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Volunteer gives free fans to families in need

'Many of them do not have air conditioning and many of them cannot afford it,' Dave Harvey says

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OMAHA, Neb. — A group of South Omaha volunteers help people ease their transition out of homelessness. Though the coronavirus pandemic stopped a lot of what The Least of My Brethren can do, Dave Harvey said he can still help families stay cool during the summer months.

Harvey spent weeks finding and collecting fans.

"A fan seems so simple. A \$15, \$20 fan seems so simple," Harvey said.

Harvey handed out the fans and food to residents at an apartment complex near 30th and U streets. Volunteers like Harvey work for The Least of My Brethren help families get the final touches in their first home out of homelessness.

"We don't like seeing people living on the streets. We don't like seeing people living under a bridge. When it's cold and they are out there it's hard to sleep at night," Harvey said.

This time of year the intense heat poses the greatest danger.

"Many of them do not have air conditioning and many of them cannot afford it," Harvey said.

Over 50 fans find new owners Saturday. The supply was gone in mere minutes.

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"When it's brutally hot and you know your child is hot and you want to do something, sometimes there's not a means to do it," Harvey said.

"Some people over here they don't really have that much so it was really sweet for people to actually care about the neighborhood over here," Lindsey Race said.

Race said she's grateful to have something to keep her cool.

"Sometimes it can get really, really hot," Race said. "It's really sweet to have a fan over here."

Harvey said it's about getting people what they need.

"There's no judgement there's no questions take whatever you want," Harvey said.

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Beloved dog returns to Boston Marathon course after cancer struggle

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ASHLAND, Mass. — Spencer, the Boston Marathon's beloved canine fan and the [official dog](#) of the 126th edition of the race, returned to his customary spot along the course Monday after his struggle with cancer.

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He became an icon for holding his "Boston Strong" flag at his usual spot on the route near Ashland State Park, regardless of the weather, for eight years.

The 12-year-old golden retriever has been through a rough couple of years. He had a 3 1/2-pound benign tumor removed in 2020 and doctors discovered a cancerous tumor about a year later.

Stealing a kiss with Spencer, the official 🐶 of the [#bostonmarathon2022](#)

He's making so many runners smile as they pass through Ashland 💙💛 [#wcvb](#)

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"He's the regular guy who is fighting the fight. I would say there's thousands of these runners who are with their own Spencer story, whether it's personal, physical, mental or whatever. He

shows inspiration that he's still here," said Richard Powers, Spencer's dog dad.

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