

# The Eastwood Hall of Fame 2023

## DARLA BOYK

Darla, the daughter of Earl and Doris Abke, graduated from Eastwood High School in 1981. She earned a bachelor's degree in biology in 1985 at Capital University and graduated from Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine in 1989. Since then, she has practiced small animal medicine in local veterinary clinics. Darla married Dave Boyk in 1987 and they have two children, Megan and Joe.



Darla made her first visit in 2017 to Honduras with the John Carroll University medical brigade and was astounded at the number of gastrointestinal problems the medical brigade treated. Upon return, she and her husband asked Bethlehem Lutheran Church to help with the purchase of much-needed water filters, which eventually resulted in Mission Honduras, a ministry that provides and distributes water filters to rural Honduras villages. Darla has tirelessly fundraised, organized, and led a mission trip to Honduras yearly. Due to the generosity of many in the Eastwood community, the filters distributed have made a profound impact on the health of these rural Honduran people.



- Mission Honduras has distributed 1,800 household water filters from 2018 to present
- 9,000 people have been given access to clean drinking water
- Mission Honduras distributes and educates the people on the use of the home water filter and provides follow-up visits to each village to ensure filters are being maintained correctly.
- The incidence of gastrointestinal complaints in children under the age of 5 has decreased by 87% due to access to filtered water.
- All this is possible due to Darla's desire to serve others and willingness to put in the work to make it happen.