

SCHENK ENDOWMENT HONORS BROTHER

Greg Schenk, owner of The Schenk Company, Inc., a tenant-representative brokerage firm, is inspired by the memory of his younger brother, Jeff, who died of cancer in 1977 when he was 15 years old. In 1998, Greg Schenk set up the Jeff Schenk Memorial Endowment Fund for cancer research to honor his brother and to help find a cure for this disease which took the lives of two others close to him.



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Schenk remembers that although Jeff knew of his illness a year before his death, he never lost his desire to work hard and do his best. Throughout his struggle with the disease, Jeff continued to make the honor roll as a sophomore in high school.

"Jeff is truly an inspiration. We all have little aches and pains in life, but anytime I feel pain I think of what he went through," Schenk said.

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Schenk finds his motivation in knowing that his success will allow him to contribute to improving the quality of the lives of others.

"The more successful I can be, the more I can do to stop this horrible disease," said Schenk. He believes that one of the best ways he is able to contribute is by creating awareness through his clients.

"We take pride in the people we work with," said Schenk. "I want them to realize the suffering going on and convince them that they have the ability to make a difference."

The Jeff Schenk Memorial Endowment Fund was made a reality because of various gifts and pledges from fund-raising efforts conducted by Greg Schenk, including a successful benefit grand opening of the Carlisle Club, a Columbus dance club which opened in September 1999. Schenk said that it is his goal to have an event at least once a year to benefit the fund.

"The bottom line is helping people in pain," Schenk said. As for the successes Greg Schenk has earned, he said, "I always said that I would do enough for two in this life."

For information on how you can establish an endowment, please call Linda Ray, Director of Donor Relations, at 614/722-2990, or email her at lray@chi.osu.edu.