

REDS ROOKIE TIMES



CI-REDS IN ACTION



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WELCOME to RRS� 2014!

Welcome to the first edition of the *Reds Rookie Times CI-REDS in Action!* There are so many wonderful things going on at Reds Rookie Success League Dayton, it would be a shame not to share them! We hope you can be a part of making a difference in our community, even when you're not physically present at RRS�. We hope you enjoy reading! ★

Amy's Thoughts:

It is hard to believe we are in our 6th year of RRS� Dayton. I am SO PROUD of the program it is today, truly changing lives and inspiring... adults and children alike. I owe the success of this program to the community members and organizations who are committed to making a difference in the community and who believe in the work we do. A BIG heartfelt THANK YOU goes to my Co-Director **Mike Murphy**, and dedicated, passionate planning committee, **Ann Murphy Fenner, Jack Fenner, Rebecca Cantrell,** and **Shannon Webster**, who work tirelessly year round to ensure a quality program.

This year, more than any year, our goal is to teach these children of our community that **THEY** can make their communities a better place to be... **THEY** can make the world a better place through their actions. We are committed to providing a positive environment for these children to learn the tools they need to become kind and productive members of their community through CI-REDS. It starts with **US** and together **WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

With my deepest appreciation, thank you for helping make 2014 the best year yet! —**Amy Baker, Co-Director**

What is **CI-REDS** anyway?

CI-REDS is an acronym for the Character Traits we focus on developing during our four week program.

- C**OOPERATION - Working together to accomplish a goal
- I**NTEGRITY - Taking ownership of your actions--being honest
- R**ESPECT – Acknowledging worth of a person, oneself or task
- E**DUCATION – Possessing the desire to learn and grow
- D**ETERMINATION – Set attainable goals and follow through
- S**PIRIT – Mind-set or outlook—INNER STRENGTH

Let's teach CI-REDS at every opportunity!

Successful Opening Week!!

Masters of Ceremonies, **Chris Aarone, Marge Murphy** and **Mark Schumacker** kicked off the 2014 season with a mini pep rally on each bus, teaching the **CI-REDS Chant**... "CI"... "REDS!" "CI"... "REDS!" "What are we here for?" "We come to learn, we come to play, we come to...work HARD" The pep rally then moved inside, where the Rookies learned the Star Spangled Banner, Take Me Out to the Ballgame, and were introduced to the **6 STAR WORDS OF SUCCESS** Character Trait words. **HOT HEAD BURRITOS** generously provided lunch and their staff *served* all 300 Rookies and volunteers!

On DAY 2, the Rookies learned **COOPERATION** from **Miss Mary Harwood** and **Mr. Richie McKeever** from **SMILE AWHILE DANCE STUDIO** in Centerville, and **Sensei Sukh Sandhu** and black belts, **Doug, Chuck** and **Jay** from **Gi Yu Dojo** in Centerville.

We enjoyed a delicious lunch provided by **SMASHBURGER** on this rainy day. Special thanks goes to **Roger Ferry** and **Joe Coleman** who were masters at the grill. Learn more about these **CHARACTER CHAMPIONS** on Pages 2 & 3 ★

*"Alone we can do so little;
together we can do so much"*

~ Helen Keller



Photo credit: Vicki Barnhill, 2013 volunteer

We THANK our Character Trait Mentors for their work on June 9

★ Chris Arrone ★

Christopher Arrone is a native Daytonian. As one of the oldest of twenty-two children, he has been a mentor to his siblings. It's a responsibility and privilege he takes seriously. Not only is he a born comedian who delights in making people smile, he encourages others to follow suit. It is difficult to believe that he is all too personally familiar with many of the hardships and challenges inner-city children face. Perhaps his childhood experiences influenced him to become a man who understands that life is about the choices we make. We can choose to let our experiences either hinder us or aid in our development to make us stronger. Chris has definitely chosen to be someone who is determined to make choices for where he is going, and not where he has been. His favorite quote is, "If failure was not an option, how far would you really go?" It is not surprising to learn that one day he will become a motivational speaker.

Chris believes that we as people have to be the change we want to see, and by being that change, true transformation will begin. He sees the Reds Rookie Success League's CI-REDS Six Stars of Success as an ideal way for him to use his innate talents to help the children learn and to make good choices.



"Never underestimate the ability of a small group of committed individuals to change the world"

-Margret Mead

★ Margery Murphy ★

Marge Murphy is the Founder and President of Acadia Lead Management Services, a local Dayton company. Marge started her business with a mission to help clients grow measurable sales revenue.

It is with deep conviction when Marge states that her personal mission is to "Live a life where she continually strives to improve herself and to positively affect those lives around her. We all need to keep passing things forward ... for the benefit of all ... with the purpose of growing and improving ... to strive to be the best we can be." The opportunity to touch a child's life is why Marge signed on as a 2014 Dayton-RRSL CI-REDS Six Stars of Success Character Mentor.

★ Mark Schumacker ★

Mark Schumacker is a Dayton native born and raised in Beavercreek, Ohio. Mark has spent over twenty years teaching kids. If you were to look at Mark's degree, you would see that his is an elementary math teacher. A closer look, however, would show you Mark's true passion is teaching character education to young people.

Most importantly, Mark has realized the importance of teaching our youth how to be good people that can be trusted, respected, thought of with the utmost respect. Mark was so excited to be a part of the RRSL program last summer. Being able to work with the youngsters, teaching them the importance of working hard, playing hard, and continually learning was such a special opportunity for him. "When you are a person with good morals and a determination to succeed, you can accomplish any dream you can imagine."

❖To read the full bios of Chris, Marge and Mark, and our other 2014 mentors, please refer to the Character Mentors 2014 document.

