

**Humans of Findlay is a documentary project based on the blog “Humans of New York.” The project was created to introduce many of the unique people of Findlay, Ohio. The man behind the lens and the project is Dave Morrow. Morrow has interviewed over 600 people of Findlay, ranging from age 5 to 102 years old, with a wide range of diversity and backgrounds.**

**On April 4, 2018, a proclamation was signed by Mayor Lydia Mihalik designating the day as “Humans of Findlay Day.” Each of the stories have been read up to 30,000 times, and can be located on [humansoffindlay.com](http://humansoffindlay.com), Humans of Findlay Facebook page, as well as in this monthly magazine.**

**Know someone that you feel should be featured? Send a nomination on the Facebook page.**

## MICHAEL LEE BUCHER

Mike Lee Bucher is an inspiration to others, despite living with stage three cancer and continuous pain from a failed knee and osteoporosis. Mike is on a mission and nothing in his life slows him down as he lives each day to be a light to just one person, whether it be by humor, song, poetry or flowers from his garden.

Mike has lived on and off in Findlay since 1978, putting roots down finally in 1996 when he went to work for Findlay Industries as an Auto-Quality manager. He has worked as a high-rise construction worker, a tank builder and spent many years teaching and mentoring others about “Lean” manufacturing.

His work life ended in 2010 when he was diagnosed with stage three Multiple Myeloma, a cancer of the blood and marrow. While it hit him hard at first and he lost 30 pounds in ten days due to chemotherapy, he has rebounded thanks to the kindness of many, including caretakers, nurses, doctors and many, many friends.

He still has treatment once a week in Columbus but keeps busy with music therapy, art classes, writing songs and poetry and singing at the open mic at Coffee Amici. He plays rhythm guitar, bass, keyboard and some drums. This has lessened some as he has neuropathy in his hands and feet from chemotherapy. He also can be seen on numerous Facebook posts as the “Tip Jar Bandit”, a persona he takes on to increase tips for local bands.

After an infection in a replaced knee resulted in losing his knee he learned how to walk again. He has also learned to walk the paths of life as well. “I have learned to share with others humor, flowers etc. I want to inject a positive spirit in to some one’s life each day is my goal.”



Watch out people or Mike just might make your day and make you smile!

\*Michael has been recently placed in hospice care but keeps a great positive attitude and each day reaches out to touch others.