



Cuyahoga Falls City Schools
FRIEND OF EDUCATION AWARD

Certificate of Commendation

THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED TO

WESTERN RESERVE HOSPITAL

IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR TEAM OF PROFESSIONALS WHO GENEROUSLY PROVIDE ENCOURAGEMENT AND GUIDANCE TO STUDENTS IN THE FIELD OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS. THEIR EFFORTS, TIME, AND TALENT HAVE MADE MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT ARE SIGNIFICANT IN SCOPE AND DIRECTLY SUPPORT THE CUYAHOGA FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT'S VISION AND MISSION.

Dr. Todd M. Nichols,
Superintendent/CEO

7/18/2018

Date

Ms. Karen Schofield,
President - Board of Education

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CUYAHOGA FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Western Reserve Hospital

Western Reserve Hospital has been the leading example of what it means to be a community partner to a school.

During the 2012-2013 school year, Western Reserve helped sponsor the Tiger News Network program at Roberts Middle School by providing over \$5,000 worth of equipment and materials for students to create a news show. This equipment is still being used on a regular basis at Roberts as new students each year take the show to a whole new level.

Approximately 6 years ago when the Health and Wellness Den was created, Dr. Ron Russ and Mr. Mark Bosko worked closely with the school district and its administration to define the needs of the newly formed interest-based learning academy. They personally attended district level meetings where they engaged in the creation process, worked to generate opportunities for high school administration to work with other leaders in the hospital, and provided an \$80,000 donation to the den and its students. This work and support that was established so early on allowed for the Health and Wellness Den to develop authentic learning opportunities for its students from the very first quarter of the school year the den debuted.

Health and Wellness Den students now visit the hospital four times a year for hands-on shadow experiences. In addition, Western Reserve Hospital sends medical specialists, including but not limited to nurses, doctors, physical therapists, and medical technicians, to the school in our “Keynote speaker series” to talk to our students about their professions. In the last three years, others such as Mrs. Johanna Tanno and Nealie D'Abate of Western Reserve Hospital, have met often with the school administration and teachers assisting in the design of the authentic experiences.

This work continues every school year and continues to build on to itself by adding to events such as the Health and Wellness Halloween 5K and other student led experiences. In addition to working with the den, Mrs. Tanno also works outside of the den structure by assisting the Drug Free Club of America group in our high school.

Western Reserve Hospital and its staff have gone above and beyond the contributions of a community partner. Their professionalism, leadership, and willingness to create a truly authentic experience for our students has and will continue to impact our graduates for years to come.