



What's the FANS Network and how can I get involved?

The FANS Network is a group of people who are committed to enhancing the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities. The program helps in a variety of ways, big and small, and its members believe that the journey of life is better when people help support each other. The FANS Network consists of four key programs, including: Make Someone's Day, Game Nights, Goodwill Vouchers, and Golden 'Furniture' Retrievers. We encourage you to get involved with this rewarding program!

Program Descriptions

Make Someone's Day!

Make Someone's Day! is a program that allows FANS Network staff and volunteers do just what the name implies: *Make Someone's Day!* Small teams create and customize care packages and meals for individuals with disabilities. Care packages will often include tickets to sporting events and concerts, gift cards to restaurants and grocery stores, and more.

Businesses, individual donors and possible volunteers can learn more by visiting www.lucasdd.info.

Game Nights

The Game Nights program is designed to bring together various groups and individuals with developmental disabilities around old and new board games that are sure to entertain and help build positive social skills for all participants. FANS Network staff and volunteers will facilitate games nights around Lucas County with groups of various sizes.

Parents: These social experiences can help parents learn positive mentoring techniques, which will shape behavior and lead to an enriched social life. It's important to create intentional family time where parents bond with their children by playing games.

Teens: Playing games is very entertaining for teens with disabilities and it's an excellent way to make new friends. It is an opportunity for individuals to learn and practice positive social skills FANS Network staff and volunteers plan and coordinate teen game nights and each session focuses on a different social or friendship skill.



Donating Board Games: FANS Network staff and volunteers are happy to facilitate games that parents already have, but FANS may need to bring games as many families cannot afford to purchase them. The program relies on the generosity of game donations from the community.

Volunteering: This program requires fun-loving and patient volunteers (over 13 years old) to assist our staff in creating an enjoyable and friendly learning environment.

Goodwill Vouchers

The Goodwill Vouchers program is a partnership with Goodwill Industries of Northwest Ohio, Inc. When Northwest Ohio residents want to donate items, they simply specify to the Goodwill donation station attendant they are donating to benefit the FANS Network and give them a branded FANS Network ticket. In return, the FANS Network will accumulate credit in the form of vouchers from Goodwill, and these vouchers will be given to individuals with developmental disabilities to shop at any local Goodwill retail store.

To print off FANS Network tickets, find a Goodwill donation station or inquire about vouchers.

Golden 'Furniture' Retrievers

FANS Network staff and volunteers pick up and deliver donated furniture and household items to individuals with developmental disabilities in need. FANS will also assist individuals with developmental disabilities in their move from one permanent living location to another within the community. Many individuals with developmental disabilities do not have friends or family in the area that can assist with a move. These individuals need assistance moving their belongings.

To get involved, e-mail FANSnetwork@lucasdd.org, call 419-380-4070, or visit www.lucasdd.info.



FANS Network Volunteer Form

1.) Name: _____

2.) Address:

3.) Phone # : _____

4.) Areas of Volunteer Interest:

5.) Availability (Days of the Week/Times):

Forward Completed Form by mail to:
Danielle Russell
1155 Larc Lane
Toledo, Ohio 43614

Or by Email to:
drussell@lucasdd.org

Please contact Danielle with questions at (419) 380-5446.