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The puzzle-themed ad campaign created by Wendy Wilder of *The Greeneville Sun* was perfect for honoring a local benefactor, but could be used downtown businesses, a mall, a single business with multiple locations and much more





The Greeneville Sun GREENEVILLE, TENNESSEE

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PUZZLE ADS

A Fitting Tribute to

Inspiration for ad campaigns can be found everywhere. For Wendy Wilder, Account Manager for The Greeneville (Tennessee) Sun, inspiration took the form of a statue of a boy flying a model airplane at the local children's hospital. That boy grew into an extraordinary business man named Scott Niswonger, who, in addition to founding two successful transportation companies, is a major philanthropist whose contributions funded a children's hospital and performing arts venue, revitalized historic buildings and local colleges, and provided college scholarships for local high school students both in his birthplace — Van Wert, Ohio and his adopted hometown of Greeneville, Tennessee.

"We were working on our annual progress edition," Wilder recalls, "and when I saw that statue, it reminded me of what a difference Scott Niswonger has made in our town and inspired me to honor him in some way in our progress edition. The result of Wilder's inspiration was a seven-part ad campaign with six puzzle-piece-shaped individual ads and a seventh that features all of the pieces put together with three additional pieces down the middle including a photo of the statue of the young Scott Niswonger flying the model airplane. The ad's headline reads, "One boy's dream changed our community..." At the bottom of the ad is a quote from Niswonger that begins, "The whole is greater than the sum of its parts is a philosophy that perfectly applies to building a community," along with the logo of the Niswonger Foundation. While Wilder had come up with the idea of using individual puzzle-pieceshaped ads a few years ago, she had never found a fitting use for

them. Upon deciding to honor Scott Niswonger's many gifts to the city of Greeneville, she knew that she had landed on a perfect opportunity for the puzzle-themed ad campaign Each puzzle piece shows one of the philanthropist's gifts to Greeneville the children's hospital, the performing arts venue, a ballpark the local college, and the building that houses Landair, Niswonger's company.

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Rather than find local sponsors for each of the seven ads, Wilder decided to take the campaign to Niswonger himself.

"I took the ads directly to him and sold him on the idea of inspiring others in our progress edition,' she explains. "That was the only way to approach him with it because he would not have been sold on the idea of celebrating himself. He liked the idea and the format and all of the ads that went in that edition. The six quarter-page puzzle pieces were scattered throughout the section and then came together in a final, fullpage ad showing the whole puzzle." Wilder says that Niswonger liked the puzzle-themed ads so much that he is considering purchasing the images from The Greeneville Sun for use elsewhere. He also had the individual ads blown up for display in his conference room. Adds Wilder, "The ad campaign was

very effective and gave our readers a new appreciation for what this man has done for our city. And I heard from the Niswonger Foundation that they received a lot of calls after the progress edition ran. There may have been no call to action in the ads, but they really did inspire a response from people in the community." M (P1409B02001C)

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