

A Special Magical Christmas Trail

Read about “Max and Griffin’s Magical Christmas Trail!” at the Shanks’ house in the “thank you” letter below.

Go visit Friday, Dec 16 or 23 from 6-8 PM as the Shanks blow snow along the path and serve hot chocolate! Read more about this magical Christmas event and why it matters.



To our ACC family,

Myself, Corey and Griffin want to send a gigantic thank you for your help in transforming our backyard into “Max and Griffin’s Magical Christmas Trail!” It truly is magical and it is such a special way for us all to remember Max and spread his joy to others.

This dream started when we purchased our home in December 2017. We committed to buying a few things each year but had still not accumulated enough decorations to build up the backyard. Earlier this fall I decided this would be the year to make it happen. Max loved Christmas decorations and I thought this would be a great way to remember him and something that would feel “good” to me. The VERY next day, after deciding this is what we would do, Millie called us into the office to say that the board and parent group would like to help us prepare our home for Christmas. I just stood there crying and then blubbing about how much we would love that.

Thank you thank you for your gifts and your time in helping to decorate! This has been something really fun for us to focus on and such a special way to bring even the smallest bit of joy to a very hard season.

We would love for you all to swing by and walk the trail! We live at 903 Tadlock Place in Matthews (in Sardis Forest off Sardis Road). I know that is a haul for most of you so I have also included two other houses worth seeing in the area. We are planning to blow snow along our path and serve hot chocolate on Friday, 12/16 and Friday, 12/23 from 6-8 PM but please feel free to swing by any evening that is convenient for you.

Other homes to see:

- 1.) “The Christmas House” - on the corner of Sardis Road north and Sunnywood Lane. You can’t miss it!
- 2.) “Christmas Games House” - Located in the cul de sac of Sunnywood Lane. Drive to the end of the road and park in the cul de sac. This house has fun interactive games in their yard and a large sleigh the kids can climb on. There is a sidewalk entrance to the greenway next to their house with another fun Christmas scavenger hunt.

We look forward to seeing you enjoy the path!

With love,
The Shanks Family