

Friends, Allies & Neighbors | August 2020

# THE FANS REPORT

A monthly update on our FANS and current volunteer opportunities.

# **Greetings, Riverside FANS!**

Change—the word of the year. Since the beginning of March, it seems our world has been in a constant state of change. Some of these changes have been positive—more time at home with family, a slower everyday pace—while others, not so much.

Whatever the changes, they all lead to the same thing: a new chapter.

New chapters can be exciting. They can bring new perspectives, new adventures and new friends. Yes, new chapters can also bring their fair share of challenges, but it's important for us to do what we can to focus on the positive.

## **Our FANS Program is about to begin its next chapter.**

As many of you may know, I took over the FANS Program over two years ago. When I first started, I never expected to encounter the level of love or openness you have shown. Through your service, you demonstrated what it means to truly love your neighbor as yourself.

It's this same love that makes this next chapter bittersweet.

I believe God has called me to the next step in my journey with Him, and I will be leaving Riverside at the end of the month. My last day is August 28.

I am sad to leave the Riverside family, but it makes my heart happy to think of all the good that will continue in this new chapter for FANS.

Given how much you care for one another, I know you will continue to do great things—especially in times such as these. I also hope this will not be good-bye, but what the wise Tigger refers to as, "TTFN, ta ta for now."

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve you and walk alongside you as you share your light with others. Please continue to be the bright spot in this world and show others what it means to love others as yourself. With you leading the way, our community will continue to be one that values people of all abilities.



# Want to help?

#### Items/services needed:

- Bedding Queen-size mattress, box spring and frame
- Chest freezer
- Furniture: couch, dresser, kitchen table & chairs, TV stand
- Help learning to sew
- Help with garden
- Household vacuum, coat rack
- Kiddie pool
- Outdoor table, chairs & umbrella
- Tires (new or used) for F150 truck
- Two-wheel bike
- Washer & dryer

#### Thank you!

### **Mark Higgins**

Mark and the crew at Complete Fitness have gone above and beyond to ensure the health and safety of those we serve while they utilize the gym.

#### **Chrissi Douglas**

Chrissi organized another fun That's Sew Crafty activity on Zoom.

#### Join us for an activity!

- Miami County's Got Talent, 8/28
  @ 6:30 pm
- Mon. Activity Group, 3-4 pm
- Tues. Chit Chat, 3-4 pm
- 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 (9/4, 9/18, 10/2, 10/16)

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