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As another great fall season of soccer ends we look forward to Thanksgiving, a holiday we all know reflects food, football, and lively times with family and friends, dating back to 1621, when the first harvest was celebrated. It makes sense why they called it such because the words 'Thanks' and 'Giving' are two very strong words each in their own way- combined however, powerful!

'**Thanks**, the abbreviated version of thank you, is a sincere way of showing gratitude, perhaps shaking a hand, looking someone in the eyes and taking a moment to show appreciation for what the other has done. Or simply speaking out loud the blessings that have been bestowed upon you. Now the word '**Giving**' in my mind is as powerful as it gets. To 'give' something that is yours, is as personal of a gesture as one can make. You can give food, gifts, money, time, love, respect, a hug... who doesn't like to receive those things? But to give them? My food, my money? My time? Respect? When you think of it, it is pretty easy to receive, but can be hard to give.

That is exactly why this club is so unique. Because we GIVE, and frankly, we don't exist without all of our members giving. Roseville Soccer is **FOR the community, BY the community**. And I am not only speaking of the volunteers. You, the families, GIVE us the reason to exist, by joining our program(s), since 1981. We know that you have a choice but you entrust us with your kiddos and for that we say 'Thank you!'

Now, while writing these words I recall the episode from Friends where Joey prepares a speech for Monica and Chandler's Wedding and he keeps using the words 'Giving and Receiving', and that brings a smile to my face. You likely are now going back up to re-read how many times I used the word 'thanks' and 'giving', and that brings a smile to my face as well but at the root of it all, what Joey was trying to say is, let us take a moment to appreciate what we have, who we are, and that we have each other.

As President of this great club, I truly am thankful for each and everyone one of the 4,000+ players, for each and every parent, grandparent, volunteer, referee, technical staff, and board members, who make up our DNA. We have our ups and downs but gratitude is in our DNA, and no one can take that from us. This is OUR club- which is why we have recently dubbed the phrase 'Roseville- The People's Club'- because it truly is.

So, on behalf of all of us, thank you for being part of the 'People's Club', thank you for another great season of soccer, and for making this club what it is. Please enjoy those special Thanksgiving week moments with your family and friends, maybe even watch 'the one where Joey...'

Happy Thanksgiving everyone!