



REACH UP REACH OUT



Dear Friends,

June 15, 2021

Each month there are so many opportunities to reach out to others with God's love. This last month God provided some great moments through sports outreach. As always, I am deeply grateful to share with you as we partner together.



In April, our volleyball outreach team entered a tournament in Atlanta and placed 5th with over 64 teams from around the region. More importantly, the players learned how to reach up to God in faith and reach out to each other as teammates. It was priceless!

What parents & coaches are saying...

It's been my privilege to work with Uptime volleyball. I've been part of many sports organizations as both a player and a coach and I've never found a group of people that cared more about the girls both as a team and as individuals. Our family was looking for a club that honored the girls choice to play other sports and support each person's academic, spiritual, and athletic goals. Uptime was that club! I'm grateful for the amazing coaching, the friendships formed by my girls, and for each opportunity to coach for such an organization.

Uptime has provided a loving and encouraging environment designed to support - not shame - all of its players. The difference has been dramatic and her love for the sport now is deeper than ever. She loves her teammates and coaches, mostly as a result of the love and encouragement she continually receives. The joy she experiences playing now is how it is supposed to be.

That joy has been evident to others and we are continuously asked what is different. It is simple. Our players are taught to love one another as themselves on a daily basis. It has been a true blessing to all.

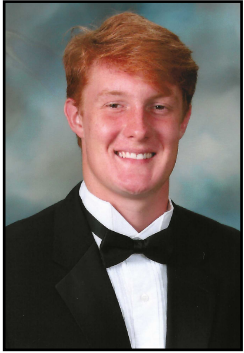
I have had the honor of being one of the Uptime Volleyball coaches for the past 2 years. The group of girls that my daughter has played with are exceptional young ladies. As their coach, I have watched these ladies grow in their love for the game and the Lord the past 2 years. They are a joy to coach, teach, and be around. Uptime Volleyball is an outreach program, so we start and end every practice or match with a prayer. Players don't hesitate to lead the prayer when asked, which makes this group exceptionally special. I am so proud of these girls as they exceeded all expectations in their final tournament as they played as a family and finished tied for 5th out of 64 teams. I can't wait to see what next year will bring for these girls. Thank-you for allowing me to be a part of Uptime Volleyball.

Please turn over for family news



DeRocher Family Updates 2021

4 Teenagers in the DeRocher House



Our oldest son, David, just graduated from high school. He has grown to be 6'3", weighs 200lbs., and gets up almost every day at 5am to workout. I am flooded with so many thoughts and emotions when I think of his growth, and I am so proud of the man he has become. He has worked extremely hard in school taking many AP classes and starting as quarterback his senior year. His plan is to join the Navy and start a military journey. Obviously, Mandy and I are taking time to help him make his decisions and we trust God to guide him through his transition from high school into his next steps.



Olivia and Shelby got all dressed up for a Quinceanera birthday party this past month. Olivia is about 6 feet tall and Shelby is 5'6" and growing like crazy. They are both working really hard in school and enjoying all their friendships. Both have grown as athletes and it's a great joy to help coach them on and off the court. Olivia continues to overcome the obstacles from having Type 1 diabetes and she doesn't let it slow her down. Shelby continues to grow in confidence as an athlete though many players are taller than her. She never wants to back down...ever! Mandy and I love to see how their friendship has developed through the years.



Our youngest son, Samuel, just turned 13. We now have 4 teenagers in our home! He loves football, wrestling, shooting baskets in our driveway, and even singing in the school choir. Sam has a knack for making everyone laugh and not taking life too seriously. He constantly asks me, "Dad, are you alright?" Most of the time I am doing great, but he still wants make sure I am always smiling and enjoying life. Even as I write this, I begin to laugh at how much fun Sam brings to our family.



Mandy and I will celebrate 20 years of marriage at the end of this year, and I am forever grateful to God who brought me such a brilliant and beautiful woman. Our life is so full but we continue to find ways to carve out time to stay in unity. We are working on some new outreach plans that I look forward to sharing in the next months ahead. Our hope is to see other marriages and families grow and stay strong, especially during the challenges we all faced this last year. Please let us know how we can continue to pray for you. It is an honor to partner together in life and build God's Kingdom together.

Much love,

We thank God for your friendship!! Dave and Mandy

Please reach out to let us know how we can pray for you:

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In the midst of outreach, we have had some unexpected needs, totaling \$9000, that I would like to share with you.

- dental needs (broken tooth and a new crown) \$2000
- Kids wisdom teeth (Olivia & David). \$2000
- much needed car repairs for our truck and SUV \$5000

We would like to ask if you might consider a special gift to help us with these financial needs. Of course, please don't feel pressured and we are so grateful for what you already give into our work. It is deeply humbling to partner with you in our ministry outreach and we are grateful beyond words to even share our lives and needs with you.

Your partners in Christ,



Dave & Mandy