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Carroll County Board of Developmental Disabilities
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*A community network of
people helping people*



FANS Friends Allies & Neighbors Network of Carroll County

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Over the next year, Carroll County Board of DD will be rolling out, *FANS Network of Carroll County*, a new promotion that we believe will bring Individuals with developmental disabilities and members of our community together.

The FANS network was founded by Scott Osterfeld of Butler County who had one person that had a need and another person who found out about the need and was able to fill that need. It was as simple as that. In speaking to others in his community he found that there were more people willing to help others in need if only they knew about them. That is when Scott expanded his finding into a resource tool, FANS network – Friends, Allies and Neighbors. The FANS network has proven to be a very successful resource connecting people not only in Butler County but throughout Ohio and the United States.

How does FANS Network work?

It's easy. There is no official commitment, no formal membership and no standard protocol. Your contact information is included in the FANS list (usually email but phone numbers are okay too.) You will be informed through a monthly FANS e-mail of a variety of needs of individuals with disabilities and/or their families. If you are interested in getting more information on helping to meet that need, just respond to the message. The FANS Coordinator will contact you to provide more information. If not interested, just hit delete. If you know someone who might want to help, feel free to forward on.

Contact Us

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Joining a specific FANS area

Some FANS choose to sign up in specific FANS Team that helps specific people in a specific service area. For example, the Caring Craftsmen Team volunteers sign up to help with light home repairs. When we receive specific request for assistance in that area, we contact the members of that specific team. There are a variety of teams including tutors, social companies, furniture deliverers, meal makers, respite volunteers, sports buddies, drivers, grocery shoppers, grass cutters, and many more. If you have an interest or a skill, we can put it to good use helping someone in need. We also have Make a Memory Teams who donate sports tickets, concert tickets and fancy restaurant gift cards to provide experiences to people who would otherwise not experience those things. Or maybe, Meet a Practical Need Teams may provide grocery gift cards or fuel cards to families in crisis.

