

# THE FANS REPORT

A monthly update on our FANS and current volunteer opportunities.

## Greetings, Riverside FANS!

Summer is officially in full swing, at least as much as it can be right now. It's hard to believe this time last year we were in the middle of our summer Special Olympics season.

It seems like so long ago and just yesterday all at the same time. Yes, our summer looks different this year, but different doesn't mean worse. Different just means different. It's all in how you look at it.

Different could mean new, fresh or noteworthy. Like starting a new book or embarking on a new adventure. If we choose to look at it with a positive perspective, it sounds like the perfect opportunity to learn, grow or explore. And that's something we can get behind.

We're always encouraging the people we serve to think about their futures. What does happy look like for them? What goals do they have? What do they want to learn? How do they want to grow personally?

### What do they want to be new, fresh or noteworthy?

What would be your answer? Just something positive to think about when you find yourself feeling down about everything that's happening right now. Can we change everything about our circumstances? No. But what we can do is change how we choose to respond.

Fortunately for us, we can continue to focus on the good things our folks are doing and how you, our FANS, are continuing to show your support. Please join us as we choose to stay positive and thank the following FANS for their latest contributions:

- **Monroe Grange** donated the following: a queen mattress, box spring, frame, set of sheets, pillow and handmade quilt for a gentleman we serve; homemade thank you cards for DSPs; 150 handmade cloth masks for our staff; t-shirts for a man we serve; items for our Early Intervention team to put into goodie bags for the families we serve (pictured below, left and center, Phyllis Lewis from Monroe Grange with Riverside staff Brittany Ulman, Seth Trapp and Jay Via)
- **Carleen Pettit** sewed hair and faces onto therapy dolls for our Early Intervention team to use when teaching families new techniques during virtual home visits (pictured below, right)



## Want to help?

### Items/services needed:

- Bedding - full or queen-size mattress, box spring and frame
- Furniture: couch, dresser, TV stand
- Help learning to sew
- Household - vacuum, coat rack
- Kiddie pool
- Outdoor table, chairs & umbrella
- Two-wheel bike
- Washer & dryer

### Want to help but don't have one of these items?

Purchase a voucher at the Troy Habitat for Humanity ReStore. A person we serve who needs an item can then purchase it at the store using your voucher.

### Join us for an activity!

Join our Community Connections team for one of their Zoom activities. For login info, email [brittany.ulman@riversidedd.org](mailto:brittany.ulman@riversidedd.org).

### Upcoming Activities:

- Mon. Activity Group, 3-4 pm
- Tues. Chit Chat, 3-4 pm
- Wed. Kids Fun, 11-11:45 am
- Wed. Aktion Club or Adventures in Advocacy, 3:30-4:30 pm
- Thurs. Music Fun, 3-4 pm
- Fri. ASL Chat & Learn, 1-2 pm
- Fri. Pet Party, 2:30-3:30 pm
- Fri. Dinner & Movie, 5-7:30 pm (every other Friday)

### Chat with John Cronin, 7/30 @ 2 pm

Join our advocates as they talk with John Cronin and his dad, Mark, co-owners of John's Crazy Socks.

### Stay connected

