



## Dennis Chesser

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From the very beginning, Service & Support Specialist Dennis Chesser brought a cheerful, upbeat energy into every room he entered.

He has always been the kind of person who doesn't just show up — he *shows up for people*. If something needed to be done, he didn't hesitate. He jumped right in, no questions asked, ready to help, support, and make things better.

His patience is legendary. Whether he was dealing with clients who called 10 times a day or teammates who needed guidance, Dennis always took the time to listen. He offered thoughtful suggestions, steady reassurance, and the kind of wisdom that only comes from someone who genuinely cares.

He was invested in his clients in a way that went far beyond the job description. He made sure people got the services they needed, even when it meant going the extra mile — and he did it without ever expecting recognition.

For many at Lucas DD, Dennis was more than a coworker. He was a mentor, a guide, and in some cases, a father figure. When new SSAs would first start at the Board — especially in the Thompson Unit — Dennis was one of the first friendly faces they had the pleasure of meeting. He welcomed everyone with open arms, shared his knowledge freely, and made sure no one ever felt alone in the learning curve. His support didn't end when he changed units; he still made time to stop by, check in, and make sure everything was okay. That's just who he is.

Of course, we can't talk about Dennis without mentioning his sense of humor. You could always count on him for a joke, harmless fun, or a playful comment that made the day lighter. His charm, his warmth, and that great smile made even the toughest days feel manageable.

One of the most memorable things about Dennis is his role as Santa Claus. Those curls he grew out, the joy he brought to every place he visited — he wasn't just a good Santa,

he was the *best* Santa. He embodied the spirit of giving, kindness, and joy in a way that only someone with a heart of gold truly can.

Dennis is compassionate. He is caring. He is funny, charming, and endlessly supportive. He has great taste in sports teams — go Buckeyes — and an even greater talent for making people feel seen, heard, and valued. He adapts, he stays busy, he keeps moving, and he brings out the best in the people around him.

As Dennis steps into retirement, we hope you carry the same joy, warmth, and generosity you've given all of us. He deserves every moment of rest, adventure, and happiness ahead.

Congratulations on your retirement, Dennis! Thank you for everything. You will always be part of this family, and you are already greatly missed.