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The Forney Jackrabbits Embrace Their Hometown Like None Other

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CONNECTING WITH Coach Jeff Fleener

Q. Who is your Community Connector? How are they involved with the program/community?

"Stephen Green is the Youth Pastor at Clife Forney (local church). He is heavily involved with a number of our sports programs as a character coach and often comes and speaks to them. He is well known by all of our students at Forney HS, not just the athletes. He always picks up the phone when someone asks for his help and serves as a great mentor to our student athletes."

Q. What do you talk to your team about when you talk about representing your community and how is your team involved in the community?

"We have a saying that we use - "Rep The Rabbits". We discuss this often with our players about how they represent us both in the school building and out in the community. Whether they are wearing Forney Football gear or not, they are expected to always represent the standard we have set for the behavior and character of a Forney Jackrabbit."

Q. Why is it important to teach your young men about giving back and being good stewards?

Just as Optimum has been a source of keeping the community connected through its award-winning high-speed internet, Dave Campbell's Texas Football has been a "bible" source for millions of football fans across the Lone Star State.

During this year's Texas high school football season, Optimum is keeping score on local individuals who are making a difference in their community. As a result, Optimum is proud to have partnered with Dave Campbell's Texas Football to do so. Leveraging Dave Campbell's insight and expertise in scouting, Optimum's partnership with Dave Campbell's Texas Football is nothing short of a "winning connection." The partnership enabled the creation of the Community Connector Award in order to celebrate the achievements of community difference makers year-round - both on and off the field.

Optimum is proud to recognize

Stephen Green

for his contributions to the community

Optimum is a proud founder of this award as it celebrates committed students, teachers and parents who stay connected in their community and honor them for their generous hard work and support to make their community a better place.

"We talk often with our team about being in our football program is not only about learning to be a better football player. We want them to learn about living a healthy lifestyle both mentally and physically. We want them to learn about leadership, teamwork, and overcoming adversity. Most of all, we want them to learn what it takes to be a great man, a great husband, and a great father in the future."

Q. What is unique about your school and community?

"The Forney High School community is unique because as the school has grown from a small town school to a 6A school, the small town feel has remained. We describe it as a Friday Night Lights town where the whole community shuts down and comes to every game. We pack the stands at home and on the road. The Jackrabbits have a tradition of success that has been built with the help of the community support."

Q. What does staying connected to the community mean to you?

"As a coach it means to work tirelessly to find ways to be involved in the community and to embrace special events, traditions, and find ways to serve. Our team knows we wouldn't be successful without the support of our entire Southside community and we constantly look for opportunities to give back to the people that have given so much to us."



Q&A

WITH

Stephen Green

Q. How did you get involved at Forney High School?

"I am the youth pastor at community life church here in Forney and I knew coach Fleener from when I was working at a church in mesquite and he was at mesquite high school. So, I just began asking how I could serve the school. Now I work with a few teams at Forney. But also, our church has been so Faithfull to serve the schools and the city even before I was on staff! So, it made an easy on ramp to get plugged in."

Q. What makes the Forney community special to you?

"I Love the people in Forney and feel like it's such a special place filled with amazing people."

Q. What is your proudest moment as a part of the Forney community?

"Working with the teams has been a rewarding experience. Every time I see students trusting their coaches and achieving their goals, it fills me with pride. Their commitment to our community's leadership truly inspires me and makes me proud to be a part of it."



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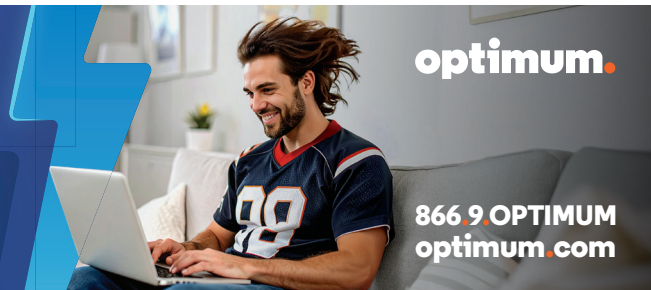


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