

# 'Give a little back'



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People can stop by Cantoni's Pizza in Fairmont to buy raffle tickets for a local fundraiser to provide tornado relief for Tuscaloosa, Ala. Jason Cantoni and Taylor Richardson of Cantoni's Pizza show off one of the prizes, a football autographed by University of Alabama coach Nick Saban. Two tickets to the Alabama at Penn State football game will also be raffled off.

## Local effort benefits Nick and Terry's Tornado Relief Fund

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**FAIRMONT** — Following the tornado-inflicted devastation in Tuscaloosa, Ala., a Fairmont family is working to give back.

In May, Sandy Richardson, a native of the Friendly City, and her family started organizing a fundraiser drawing to benefit Nick and Terry's Tornado Relief Fund.

This local effort began when Sandy emailed her cousin Terry Saban, who is married to University of Alabama football coach Nick Saban, a few days after the tornado struck Tuscaloosa to ask if there was anything Marion County could do to help.

Sandy mentioned the idea of having a fundraiser, and Terry said that she and Nick would provide two tickets to the Alabama at Penn State football game to

raffle off. Sandy's cousin Tina White, who is Terry's sister and lives in Fairmont, also worked to obtain a football autographed by Nick as another prize.

Sandy and her family members have been selling raffle tickets on their own, and Cantoni's Pizza in Fairmont has also agreed to sponsor the fundraiser. Jason

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Cantoni owns the business, and Taylor Richardson, who is Sandy's daughter and Jason's girlfriend, works there.

Tickets are for sale at Cantoni's Pizza, located at 1116 Fairmont Ave. in the Jack & Jill Menswear's plaza across from the Poky Dot, for \$5 each or \$50 for a book of 11.

The drawing will take place Aug. 20 at Cantoni's. The first prize is the football game tickets and the second prize is the autographed football, and each winner will also receive a gift certificate for pizza.

"My main thing was that we

forget so easy ... all those poor people and go on with another tragedy we see on the news," Sandy said. "There's people down there that still don't have electricity in this heat."

She wanted to keep the help coming for the people who were impacted in Tuscaloosa.

All the money collected through the raffle will go toward Nick and Terry's organization called Nick's Kids Fund, which helps disadvantaged children. The donations from the Marion County fundraiser will specifically be designated for tornado relief, which is a cause that the

Sabans added to their fund.

Sandy said that Nick and Terry are adopting one neighborhood in Tuscaloosa at a time and have already raised thousands of dollars for tornado relief. Nick was born and raised in Monongah and Terry is from Fairmont, and they have done a lot for Marion County over the years.

"We just want to give a little bit back from here," Sandy said.

Donations are also welcome, she said. Checks can be made out to Nick and Terry's Tornado Relief Fund.

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