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Matthew Montgomery: What A Treasure!

By Martha McDonough and Tony Glenn

There are many facets to the life of Matthew Montgomery, very lovingly known by the DFRC family as Matty Mont. Matty graduated from Howard High School of Technology, where he studied culinary arts. While he was there, he became interested in football and decided to be a team manager. It was on the sidelines and in the huddle that Coach Dan Ritter realized the determination and talent of Matty Mont. Matty had some intellectual challenges, but everyone who met him quickly realized his **ABILITIES** far overshadowed any disABILITY there might be. In 2007, Coach Ritter was chosen as Head Blue

Coach for the DFRC Blue-Gold All★Star Football Game. As he prepared for training camp and the game, he very quickly realized he would need his man-on-the-spot who had helped carry their team through the season. Since Matty was always there with water, towels, a pat on the back, or whatever the Wildcats needed, Coach knew he needed Matty for the All★Star Game. Matty was a manager for the Blue team and he spent the entire week at camp on the University of Delaware campus, working every practice and making sure everything was ready for the next one. The time he spent getting to know the players and coaches gave Matty the greatest memories of that week. Not only did he love his experience, but everyone with whom he came in contact realized the treasure he was and many of them have stayed in touch all these years later. Matty Mont has returned to DFRC training camp as a manager for at least part of every week since that first and he looks forward to it every year. He was such an asset to the group, then Executive Director Dr. Tony Glenn asked



Matty if he'd be willing to share his knowledge of the game and join DFRC's Athletic Committee. In this role he has served for the past ten years, Matty is an integral part as planning and decisions are made for training camp and the game. He has also become the featured dinner speaker during one night of camp. When Matty speaks, the room falls silent, everyone knowing a valuable message is about to be delivered.

After graduating from high school, Matty put his culinary skills to work at Waggies by Maggie & Friends, a non-profit dog treat company whose mission is to employ persons with intellectual disABILITIES. Waggies brings great pride to DFRC as one of the beneficiaries of funding DFRC distributes. Matty is the Head Chef, charged with

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Andrew Szczerba, Matty Montgomery, and Coach Dan Ritter at training camp.

Andrew played in the DFRC Blue-Gold All★Star Football Game in 2007.

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Bill Grant, 2022 Game Chair (center, seated) with his family (from left to right) Ashley, Alex, and Linda at DFRC Blue-Gold Media Day in 2018 at the University of Delaware.

Mark Your Calendars!

DFRC Blue-Gold New Castle County Golf Classic

Monday, June 6, 2022

White Clay Creek Country Club - Wilmington, DE

Shotgun Start at 10:30 a.m. - Registration Opens at 8:30 a.m.

Contact the DFRC office for registration information

DFRC Blue-Gold All★Star Football Game

Friday, June 17, 2022

University of Delaware Football Stadium - Newark, DE

Kickoff at 7 p.m. - Opening Ceremonies at 6 p.m.

DFRC Blue-Gold Southern Delaware Golf Classic

Friday, July 22, 2022

Maple Dale Country Club - Dover, DE

Shotgun Start at 12 p.m. - Registration Opens at 11 a.m.

Contact the DFRC office for registration information

DFRC Blue-Gold Bash - Fall 2022

Details will be available on the DFRC website and social media pages soon!

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mixing all the ingredients for these very special dog treats. He loves going to work every day and his parents are very proud of all he is doing.

Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery told us of their young son who was once quite reserved and not involved in very many things. Since becoming a part of DFRC, Special Olympics and the Mary Campbell Center camps, Matty has certainly become a social butterfly, someone sought after for conversation, laughs and a generally great time. They are honored, proud and happy to know of their son's many accomplishments. Matty's parents are grateful for the opportunities their son has had because of all the

people who took the time to know him and believe in him. All the pieces of this puzzle fit perfectly. In DFRC Blue-Gold Football Training Camp, Matty mixes with all the players and coaches to make sure the outcome is of highest quality. In his job at Waggies, he blends all the finest ingredients to provide a unique product to be enjoyed by pets everywhere. Our dear Matty Mont has that special talent of sharing his joy and bringing together people of all ABILITIES. In essence, his volunteering for

DFRC helps raise funding that is then distributed to Waggies and many other agencies throughout Delaware. Truly, Matty is that man-on-the-spot who does it all. What a treasure he is!

"Matty Mont" delivering a speech to the Blue and Gold football players at Delaware Technical Community College during one of the nights at training camp for the 2017 game.



2021 DFRC BENEFICIARIES

In 2021, DFRC provided 8 Delaware agencies & organizations with grants totaling \$50,000.

Each year, DFRC distributes proceeds from our fundraising events to nonprofit organizations and agencies that enrich the lives of Delaware citizens with intellectual disabilities. We support programs that serve Delawareans in all three counties statewide and through the entire cycle of life, from infancy through adulthood.

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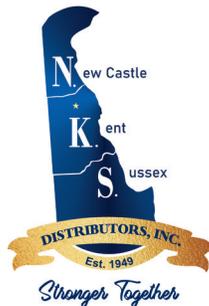
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“Ruly”

Ruly Carpenter was an extraordinary man in every sense of the word. His father, Bob Carpenter, co-founded DFRC and now, 67 years later, DFRC is thriving. Ruly played in the 1958 DFRC Blue-Gold All★Star Football Game. He loved everything related to the game and looked forward to hearing all the details about the new group of young participants each year.

