

The Logan Family Foundation

Inspired to “pay forward,” the Logan Family Foundation was founded in 2004. Since its inception, the Foundation has hosted charitable events – often with notable honorary chairs – to raise money for dozens of deserving charities. To date, the Foundation has awarded almost \$1,000,000.

The foundation was inspired by the life lessons of the board’s parents, Dick and Gloria Logan. The family has been blessed with sports and life success and is determined to “pay forward” to families and children in the communities where they live. Dick played football for the Ohio State University – Woody Hayes became his coach his senior year -- and for the Green Bay Packers. In 1975, he invested in a sporting goods store in North Canton in order to free up his time to watch son Jeff play football at Ohio State. Gloria, a former Hall of Distinction Inductee, worked at the store as well. Dick passed away in November 2016 just hours after

watching a Buckeye victory over That Team Up North and Gloria continues to support the Foundation, providing feedback and ideas. Gloria remains a great source of inspiration to the family.

The Foundation's Board is made up of Dick and Gloria's adult children: Jeff Logan, a successful Buckeye himself currently lives in Delaware, Ohio; Whit Logan, an outstanding high school athlete and successful businessman in Upper Arlington; Andy Logan, a Kent State football player and current proprietor of Logan's Sporting Goods; Amy Logan Walther, who is considered the MVP of the family; and Jill Logan, the widow of 4-time Olympian and former Hall of Distinction Inductee Jud Logan. Each of them recognizes the lessons of their parents. Additionally, there are 11 grandchildren with successful careers in education, healthcare, business, public relations, and college and professional sports who are poised to continue the work of the foundation.

Sadly, Jud passed away in January 2022 following a battle with Covid-19. He articulated his parents' lessons in his 2020 Commencement address to the graduates of Ashland University. He emphasized the need to find and be a mentor in order to give light to others. Furthermore, he lived his motto of "what he had he gave and what you keep is lost forever."

The premier fundraising event of the foundation is its annual charity sports celebrity golf outing, dinner, and auction. Each year the event has an honorary chair to help raise interest and awareness. Former chairs have included Buckeye head coaches Urban Meyer, Jim Tressel, and Earle Bruce, two-time Heisman trophy winner Archie Griffin, record setting Mount Union Football Coach Larry Kehres, sports analysts Todd Blackledge and Clark Kellogg, and other successful players and coaches from Kent State, Ohio State, and Ashland Universities. They attempt to put a sports

celebrity with each foursome so that participants “get to know a coach, a player, or Olympian.”

There are nearly 110 organizations to whom the foundation has paid forward. Some of the most notable include the YMCA where Dick was on the board, a wide variety of North Canton sport and academic programs, Ashland City Schools and Ashland University, several Children’s Hospital Foundations and wish-granting organizations, The James Cancer Hospital at Ohio State, food banks, Rotary organizations, and a wide variety of other deserving groups. The Foundation is excited to be approaching \$1,000,000 in donations.

The Logan Family Foundation has devoted itself in the 21st century to using their talents and connections to “pay forward.” It is with deep appreciation that the North Canton Alumni Association receives the Logan Family Foundation into its Hall of Distinction.