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Papa Bruce: A Colorful Character

By Darlene Large
HOINA President

October has always been a favorite month with all of the rich colors of autumn residing in it. This year, we celebrate the most colorful character I know, my husband Bruce. The things I most cherish about him are his humor and laugh and his generous, kindheartedness. I remember when we all were living together on Hershey Avenue in Leola, PA. Dirk and Todd were spending time talking and visiting; Letti was downstairs in the family room with Linda Huber and another friend. Music was blasting throughout the house. Frankly, I had a headache.

Raja and I were in the kitchen when she announced, "Mom, it is so quiet today." I was shocked!

"Quiet? Why do you say that? The noise is deafening."

"Mom, didn't you ever notice when Daddy is home you can hear his laughter all the way to the top of the house. He fills the whole house." I had to smile and certainly agree with Raj.

When I look back over our lives together, I remember all the things he has taught me. It was Bruce who taught me to drive a car. It was Bruce who encouraged me to be a leader. When my confidence waned, he would push me to do the new idea that I had just brainstormed.



Some of the HOINA children enjoy a happy moment with Papa Bruce Large

When HOINA began, he was not very excited about it. However, after his first trip in 1982, he caught the vision of it. I was shy about asking for help, and he would often say to me, "If you don't ask, the answer is definitely going to be no." He was right.

I often wonder if several thousand HOINA children would be alive today if I had not married Bruce Large. He has been so generous in allowing me to come here while he took care of everything back home. (Have any of us mentioned what a marvelous cook he is?) He and I have certainly been a team for God. I can't think of a better partner in this work, and I thank Jesus for allowing me to do it with him for these many years. 🙏

Darlene

What's Not to Love About Papa?

By Letti (Large) Becker

On the auspicious occasion of my father's 80th birthday this month, we decided to honor him in this issue. Many of us at HOINA wanted to share fond memories of him with you [*see list below*]. While Daddy has earned his title of "Papa Bruce" deservedly, he has had so many other titles in his many blessed decades: son, big brother, student, Alpha Gamma Rho brother, Penn State graduate, husband, father, premiere dairy consultant in the nation, research and development pioneer in the fast food industry, golfer, bowler, friend, Lions Club member, deacon, Vice President and Treasurer of HOINA, and (most importantly to me!) grandfather.

In my entire life, I cannot remember a time that he wasn't unflappable. He is as steady as a rock, knowing the

truth of Matthew 6:34, "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." When I am prone to worry, he calmly reminds me "to not borrow trouble from tomorrow." He has passed on his "do it right" mentality to his children as we hear his voice ring in our heads, "Never time to do it right the first time; always time to do it twice!" While I'm sure most fathers dote on their daughters, I have specific memories of the lilt in his voice when I would call him at work. As soon as he heard my voice, his tone changed from the formal, "Bruce Large speaking," to "Hi, Sweetheart!" To know that I could always, always reach him gave me a sense of security that is irreplaceable.

Thanks, Daddy.

The HOINA boys say

- *I like Papa's energy.* M. Kumar Babu
- *I like Papa's laugh, Ho Hoo Ho.* G. Kondanna
- *I love Papa's service hand to Mom as well as to HOINA.* I. Ramesh
- *I love Papa's laugh as well as his helping nature to the HOINA kids.* K. Ravi
- *Papa is a gentle and a wise man. I love his thoughts.* A. Rajiv Reddy
- *I love Papa's singing song with whistle.* A. Edukondalu Reddy
- *I like papa's sense of humour.* G. Prakash
- *I like Papa's facial expressions.* K. Uday Kumar
- *I love Papa's practicalness and his practical thinking.* E. John
- *I love Papa's laugh and joyfulness.* K. Sampath
- *I love and I like Papa's energy and activeness.* K. Upendra
- *At the age of 80 also Papa is very energetic. I like his powerful voice.* M. Rajubabu
- *Still Papa behaves with the children like a child. That means he is very jovial and giving good guidelines.* K. Prasanth
- *I like Papa's sense of humor.* G. Anil
- *I like Papa's laugh and energy.* K. Tata Rao
- *I like Papa's energy and service nature. He is good example to us.* K.V.N.

And from the girls, staff and board

- *I like his joy and his work for HOINA at this age.* Rhoda
- *Papa is always having comedy and good communication...He loves me very much.* Alak
- *Papa loves everyone.* Hema
- *I love Papa's smile.* Sandya
- *I love Papa's joy and happy face.* Teja
- *I love his character.* Revathy
- *I love Papa's joy and his belly.* Priyanka
- *I like his love.* Surya
- *I love Papa's voice.* Manmitha
- *He treats us like a father.* Rama (staff)
- *He smiles all the time.* Indironi (staff)
- *I love his smile.* Devi (staff)
- *I love Papa's understanding ways. Papa always says when there is a problem, 'Let's think about this. There is always a solution.' Then he is always smiling and encouraging us in all ways.* Anand (staff)
- *I'll never forget the first time I met Bruce and he described India as, "An assault on your senses in both positive and negative ways." I wasn't sure what it meant at the time, but now I fully understand, and it is how I describe India to others who have not been.* David Fyfe (HOINA BOD Member)
- *His ability of laugh, and cause others to laugh too. His ability to see reality, but not let it get him down.* Amy Mowbray (HOINA BOD Member)

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Birthday Wishes for My Big Brother



Brothers Lawrence M. and Bruce D. Large

By Larry Large

The whole HOINA family, including friends and supporters, have dubbed Bruce Large as “Papa Bruce” since he has been the “Papa” figure for so many hundreds of past, present, and—God willing—future HOINA children. As an member of the board of HOINA, Bruce

makes necessary trips annually to India. For many of us, that prospect would be daunting; but my brother takes it in stride. At the age of 80, he still travels internationally to Central and South America and all over the U.S. to ensure that companies producing food products are utilizing proper techniques to safeguard the food supply from contamination. My older brother has contributed much to his food technology profession and to HOINA in both time and money.

We enjoy a warm and loving relationship even though we see each other rarely, being separated by almost a thousand miles. I have fond memories of growing up as a boy following in my big brother’s footsteps, sometimes to precarious conclusions! However, he has had a positive influence on my life, just as he has had on the lives of so many HOINA children. I am proud to be his brother.

Happy Birthday, Bruce.

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Our new HOINA bus is such a blessing. We are continuing to raise funds for a second one, but we are grateful to have this one already! Your prayers and generosity have done it again. Also pictured here is a shot of our new water purification system. We have hopes that it will prevent many infections and keep our children and staff healthy, even in the rainy season. Thanks, again!

12-year-old Needs Sponsor



Srinath Roop Tej was born on May 24, 2000. His parents were married in 1998 and had two sons. Srinath's father worked in a fancy shop, but he died of jaundice and heart problems in 2002. After he died, his wife, Mrs. Laksmi Latha took her two sons to go live with her parents. Unfortunately, her own father passed away after a few years, leaving the two ladies and two boys with no way to support themselves. Upon hearing about HOINA through the sub-inspector of police in our area, Mrs. Laksmi Latha approached our staff to ask if we could care for her son, Srinath. He's now a fourth-grader, looking for a HOINA sponsor.

Might that sponsor be you? If so, please complete the coupon on page 3 and return it with your first monthly gift of \$30. Your gift will provide his food, clothing, shelter, medical care, and schooling. Won't you consider joining the HOINA family in this way?