

# **SPECIAL NEEDS BUDDY FOR WEEKEND SERVICES**



**Project 1.27**

Fostering and Adopting in Faith

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**Purpose:** To provide 1:1 or small group assistance, support and friendship to a child with a disability in an inclusive class setting.

## RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Love and accept these children just as they are, valuing their uniqueness and reflecting God's love for them.
- Be a friend to these children- someone that they look forward to seeing.
- Pray regularly for these children and their families as God leads.
- Learn how the children communicate and assist with their communication with others.
- Encourage social interaction among classmates.
- Provide necessary physical assistance for mobility, seating, game playing and learning activities.
- Assist with self-help skills such as eating, wiping mouth, or toileting (according to church guidelines).
- As they are provided and as you learn more about the children, use appropriate behavior management techniques to ensure their comfort, safety and security.

## SPECIFIC POSITION QUALIFICATIONS:

- A person who has an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ as their personal savior and a Christian walk that reflects the fruits of the Spirit.
- Someone who longs to share God's heart with a child who might feel different or left out, or who may be unaware that his or her challenges hinder others from interacting with him or her.
- A person who is motivated, excited and enthusiastic about being with and learning from these special children.
- Someone who can display high energy, creativity and patience, and who believes children with special needs can love God and serve their world.
- Displays integrity, sensitivity and confidentiality, treating each child and family with respect.
- Is teachable and dependable.
- Is 16 years or older.
- Completes volunteer application and background check.

**Time Commitment:** Approximately 2 hours every other week

**Length of Commitment:** One year, renewable by mutual agreement

**Success Measures:** Successful and timely completion of above responsibilities