

## Best Buddies Canada

Because everyone deserves a friend!

#### A Message from the Best Buddies Team

Hello Best Buddies Chapters,

Happy August! We hope you are having a relaxing summer with family and friends.

Your Program Coordinators are working hard behind the scenes preparing for the 2024-2025 program year. We have so many new and exciting things planned that we can't wait to share with you!

One of those things is our inaugural Best Buddies Friendship Walk happening on September 29th in Kingston, Ontario! You can find more information about it below and in the weeks to come.

Lastly, our 2024-2025 applications open on **August 20, 2024**. Look out for our social media announcement!

#### Congratulations Chloe and Farrah!



## Chloe Wong

"Best Buddies truly means the world to me. I have made so many special memories and friendships that I'll cherish for the rest of my life. From the people to the events, to all of the light my chapter brought to my life, I am so grateful for this amazing organization and am excited to see where it brings me next!"



2024 James Raymond Cowling Foundation Scholarship Winner

### Farrah Sattaur

"Best Buddies gave me a sense of belonging and a sense of inclusion."

Among her many pursuits,
Farrah is involved with the
Surrey Place Center Self
Advocacy Group, the
Canadian Mental Health Self
Advocate Advisory group, and
Holland Bloorview Kids
Rehabilitation Hospital as a
family leader volunteer.



Best Buddies Canada's Global Ambassadors had a great time at the 2024 Best Buddies

Leadership Conference in Indiana!







# BEST BUDDIES. FRIENDSHIP WALK

Sunday, September 29, 2024 • 11 AM • Lake Ontario Park



BESTBUDDIESFRIENDSHIPWALK.ORG/Kingston

# Read Our Latest Story Spotlight!

Brought together by the Best Buddies

program, Jessica Rotolo and Lauren Abela formed a lifelong friendship and discovered a passion for advocacy and leadership. Now they volunteer as Best Buddies International Ambassadors and inspire others to get involved with the program. Learn more about their journey with Best Buddies in our latest Story Spotlight!

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# **BEST BUDDIES STORY SPOTLIGHT**

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Jessica Rotolo Lauren Abela

"Best Buddies helped me become a leader in my community."



Our Impact

394

Chapters

11,820

**Participants** 

87

School Boards

\*As of June 11,, 2024

145 Cities





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