

Avondale in Action

Room In The Inn

December 2021

Rogers Magee was interviewed following Avondale's first night of Room In the Inn (RITI) for this year's winter season. Rogers also spoke in worship on December 12, highlighting this ministry for "Avondale In Action." Following are some Room In The Inn details, paraphrased from Rogers.

Avondale has been doing Room In The Inn for over 20 years. This ministry is older than the Family Life Center building. When the FLC was being planned, showers and laundry were added because of this ministry.

Rogers said that only four neighbors were hosted on December 5. He figured we were not full due to the warmer weather and because many participating in the RITI program have a certain number of nights they can be housed and thus, were saving their nights for colder weather.

Rogers shared that many volunteers make this ministry possible—David Klepser and sons Drew and Owen setup the cots and tables for the night; Betty Chambers prepared a lasagna dinner; Patti Oswald contributed breakfast; Oliva Magee prepared bag lunches to go; Rogers Magee and Todd Oswald were the overnight hosts; Jakob Gattinger took down and put away the RITI setup; Susan Thomas did the laundry; and Todd Oswald and Mahlon Thomas drove the bus, transporting neighbors to and from Avondale.

Rogers said that three of the neighbors went to bed at 8:30 PM, one person stayed up and watched football with Rogers and Todd. The oldest neighbor that night was 70 years old. He and Rogers sat together at dinner.

"We sort of hit it off together, we had a lot of things in common," said Rogers, pointing out they were close in age. Hear more about this from Rogers from his testimony in worship. [YouTube video, start at 51:54 <https://youtu.be/HbrF2hoxjMA?t=3114>]

Another neighbor, 22 years old, was up at 6 AM and reading "Chronicles of Narnia." He shared he was worried about getting to work on the bus by 7 AM. "All the neighbors were very pleasant," said Rogers, "All went smoothly for our first Room In The Inn of the season. But then again, Avondalers are experienced..... We've been hosting RITI for over 20 years."



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December 12, 2021 Worship Service

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