

Good morning, Riverside FANS!

Between the Recreation Department's new activities like Flag Football Cheerleading and Life Skills, the halls sure have been bustling here at Riverside. Throw in the other activities we've got going on every day, we don't know how we'd get it all done without your support.

Because of people like you, our agency is able to help our neighbors with developmental disabilities lead happy, self-directed lives. Through your continued support and dedication, we're well on our way to creating a community that values people of ALL abilities. For that reason, we want to let the following individuals know how much we appreciate everything they do to make it all happen.

- **Dave Baker, Harry Bashore, David Battista, Josh Burns, Mike Gitzinger, Jack Hoekstra, Dr. Donald Luna, Mark Nagley, Bob Schoknecht, Linda Slattery-Lohmoeller, and Susie Sorauf** for helping our Magic golfers end the season on a high note at the 2018 State Tournament. Congratulations, Larry & Joy and Tom & Donald for bringing home the gold, as well as Tyler & Bob for placing fourth and Angela & Julie for placing fifth! (Pictured below, left)
- **Becky Perry and Troy Christian Church** for partnering with us again this year for your Giving Tree Project. We're fortunate to have you as our friends, and we appreciate all the ways you bring a smile to those we serve during the holidays.
- **Bobby Lockard** for inviting us to your pond up in Verona for a fun night of fishing with friends. All our anglers had a blast, and they can't wait to come back next year! (Pictured below, right)
- **Janet Dalton and Olivia Konicki** for taking on the roles of head and assistant coaches for this year's revamped swim season. We know you'll do great things for the program and in helping our swimmers improve their skills.
- **Special Olympics Ohio** for inviting our Recreation team members to your coaches' swim clinic this September. We never imagined we'd walk away with such an understanding of the sport, as well as ways to continue improving our program in the future. Thank you!
- **Victoria Glover** for sharing your time during this busy school season to tutor one of the kids we serve. He and his parents are excited to see where this partnership takes you, their son, and their family.

- **Alisha Barton** from the OSU Extension Office for the wealth of knowledge you provided during our latest Life Skills classes. We're looking forward to welcoming you back in the future for more great sessions!
- **Harry Campbell** for helping out this softball season and stepping in as umpire during a few of our games.
- **David Maxson** for leading our Bell Choir these past several weeks. We've been so lucky to have you, and we're looking forward to seeing you at our performance this Friday in front of Troy Memorial Stadium.
- **Diane Cerbus** for taking on the role as head coach for our new program, Flag Football Cheerleading. We have no doubt you'll make this inaugural season a successful one.
- The **Troy High School Cheerleaders** for helping our flag football cheerleading squad kick off this season with some brand-new cheers. (Pictured below, center)
- **Eileen Littleton** for ensuring set-up and cleanup flows seamlessly during all our Aktion Club and Adventures in Advocacy meetings.
- **Rob Williams** for coaching this year's flag football team. You did such a great job during the 2017-18 basketball season, we're glad to have you back!
- **Penny Hoekstra** for always showing your support of our Aktion Club by making sure we have plenty of tasty treats to get us through our meetings.
- **Lydia Demmitt, Cara Salazar, and Riley Spoltman** from Troy Christian High School's girls soccer team for accompanying our Magic players to their skills soccer camp this summer.
- **Five Strong** for inviting our Magic soccer players to your Special Skills Soccer Invitational. They all learned so much and will definitely put their new skills to the test come next season!
- **Karen Clark** for being a friend to one of the lovely ladies we serve. She's always talking about how much she enjoys your time together, and we know you'll both continue to have loads of fun on your weekly adventures.
- **Bob Schoknecht** for not only being a golf partner this season, but also for being our team's #1 photographer during all their practices and matches. We love sharing your pictures.
- **Barb Minnich** for dedicating both your time and expertise to a young woman served by our agency as she embarks on a journey to improve her reading skills. You truly are FANtastic!



You can see more pictures of our FANS by visiting our [Facebook](#) page. The upcoming edition of ABLE Magazine will once again feature some of our FANS too, so make sure to keep your eyes open for when it hits the newsstands soon.

