- Social media recognition
- Website recognition



Faith Sponsor
\$250

The Foundation of All We Do

- Name or logo on event signage
- Name listed in event program
- Social media recognition
- Website recognition



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Sponsorship Commitment Form

PearlAnn Legacy Classic – Adaptive Sports Event

Thank you for supporting the mission of the PearlAnn Legacy Foundation. Your sponsorship helps us honor the legacy of Pearl and Ann Bennett by expanding educational opportunities, empowering individuals with disabilities, and strengthening families facing adversity.

Please complete the form below to confirm your sponsorship.

Sponsor Information

Business/Organization Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Title/Role: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Sponsorship Level

Please select your preferred sponsorship level:

- ☐ **Legacy Sponsor — \$5,000**
- ☐ **Love Sponsor — \$1,000**
- ☐ **Hope Sponsor — \$500**
- ☐ **Faith Sponsor — \$250**

Logo Submission

Please email a high-resolution logo to: cmcmaken@pearlannlegacy.org

How would you like your name to appear in event materials?

Payment Information

Checks may be made payable to:
PearlAnn Legacy Foundation

Mailing Address:

7477 Old Troy Pike
Saint Paris, OH 43072

Authorization

By signing below, you confirm your sponsorship commitment and authorize the PearlAnn Legacy Foundation to include your name/logo in event materials in accordance with your selected sponsorship level.

Authorized Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____