

To all who wish to help Kevin Gonyer and his family,

On August 11, 2007, I swam from Atwood Marina West to Atwood Yacht Club, a distance of three miles. A year ago this started to be just a personal challenge for me in my first attempt at an open water swim with John Hoopingarner.

John Hoopingarner, Executive Director for the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD) has completed this swim yearly for the past two years to raise money for the preservation and conservation of Atwood Lake in Carroll County. This year John informed me that he was raising money to help the victim of a motorcycle accident in June involving Kevin Gonyer. Kevin was employed with MWCD as an Activities Leader at Atwood Lake on a seasonal basis. He suffered multiple injuries, including head trauma and knee damage and was hospitalized for several weeks. He is currently undergoing therapy and rehabilitation at Edwin Shaw Hospital in Akron. Kevin will be unable to return to work this season. Unfortunately, the driver of the vehicle that caused the accident is uninsured, and Kevin has no health insurance. Kevin (22 yrs. old) is married to the granddaughter of the former Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Director Joe Sommer and they have an infant child. Joe has been helping out Kevin's family financially since the accident.

Along with MWCD, I would like to ask for any contributions (no amount is too small) to help Kevin and his family financially. As I meet Kevin for the first time on September 1, 2007 at Atwood Lake, I will present him with all the funds that we have raised for him and his family. I have started an account in Kevin's name at US Bank. If you would like to join me and others in assisting Kevin, you may make a donation to the "**Kevin Gonyer Benefit**" by doing the following:

Make checks out to **"Kevin Gonyer Benefit"**

You may deposit them at any **US Bank account number 130110304263**

Please make donations by August 31, 2007. No amount would be too small.

Thank you for your time in this matter.

David E. Dobbins