Vicki and Chuck Siefke

We are happy to continue DREAM's volunteer recognition program by introducing the volunteer team of *Vicki and Chuck Siefke.* They reside in New Carlisle, Ohio and have been a happy team for 42 years. This couple are very proud of their 4 legged "fur child" Sammy. He was adopted from a Dayton shelter and has been a happy, singing boy since then (seriously, Mom and Dad report he sings several songs & is quite talented). Go Sammy!

Vicki's "pay it forward" volunteer attitude began when she was a child on her Aunt's farm when their dog literally saved her life by attacking a poisonous snake that was a few feet from her. She has been paying it forward since. Chuck's love for dogs have made this couple a dynamic duo.

Vicki and Chuck have been with DREAM from the beginning in 2010. They have contributed many hours for many community events over the years where DREAM has a presence: festivals, Meet and Greets, and are very active in supporting and participating in our fundraising events : Spaghetti dinner and PETFest. In fact, Vicki is especially drawn to helping out at DREAM raffle tables or wandering through the crowd to inspire folks to purchase some raffle tickets or buy into a 50/50 raffle.

This couple lead very busy lives; yet they always try to make time to say YES when asked to help. They are active in their church family at Christian Life Center with volunteering. Vicki has traveled extensively worldwide singing with the Dayton Philharmonic Chorus and continues to sing with the Dayton Philharmonic Festival Chorus. Vicki has been a WDTN weather checker in New Carlisle for 20 years and her most treasured activity is the quality time she spends with her 90 year old Mother. We all want to say a big "Thank You" to Chuck for serving as a Vietnam Veteran and receiving a Purple Heart. He travels worldwide as well with his job, these 2 volunteers STILL find the time to open their hearts and spare hours for DREAM to help our rescue and fundraising efforts.

When reflecting on Vicki and Chuck the word "Donate" comes to mind. The internet defines people who donate as *considerate, generous, kind, helpful, bighearted, humane and sympathetic;* they give to causes in need quietly, not looking for public recognition or fame which makes them the perfect couple for this month's recognition.

Donating is defined as an act of giving and is usually associated with a charity. DREAM appreciates the Siefkes and all who <u>donate</u> to DREAM. Donating time, talents or treasures allows DREAM to continue our Rescue, Rehabilitation and Re-homing efforts because we have passionate supporters and volunteers who willingly contribute to this cause. Vicki and Chuck have taken donating to another level; as 45 year members of the Troy Corvette Club, they have used their position on the charity committee to influence the club to include DREAM as one of the benefactors from the proceeds of their annual raffle. Another huge THANK YOU Siefkes! Did you know…….. a popular way to donate is to bequest any amount in your will to a charity. The Siefkes have included DREAM in their will. We continue to say THANK YOU to this month's volunteer team.

Last and certainly not least….. Vicki and Chuck shared this: "We thank the LORD for all of our blessings and this includes the DREAM family".