THANK YOU to our **COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS:**

HOT HEAD
BURRITOS

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★Sukh Sandhu★

Mr. Sandhu is a first generation immigrant to the United States of America coming to America with his family from a 3rd World perspective of poverty. After realizing the American Dream through hard work, education, and perseverance, they continue fulfilling the promise of the "Dream." His family owns and is involved in many small businesses including Indian Restaurants, for example, and educational teaching at a local university

The spirit is the core beliefs, internal strength and fortitude of a human being. Martial training forges and advances this spirit to cultivate a person to be a good person in their family and community. Mr. Sandhu and students of his GI YU DOJO come to the Dayton-Reds Rookie Success League to share these beliefs and to encourage our Reds Rookies to lead a respectful and productive life in COOPERATION with one another and for country.



"Enthusiasm is Contagious"



★Mary Harwood★

Miss Mary Harwood and her daughter, Milea Manning own SMILE AWHILE DANCE STUDIO in Centerville, Ohio. Mary manages the office at the studio and also teaches Tap Dance to the senior citizens. Mary loves what she does and enjoys each day! Miss Milea is the Director of the studio. Family owned, fun loving, casual dance studio! The studio is growing each year and will celebrate year seven coming up!

Smile Awhile loves to give back to the community for all the blessings they have received! By working with the Senior Citizens, holding classes for Special Needs, and Volunteering for many special events they want everyone to have the Chance To Dance! The smiles and joy that dance brings to others is the reason they call their studio...SMILE AWHILE

★Richie McKeever★

Mr. Richie McKeever, Dance Instructor , Dance Choreographer . Associate degree in Dance from Sinclair Community College. Associates degree in business from University of Findlay. Started teaching dance at the age of 13 inspired through the church. Took my dance training to college and grew as a dancer and a choreographer.

I have been teaching dance for over 20 years I have choreographed weddings, dance recitals, dance comp teams, musicals, parades, and church functions. I am trained in all styles of dance and work with special needs dance groups. I teach break dancing and hip hop routines to everyone. I have over 300 students that have trained under me. Dance is my life and sharing the love of dance to everyone is my goal.

❖To read the full bios of Sukh, Mary and Richie, and our other 2014 mentors, please refer to the Character Mentors 2014 document.

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our COMMUNITY
CHAMPIONS:**



SAVE THE DATE!!

Monday June 30th is COMMUNITY Day- 10:00AM-1:00PM! You're invited to Action Sports Center to experience RRSL! Learn about RRSL and how to be a part of the success!



Call Action Sports Center:
937-224-7529

Thank you to Action Sports Center for allowing Reds Rookie to use the facility and providing a real baseball experience for the kids!

LOOKING AHEAD....

WEEK 2:

JUNE 16: INTEGRITY

JUNE 17: RESPECT WITH SPECIAL GUESTS
DAYTON SWAT AND NEGOTIATIONS TEAM

7PM- XENIA SCOUTS VS CINCY STEAM

@ATHLETES IN ACTION

651 TAYLOR DRIVE XENIA, OH 45385



WEEK 3:

JUNE 23: EDUCATION WITH
SPECIAL GUESTS XBOTS



JUNE 24: DETERMINATION

WEEK 4:

JUNE 30: SPIRIT WITH SPECIAL GUESTS

BOONSHOFT MUSEUM

COMMUNITY DAY



JULY 1: CI-REDS FINAL DAY- COLOR GUARD

PRESENTATION

AWARDS TO HARD WORKING ROOKIES

CELEBRATED WITH INDEPENDENCE DAY BBQ

7PM-DAYTON DRAGONS ON THE LAWN @
FIFTH THIRD FIELD



THANK YOU to our COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS:



... delivering their fresh baked bagels and fruit to our volunteers ... each and every day!!

Come Out to Play With Us .. **VOLUNTEER TODAY!**

What if you are given an opportunity to positively impact a kid's life? What if you can be a part of a program for co-ed inner-city and at-risk children, ages 7-12, that uses baseball and softball as a tool to help teach them in ways that will prepare them to grow into honorable, productive, loving people who are ready and able to positively impact their community life and their own?

BE A GOOD SPORT AT THE DAYTON - REDS ROOKIE SUCCESS LEAGUE!! (RRSL) at Action Sports Center, 1103 Gateway Drive, Dayton, OH 45404.

IF YOU ARE 16-1/2 YEARS OLD or just young at heart .. VOLUNTEER TODAY!

Dates: Monday & Tuesdays,
JUNE 9 - JULY 1ST. 9:30 AM-1:00 PM

You can sign up for 2 days or more. Every effort makes a difference and is welcomed and when you do ... You'll earn a FREE t-shirt and FREE tickets to a REDS game and Community Service Hours. FREE Lunch Daily.

NOW ASK YOURSELF? WHAT IF YOU CAN HELP CHANGE OUR TOMORROW? YOU CAN. SIMPLY STEP UP TO THE PLATE AND BECOME A PART OF OUR SELECT TEAM ... THE DAYTON - REDS ROOKIE SUCCESS LEAGUE.

There is little that beats the great feeling of realizing that you made a positive difference in the life of another. We did. We helped make a difference in many of the lives of the children we worked with AND we made a difference in our own. We brought friends with us to help and we even made new friends. YOU CAN TOO!!

*Bring a friend. Be a friend.
Make a friend at RRSL!!*

SIGN UP TODAY!! THE REWARDS ARE GREAT AND TOGETHER WE ARE GOING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Let's show RESPECT to Action Sports Center by cleaning up after ourselves!

Let's show RESPECT to our environment... Please use our RECYCLE BINS!

