

Greetings, Riverside FANS!

We hope you all enjoyed the special Secret Santa edition of our newsletter earlier this month—we certainly loved putting it together! We still can't get over how many of you took part in the holiday festivities and served as a secret Santa to some of our folks.

Over a month later, you're still the talk of the town around here, but that's to be expected when we have FANS like you. It seems we hear from someone new every day about how much they appreciate your support, it's become routine to hear others praise you. We're always gushing about you too though, so we understand!

Whether it's Christmas or just a normal Tuesday, you continue to bless us with your time, energy and overall presence. Our folks are who we are, but so are our FANS. As a small way to show you our continued appreciation, we'd like to thank the following FANS for their latest support. Please join us as we thank:

- **An Anonymous FAN** for donating the funds needed for a gentleman we serve to attend Eagles Wings classes this winter. This young man loves riding horses whenever he can, and he and his family are excited for the classes.
- **Laura Stanhope** for sharing a few hours of your time with us each week to help our departments with various office tasks. We're excited to have you join the team, and we look forward to getting to know you.
- **Troy High School Cheerleaders & their coach Angie Anderson** for partnering with our Magic cheerleaders again this basketball season and spending some time with them during their practices. They also loved joining you at the Trojans' home game against Trotwood-Madison! (Pictured below)
- **Hannah Schaffnit** for dedicating so much time helping a young boy we serve improve his reading skills. We're sad to see you go, but we wish you the best of luck in your school play!
- **Aaliyah Greene** for being a mailing warrior and helping our Community Awareness & Opportunities Department with their latest ABLE Magazine. With the thousands of copies they send, you came to the rescue at just the right time!
- **Rob Williams & Diane Cerbus** for coaching our Magic athletes for yet another season. We're so lucky to have both of you.
- **Bailey Buck, Jordan Shepherd, Braden Smith & Keegan Webb** for helping our Recreation Department this basketball season. You're all part of the reason this season will be one to remember for all our athletes, coaches and fans!

- **Bob Schoknecht** for being the Magic's number one photographer again and volunteering to take pictures of our basketball players and cheerleaders. You've become such a staple in the gym, we can't imagine a game without you.
- **Miami East & Troy Christian high schools** for inviting our White basketball teams to play a few exhibition games at some of your latest matchups. It's been wonderful to partner with you in the past, we're glad we could keep the tradition going.
- **Penny Hoekstra & Eileen Littleton** for being two of our biggest club supporters! Penny always ensures our Aktion Club members are fueled for their latest service project, and Eileen is always there to make sure our Aktion Club and Adventures in Advocacy meetings go by without a hitch.
- **Victoria Glover & Barb Minnich** for your continued dedication in tutoring two of the folks we serve. Thank you for always being there to provide support, knowledge and friendship to these two.
- **Karen Clark** for opening your arms to a kind young woman we serve and empowering her to lead the life she envisions for herself.



You can see more pictures of our FANS by visiting our [Facebook](#) page.

Our FANS program has received several new opportunities for you and your friends to support the folks we serve. If you can fulfill any of these requests, please give us a call. Not able to help but know someone who can? Send them this newsletter!

If you or someone you know can help with any of these requests, please contact Brittany Ulman at (937) 440-3049 or brittany.ulman@riversidedd.org. Here are the details:

- **Basketball & Cheerleading Officials, Scorekeepers & Buddies** – With four basketball teams and a cheerleading team, our gym is constantly buzzing. If you'd like to help the Recreation Department keep things going, they'd love to

have you as an official, scorekeeper or buddy. High school sports teams, clubs and community organizations are welcome to volunteer too!

- **Seamstress/Tailor** – Do you know your way around a sewing machine? If so, you're just the person our Magic athletes need! Our Recreation Department is looking for someone to sew numbers onto some of our practice jerseys.
- **Mop, Vacuum & Cleaning Supplies** – A gentleman we serve is looking for a vacuum, a mop and some basic cleaning supplies to use to help keep his apartment tidy.
- **Full or Queen Size Mattress & Box Spring** – Another gentleman we serve could greatly benefit from a full or queen mattress and box spring. His current mattress is too small and is in disrepair.
- **Couches & Recliner** – It's a new year and many of our folks are starting it off in an apartment of their own. If you'd like to help them make their new house a home, several of them would appreciate a couch or recliner.
- **Appliances** – Appliances such as washers, dryers, stoves, window A/C units and dishwashers are oftentimes one of the last items our folks can purchase when moving into a new apartment. If you have one to donate, we know several people who'd be interested!
- **Fellow Musicians** – Two gentlemen we serve love music so much, they've decided to start playing an instrument themselves. One young man would like to learn to play guitar while the other is interested in the piano. If you or someone you know would like to share your expertise with these fellow music lovers, we're sure they'd love to meet you.
- **Cart** – Walking can sometimes be the only source of transportation for our folks, even in this frigid weather. One gentleman we serve walks to and from the store, so he always tries to bring a cart with him to use to carry his groceries home. Unfortunately, his current cart is in disrepair, and he needs a new one.
- **Buddies** – Due to lack of reliable transportation or support system, some of the folks we serve struggle to get involved in their community as often as they'd like. Whether it be shopping, exploring the neighborhood or helping someone improve their reading skills, your friendship would mean the world to your new buddy.

Discover a new way you can support those we serve? See something you'd like to donate? If so, please contact Brittany Ulman at (937) 440-3049 or brittany.ulman@riversidedd.org for more information about your next step.

If you know someone who'd like to join 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 opportunities available through our FANS program, please contact Brittany Ulman at (937) 440-3049 or brittany.ulman@riversidedd.org.

We appreciate you more than words will ever convey, and it always makes us smile when we see our FANS family thrive. The impact you have on our agency, those we serve and their families will never lose its beauty. It will never lose its significance.

As Albert Pine once said, "What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others and the world remains and is immortal." You will forever remain in the hearts of those you touch, and we're humbled to be some of those hearts.

Thank you for simply being you.

Sincerely,

Brittany Ulman