As a young man, Ruly met Stephanie and their attraction was instant. They were married for 61 years when Ruly passed unexpectedly on September 13, 2021. From high school sweethearts to parents of Bob, David and Cinda, and grandparents to nine, they built their family based on love and goodness in everything they did. Ruly devoted himself to numerous causes and achieved many significant feats during his 81 years, but his family and friends always took top priority.

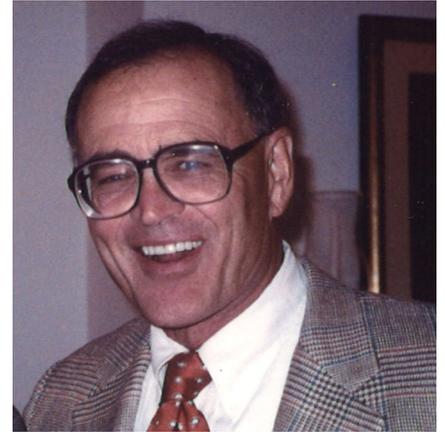
Ruly found himself highly intrigued by the prospects he recognized in the talents and skills of young people. He loved nothing more than discovering the unique gifts of young men and women and supporting them with encouragement and connections. Since his passing, many people of all ages have shared their love for Ruly and a multitude of very touching stories that were unknown to anyone other than the people involved. Each narrative speaks of how deeply Ruly cared. He handled each opportunity with his

selfless humility, never boasting about what he had done, but instead, he just did it!

There was never anything that was too much trouble for Ruly. Once he knew of

a need, he jumped into action and made it happen. He didn't want the fanfare of a meeting or a lot of talk. He was that genuinely wonderful *Man of Action* who took his commitments seriously and moved forward with utmost determination. When we reflect upon Ruly, thoughts of honesty, integrity, humility and morality flood the mind. Ruly Carpenter was a man of his word. He listened intently and reacted with fairness and truth. If Ruly encountered a wrong, he acted with strong conviction to make it right. Injustice was never tolerated.

Ruly was always there to listen and provide his guidance for any need of the DFRC family. DFRC shares a tremendous sadness with Ruly's family and literally thousands of others who mourn his passing. Truly, he left the world a better place because of the abundance of love and respect he had for all people.



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ANTHONY T. GLENN, ED.D.

Celebrating 50 Years in the DFRC Family!

Tony Glenn lives a life of profound grace and selfless service to others. He is unequivocally a person who stands firmly for what he believes and knows to be true. Tony is a visionary who constantly searches for ways to make the world a better place. Over the past 50 years, Tony's insight and innovation have led DFRC to take leaps of faith that have inspired and strengthened our core, leading thousands of lives to inclusion, equity, acceptance and opportunity for all. His unmatched enthusiasm for DFRC and our mission to enrich the lives of people who are intellectually challenged is an example of excellence for all.

From his first introduction to DFRC as a member of the 18th Annual Blue-Gold All★Star Football Game, Tony has personified the Blue-Gold spirit. He often recounts how, as a graduated senior representing Conrad High School, he was forever touched by his first experience with people who were intellectually challenged. This brief interaction touched his heart so deeply, Tony knew his life's journey would be guided by the newly acquired love he found for and from these buddies.

Since that fateful summer, Tony has remained faithful to his personal commitment to make DFRC a priority in his life. While teaching at Saint Mark's High School, Tony started the very first DFRC Blue-Gold High School Club in 1983, serving as a model for future Blue-Gold Clubs in other schools. Tony



worked his way through the ranks of the DFRC Blue-Gold Football Committee and the Board of Trustees as a volunteer for 28 years, serving on every committee, in every role. Whether serving as Game Chairperson in 1988 or President of the Board of Trustees, Tony made it his mission to ensure that DFRC continually focused on actively spreading awareness and celebrating the ABILITIES of all individuals throughout the state of Delaware.

In 2001, Tony was named Executive Director of DFRC. During the past 21 years with Tony at the helm, he has led the foundation through every charge, challenging the DFRC family to discover unique strengths and talents and join together to deepen our mission and attain excellence in every aspect. We've all benefited from his many "what if" lists, as he guided us through each step of the journey. In addition, numerous organizations throughout the state have benefited from Tony's leadership in bringing

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people together for a common cause. As Tony enters his fiftieth year in the DFRC family, he has retired as our Executive Director. Back as volunteer, he remains an active member of Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees. Tony has given his heart and soul to the DFRC family with absolute loyalty, courage and allegiance, his resolve never wavering. We look forward to the great things to come as Tony continues this next chapter of his loyal commitment to DFRC.

GOD BLESS YOU, DR. TONY GLENN!

WE LOVE YOU AND THANK YOU AS YOU ENTER YOUR FIFTIETH YEAR IN THE DFRC FAMILY! WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR EXTRAORDINARY COMMITMENT TO ALL PEOPLE!

Join Us for the 66th

DFRC BLUE-GOLD ALL★STAR FOOTBALL GAME

Friday, June 17, 2022

University of Delaware Football Stadium

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Gates Open	5:00 p.m.
Opening Ceremonies	6:00 p.m.
Kickoff	7:00 p.m.

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DFRC has touched hearts and enriched the lives of Delawareans since 1956. Key to our success has been the DFRC Blue-Gold All★Star Football Game and the Hand-in-Hand Program, which is celebrating its 48th anniversary in 2022.

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