

To Whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter in support of Ryan Nichols. I am proud to call him my son. I know the man he really is in life. Your one-day experience cannot do justice to a lifetime of knowing who HE is.

Let me start with his kind heart. He has a willingness to help other people in everyday life.

- Friends at school who struggled with math, he helped to tutor them. Elementary through High School.
- He was willing to stay after school to help teachers with classroom cleaning of class pets' cages.
- He could be found purchasing extra food at school for students who were hungry.
- He would even take them clothes, when they needed clothing.
- He helped teammates on the football field with understanding plays and helping them after practice in walk throughs.
- He supported baseball teammates in the batting cages, by throwing balls long after practice was over to better their swings.
- He would play along side of players to help them learn how to better their game in the field.
- One game, he gave up his spare catcher "cup" to the opposing team, because it was the right thing to do to keep them from having to forfeit the game. This was circa age 7-8.
- He doesn't pass up a female on the side of the road with a flat. One time that really stands out is.... Coming back from Africa, 2019, we were tired from the long flights, and he stopped to help a lady change a flat. I was tired, but proud he turned around to help her.
- As a young teen, eighth grader, he was willing to load up in a church bus with his dad, and drive to New Orleans to help rescue people from Hurricane Katrina. It was a dangerous trip, but he was willing to go to help others.

In all areas of his life, he has had a willing heart to help others. It was extended into his adult life, as he founded Rescue the Universe –a Search and Rescue team. He doesn't think of his safety as much as helping others, as he moves into dangerous areas to help serve others.

- Hurricane Michael stands out to me. He was there as the eye of the storm arrived. He helped to cut trees out of the road to move into the hurricane ravaged area. During this specific rescue time, he and Don Nichols were involved in many rescues. They were instrumental in calling down the Coast Guard and helped to load people in the helicopter.
- He has performed many rescues in boats in flooded areas of Texas and Louisiana.
 - He helped rescue a man who was thrown for his boat.
 - He rescued women, men, children and even animals. He loaded them all in his own boat and then in his truck and took them to safety. He would often provide them food he had for himself, so they could eat.
 - He helped to unbridle horses in a stall, with no regard of his safety, only to help the horses.
 - He released dogs that were locked behind closed doors.

Basically, he left no Man, Woman, Child, or Animal behind!

If he was willing to help others, strangers, how much more did he love, support, and take care of his own family.

- He started a business so he could spend more time at home with his wife and children.
- He played, plays with them in the house with building things with blocks and cars.
- He teaches them to be kind, respectful, and courteous to others.
- He teaches them how to play catch with footballs and baseballs.
- He swings with them and helps them learn to climb the jungle gym in the back yard.
- He helps roast marshmallows to make smores. Safety first, or course.
- He even plays on-line games with Ryan Jr. to teach him computer skills and eye hand coordination.

You will never know the man Ryan Nichols really is. He is missed in our daily lives, as well as the lives of others he could be helping along the journey of life.

I am requesting that you, as the person who has the authority to release him, do the right thing and allow him to come home.

A Mom's Heart,

Patti Nichols

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Today on 10/30/2021 Patti Nichols personally appeared before me with proof of Texas Drivers License.

Becky Cooper

