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## Reading United A.C. to Host Weekend Charity Event!

*Reading United A.C. Gives Back*  
Saturday August 6<sup>th</sup>, 4pm at Wyomissing Flannery Field

**READING, PA. (August 4, 2016)** – The Reading United Fun League continues its 11th season with another exciting charity event and soccer match. This weekend, we seek to raise funds for two local children fighting an extremely rare disease.

Ashlin McFadden, 14, and Mason Meitzler, 3, have tuberous sclerosis complex, or TSC. This genetic condition causes tumors in the body's vital organs, primarily in the brain, eyes, heart, kidney, skin and lungs. Approximately one in 6,000 births are affected by this condition. Ashlin particularly suffers severe developmental side-effects, paralysis on her right side, and takes 13 doses of six different medications to help control seizures and prevent growth of kidney tumors. Their mother, Shelly Meitzler, continues to champion education for families affected. "Our journey with 2 children living with TSC has been filled with struggles, heartache and triumphs. We have trauma and scars, but we are armed with knowledge, support, hope and invaluable insight through vital research funding and awareness. This is life changing, healing and empowering. We would like to thank Reading United and the entire Berks County Community for being with us on this journey."

Reading United A.C. is happy to continue its acclaimed 'Gives Back' series to benefit this family. An exciting charity event will be held on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm at Wyomissing's Flannery Field, featuring a soccer match between the Reading United Fun League and Conrad Weiser's alumni soccer team. Ashlin and Mason will take part of the match's ceremonial Coin Toss and First Kick. Also, Miss Greater Berks Teen Hallie Jacobs will lead with a singing of the National Anthem.

We ask our wonderful Berks County community to support this cause, rally for the Meitzlers and help offset some of the medical expenses the family has incurred by providing monetary contribution. One-hundred percent of all donations will be given to the Meitzler family as they continue their fight against this dreaded disease.

John Cusatis, Reading United Director of Community Relations, stated, "We are again thrilled and humbled to continue our mission of giving back to the community, as we continue our 11<sup>th</sup> season with RUFL and our Reading United Gives Back Series. It is always great to use soccer as a vehicle for better community awareness. We are glad to be able to help this great family who continue to fight against this horrible disease. I encourage the entire Berks County community to attend this event on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, in order to help the Meitzler family in this time of need. We continue our efforts to raise awareness about childhood diseases, and have some fun soccer in the process."

More information on TSC may be found through The Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance ([www.tsalliance.org](http://www.tsalliance.org)). They are dedicated to finding a cure for TSC while improving the lives of those affected.

More information on the Meitzler Family: <http://www.readingeagle.com/life/article/wyomissing-mom-a-tireless-advocate-for-her-children>

If you are unable to make the event but would still like to donate, please go to [http://giving.tsalliance.org/site/TR?px=1093546&pg=personal&fr\\_id=1160](http://giving.tsalliance.org/site/TR?px=1093546&pg=personal&fr_id=1160)

### ABOUT READING UNITED A.C.

Reading United A.C. is the Greater Reading area's premier minor league soccer team. Led by the ownership group of Berks Professional Sports, Inc. the club was founded in 1995 as the Reading Rage. As the club entered its 15<sup>th</sup> season a name, logo, and color change was made to better feature the ties to the local and state community as well as the soccer goals of the team and its partners. Now in its twenty-first season, Reading United's commitment to professional player development has produced over fifty players currently on the rosters of professional clubs throughout the United States, Europe and Latin America. Reading United is the official Premier Development League affiliate of Major League Soccer's Philadelphia Union. For more information about Reading United AC, visit [www.readingunitedac.com](http://www.readingunitedac.com).



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### **ABOUT READING UNITED FUN LEAGUE**

The Reading United Fun League is a casual, co-ed private league. Our vision is to provide a fun soccer environment with a competitive spirit that focuses its emphasis on building a strong community of soccer players who value the friendship and social aspect of the league and community improvement. RUFL has supported numerous causes including Breast Cancer Support Services Berks County, Angelman's Foundation, Berks Humane Society, Zach Saint Memorial Scholarship Fund, Officer Michael H. Wise II Memorial Foundation, Officer Scott A. Wertz Memorial Scholarship Fund, and Officer Kyle Pagerly Memorial Fund, Jarett Yoder Memorial Fund and Olivet Boys and Girls Club. RUFL is affiliated with the Reading United A.C. and SAARA. For more information on RUFL please contact [john@readingunitedac.com](mailto:john@readingunitedac.com).



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