

Good morning, Riverside FANS!

Summer has certainly been a busy season here at Riverside. Our Bell Choir kicked things off with an amazing performance at the Troy Strawberry Festival, and our Miami County Magic officially started their 2018 sports calendar with the volleyball and soccer seasons.

We were also joined by this year's Teen Leadership Troy (TLT) class with their visit to our facility earlier this month as part of their annual leadership-driven week exploring Troy and its many opportunities. The day was filled with fun and laughter, and we loved seeing the teens connect with the individuals we serve. In case you missed it, the *Troy Daily News* featured the visit, as well as the students' many other adventures from that week, in an article available on their [website](#).

Like everything else here at Riverside, none of these successes would've been possible without the support of our Miami County community and all of you, our FANS! Everyone here at Riverside appreciates everything you do for our organization, and we consider you a part of the family. In recognition of your never-ending compassion, we'd like to take a moment to thank the following individuals and groups:

- **Teen Leadership Troy** for visiting our organization earlier this month (pictured below, left). We'd also like to extend our sincerest appreciation for your donation of \$500 as part of the Troy Foundation's Project GIFT Grant for us to use for our 3-wheel bike program.
- **RTI and Goodwill Easter Seals Troy Adult Day Services Program** for welcoming this year's TLT students to your facilities and allowing them the opportunity to make new friends with some of their fellow community members.
- **RT Active Day Services and Toward Independence, Inc.** for joining us for TLT's visit to our facility. The teens loved spending time with you, and the day would not have been the same without you!
- **Harry Campbell** for coordinating our fishing trip to Indian Lake on June 12, and **Dennis Waler** for giving us all rides on your pontoon boat. We all had a blast!
- **Jill Wilson** and the **Franklin Masonic Lodge #14 F. & A.M.** for your donations to our Special Olympics program. Your generosity will certainly be appreciated by each of our athletes as they pursue their goals in the upcoming sports seasons. (Franklin Masonic Lodge #14 F. & A.M. donation pictured below, center)

- **David Baker, Harry Bashore, David Battista, Josh Burns, Mike Gitzinger, Jack Hoekstra, Dr. Donald Luna, Mark Nagley, Bob Schnoknecht, Linda Slattery-Lohmoeller, and Susie Sorauf** for sharing your time with our Miami County Magic golfers and being their buddies at practice.
- **Barb Minnich** for sharing your knowledge with some of the individuals we serve and helping them achieve their goals toward increased independence.
- Our FANS from **Monroe Grange** for donating a new swing set for one of the families we serve. It was heartwarming to see the joy you all brought to this family as you installed their new swing set just in time for some summer fun.
- The **Miami County YMCA** for being such welcoming hosts to our new Swimming Lessons Program. All our swimmers loved learning from you and spending time in your beautiful facility.
- **Sabrina Schaeffer** for helping prepare the latest edition of ABLE Magazine for mailing and for putting together take-home packets for our EI Department.
- **Penny Hoekstra** for always providing tasty snacks for our Aktion Club members during their meetings twice a month.
- **Julia Finley** for being such a talented leader to our Bell Choir this past year. All our musicians enjoyed their recent performances at Fletcher United Methodist Church, the Salvation Army in Piqua, and the Troy Strawberry Festival.
- **Officer Jeff Waite** from the Troy Police Department for sharing some great bicycle safety tips during our May Adventures in Advocacy meeting. (Pictured below, right)



You can see more pictures of our awesome FANS and their recent adventures by visiting our Facebook page. Additionally, our latest edition of ABLE Magazine is now available, and in it you can read about a handful of the bonds we have established with some of our FANS. Make sure to visit the Newsletter section of our [website](#), or like us on Facebook, to ensure you catch the Summer 2018 ABLE.

With the passing of another month, we've added more opportunities for you to support the people served by Riverside. If you can fulfill any of these requests, feel free to give us a call. Not able to help but know someone who can? Forward them this newsletter! If you can assist with any of these requests, please contact Brittany Ulman at (937) 440-3049 or brittany.ulman@riversidedd.org. Here are the details.

- **Bowling, Cheerleading, Flag Football, and Swimming Coaches, Officials, Scorekeepers, & Buddies** – Though summer just began, our fall sports season will be here before we know it. We always appreciate volunteers to help coach, officiate, keep score, or be buddies to our athletes. If you can volunteer at any time this fall, please contact Brittany Ulman at (937) 440-3049.
- **Window Air Conditioners** – With the summer season officially underway, hot, humid temperatures are unfortunately upon us. Two individuals we serve don't have air conditioning in their homes and would appreciate a window A/C unit. If you can provide some cool relief for these two, please contact Brittany Ulman at (937) 440-3049 for more information.
- **Assistance Installing Screen Door** – A person we serve was able to purchase a new screen door but would like someone to help with its installation. If you can help, please call Brittany Ulman at (937) 440-3049 for more information.
- **Appliances and Furniture** – It seems like one of our individuals achieves independence every day by living on their own. They're currently looking for: a microwave, outdoor chairs, TV, TV stand, recliner, couch, and dresser. If you can donate any of these items, please contact Brittany Ulman at (937) 440-3049.
- **Crib** – A family of a child served by Riverside is currently searching for a crib and would appreciate any assistance. If you're able to donate a crib to this family, please contact Brittany Ulman at (937) 440-3049.
- **Household Items** – Recently, a young man we serve moved into his own apartment and has found himself needing some basic household items. If you can donate any items—whether they be hangers, dishes, towels, etc.—please contact Brittany Ulman at (937) 440-3049.
- **BINGO Enthusiast** – We have a man who volunteers at the Miami Valley Centre Mall every first Thursday of the month for BINGO, and it would be nice for him to have someone there to help him maneuver around the tables and chairs. If you can help, please contact Brittany Ulman at (937) 440-3049.
- **Extra Set of Hands** – A mother of two boys we serve is doing a great job of raising them and their brother, but she'd appreciate an extra set of hands every now and then. If you would like to become a friend to this family and join them

as they go to doctor's appointments, fun trips to the park, and other everyday activities, please call Brittany Ulman at (937) 440-3049 for more information.

- **Tennis Rackets** – One of the individuals we serve loves passing the time playing tennis with friends and family but could benefit from a new racket. If you can fulfill this request, please contact Brittany Ulman at (937) 440-3049.
- **Garden Buddy** – We have a young man who enjoys spending time in the sun tending to his garden, and he'd appreciate having a buddy join him. If you or someone you know also enjoys gardening, please call Brittany Ulman at (937) 440-3049 for more information.
- **Beds** – One of the most requested items we receive is for beds of all sizes for our individuals. We currently have three individuals looking for a twin-size mattress, and one looking for a full-size mattress. If you are able to donate a bed to one of these individuals, please contact Brittany Ulman at (937) 440-3049.

Feel free to share this email with anyone you know who may be interested in becoming a Riverside FAN. You can also direct them to the [Volunteer](#) page on our website where they can learn more about our FANS program, check out the latest newsletter, join the FANS email list, and download a volunteer application. If you would like more information about any volunteer opportunities through our FANS program, you can also contact Brittany Ulman at (937) 440-3049 or brittany.ulman@riversidedd.org.

We cannot say enough about how much we appreciate our Miami County community and its many wonderful individuals like yourselves. It's an honor to have all of you be a part of the Riverside family, and we would never want it any other way.

Thank you for helping us continue our mission to empower people with developmental disabilities to live, work, and play as full members of our community. As you all embark on your journeys to making our world a better place, always remember, "No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

Sincerely,
Brittany Ulman