



is to create autism
awareness, teach
acceptance, and
foster **empathy**
among
typically-developing,
elementary-aged
students.



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**What YOU
can do to
promote ...**



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A Note from Good Friend's Founders

We incorporated Good Friend, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, in 2007 because we saw a need and knew we could help. As mothers to children with various special needs, including autism spectrum disorders (ASDs), we became increasingly concerned that the typically-developing students in the mainstreamed classrooms weren't well-prepared for the behaviors associated with ASDs. They didn't know how to be good friends to these differently-abled children.



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The progressive concern, then, is that children with ASDs and other disabilities may become targets of bullying, or disability harassment, later in life. We want to eliminate that possibility through awareness, acceptance, and empathy.

We're thrilled that you want to come alongside us on this journey. Without passionate individuals willing to donate their time, talent, and finances, Good Friend would not be able to reach out to student and educational groups across the nation. Tell us which volunteer opportunities interest you most.

Thanks for being a "good friend!"



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Become a member of a standing committee

Members of the organization are welcome to serve on one (or more) of our four standing committees: Fund Development, Membership, Programs & Services, and Marketing & Merchandise. Each committee meets at the discretion of the Board Director in charge of that committee — generally once every other month. Time commitments vary depending on the nature of the committee's charge from the Board. Typically, committee members can expect to devote four hours per month to the work of the group.

Terms are for one year. However, a Board Director can at any time ask a committee member to step down.

Help out with short-term projects

Do you have a knack for event planning? Are you willing to help assemble a mailing? Do you have excellent phone conversation skills? Let us know when you're available and what your strengths are and we'll match you with an appropriate volunteer opportunity. One of the standing committees may have a task force associated with an upcoming event, or you might assist at a presentation. We especially appreciate the help of young people, since we serve students primarily.

Provide professional expertise

Because we have no paid support staff, we appreciate the advice and services of those with experience in accounting and legal matters. If you're familiar with finances for nonprofits, copyright and intellectual property issues, insurance underwriting, and state and local tax law,

you are encouraged to contact us for acute and/or on-going consultation.



Connect us with financial supporters

We are only able to keep our service fees affordable for cash-strapped schools because of generous donors. If you know of a potential benefactor, please direct that information to us through the Board of Directors. We would be more than happy to discuss opportunities for corporate and private financial involvement.

See us in action and spread the word!

Few forms of volunteerism are more important than personal testimonials! If you've seen our presentation (staff

or student), tell other school and student groups about it! Encourage them to schedule a service for their staff and/or student group.



Current volunteer and committee opportunities are posted on the Volunteer Center of Waukesha's website, www.volunteerwaukesha.com.



If you do not have Internet access, please call Denise, who serves as our volunteer coordinator, at 262-391-1369 for more information.