

Deer Park Rotary Club,

I hope this letter finds you well. Recently, I had the pleasure of speaking with Bob Carroll, District Governor of the Deer Park Rotary Club. During our conversation, Mr. Carol expressed the club's interest in exploring ways to support Chattaroy Elementary and our students. It was clear from our discussion that Mr. Carol has a genuine passion for helping our youngest learners, particularly those in our preschool program.

As Mr. Carol knows there is little to no funding allocated specifically for the Thrive by Five classroom, which serves our preschool students and their teacher. This program, while tuition-based, is priced well below market rates to ensure accessibility for families in our community. At Riverside, we deeply value kindergarten readiness and strive to provide every possible opportunity for our students.

This brings me to a heartfelt request I would like the Deer Park Rotary Club to consider. I'd like to introduce you to a remarkable family who could greatly benefit from your support. Cassian Reisenauer is a student in our Thrive by Five program for four-year-olds. He attends class Monday through Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Many of you may recognize Cassian's last name, as his family has been a long-standing pillar of our community.

Cassian's parents, Teddy and Ariel, are both Riverside graduates and dedicated community members. Teddy is a Navy veteran, and Ariel currently serves as the PTO President at Chattaroy Elementary. Tragically, Ariel has been facing a serious medical challenge. She was recently hospitalized for ten days with a severe bone infection in her spine, leaving her unable to walk steadily without assistance. Her mobility is so impacted that she cannot carry her baby, relying on a pack-and-play to move her child around the house. This situation has placed immense strain on Ariel and her family, both emotionally and financially.

While Ariel has been fortunate to continue working from home, the family has had to make significant lifestyle adjustments to navigate this difficult time. In light of their circumstances, I am requesting the Deer Park Rotary Club consider providing a full scholarship for Cassian's tuition in the Thrive by Five program. The cost is \$175 per month, and the total remaining balance for the school year (January through May) is \$700. This support would ensure Cassian can continue his educational journey and would be a meaningful way to uplift a family that has given so much to our community.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to make a difference in the lives of Cassian and his family. Your generosity and ongoing commitment to the youth in our region are truly appreciated.

Sincerely,
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