Lately, our FANS Department has received several new opportunities for you to support the people we serve. If you can fulfill any of the following requests, please give us a call. Not able to help but know someone who can? Send them this newsletter! If you can help with any of these requests, please contact Brittany Ulman at (937) 440-3049 or [brittany.ulman@riversidedd.org](mailto:brittany.ulman@riversidedd.org). Here are the details:

- **Cheerleading, Flag Football, and Swimming Coaches, Officials, Scorekeepers, & Buddies** – If you're interested in being a coach, official, scorekeeper, or buddy at any time throughout the next month, the Recreation Department would love to have you! Please call Brittany Ulman at (937) 440-3049 for more information.
- **Christmas Elves** – Are you interested in sponsoring a child or their family this holiday season? In years past, we've graciously partnered with several community members and businesses to make such a thing possible. If you'd like more information about how you can make this Christmas magical for a child and their family, please contact Brittany Ulman at (937) 440-3049.
- **Worker Bees** – Fall is officially underway, and you know what that means...it's time for the next edition of ABLE and the November/December RecZone! Between these two publications, we'll be sending out hundreds of mailers within the next few weeks and would greatly appreciate some extra sets of hands to help with tabbing and labeling. If you have an hour or two to spare during the day, please contact Brittany Ulman at (937) 440-3049.
- **Appliances** – Moving out on your own can be an exciting time, but it can also be expensive—especially when appliances are involved. If you have a washer & dryer unit, stove, microwave, window A/C, or dishwasher you'd like to donate, please call Brittany Ulman at (937) 440-3049 for more information.
- **Reading Tutors** – Are you a high school student interested in helping a young boy we serve become an avid reader? Are you a retired teacher who could travel

to West Milton and help a kind gentleman we serve improve his reading and counting skills? If so, please contact Brittany Ulman at (937) 440-3049 for details.

- **Bedroom Set** – Beds can oftentimes be seen as a luxury for some of those we serve, leaving the person no choice but to sleep on the floor. If you can donate a full or queen size mattress and box spring to help prevent such a thing from happening, please contact Brittany Ulman at (937) 440-3049.
- **Sponsorship** – A woman we serve is currently losing her vision and would like to purchase a pair of glasses that would allow her to see, but she's unable to afford them. Another person served by our agency would love to participate in the local program Eagles Wings, but his family doesn't quite have the funds that would allow him to do so. If you're interested in sponsoring one of these individuals or know someone who can, please call Brittany Ulman at (937) 440-3049.
- **Furniture** – We're constantly hearing success stories about how another one of the people we serve recently moved out on their own. However, the journey doesn't end there. Due to limited resources, purchasing suitable furniture can be a challenge for some of these folks. If you'd like to help them during this process, we know a few individuals who'd appreciate one of the following: couch, loveseat, TV stand, kitchen table & chairs, recliner, or a dresser. For more information, please contact Brittany Ulman at (937) 440-3049.
- **Community Buddies & Role Models** – Friendship is invaluable for people of all ages, abilities, and interests. We currently have a few people who are looking for a buddy or role model to help them on their path to independence. If you can share some of your time and would like to be their friend, please call Brittany Ulman at (937) 440-3049 to discuss specific requests.
- **Household Items** – Household items are one of the key ways to make a house into a home. Several adults served by our agency are looking to do just that but are unable to purchase such items. If you have any household items, a fluffy area rug, or other home décor odds and ends to donate, please contact Brittany Ulman at (937) 440-3049 for arrangement details.

If you know of anyone who may be interested in joining the Riverside FANS family, please share this newsletter with them. You can also direct them to the [Volunteer](#) page on our website where they can learn more about our FANS program, sign up for the FANS email list, and download a volunteer application. If you'd like more information about any volunteer opportunities available through our FANS program, please contact Brittany Ulman at (937) 440-3049 or [brittany.ulman@riversidedd.org](mailto:brittany.ulman@riversidedd.org).

Now that we're approaching the 2018 holiday season, we want to make sure to take a little extra time and thank those who mean so much to us and those we serve. William Arthur Ward was correct in saying, "Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it," so we hope to return the favor and let you know just how much you mean to us in the coming months. You are all such gifts to us, we want to make sure and acknowledge that in as many ways as we can. From all of us here at Riverside, thank you.

Sincerely,

Brittany Ulman