



Best Buddies Canada

Because everyone deserves a friend!

A Message from the Best Buddies Team

Hello Best Buddies Community,

Happy January! 2024 saw huge growth in Best Buddies Canada and we are excited to continue supporting and growing the program in 2025.

As we move into the New Year, please remember we are here to support you and your chapters in any way we can! Don't hesitate to call or email us if you have any questions, need additional support, or simply want to check in.

Would you like your chapter to be featured in future Newsletters, blog posts, and on social media? Do you have any impactful stories to share about your time in the program? Please send any photos or testimonials to info@bestbuddies.ca. We would love to hear from you!

Check Out Our Chapters!



The University of British Columbia chapter hosted a holiday party



Warman High School in Warman, SK visited a fall farm!



St. Augustine Catholic High School in Markham, ON had a Christmas party



Bishop Reding Catholic Secondary School in Milton, ON sang Christmas carols at a local retirement home

EXCITING LEADERSHIP UPDATES AT BEST BUDDIES CANADA

We are excited to announce the addition of five exceptional individuals to our Board of Directors: **Maha Masood**, **Jacob Weinstock**, **Michael O'Sullivan**, **Chris Waterston**, and **Robert Eckford**. These new members bring a wealth of expertise and share a deep passion for advancing our mission of empowering individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities through inclusion. Their leadership will be key in driving our vision forward.

New Board Members

ANNOUNCEMENT



**Maha
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**Jacob
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**Michael
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**Chris
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**Robert
Eckford**

We also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our departing Board members –**Rene Pantalone, Jessica Zackheim, Jacqueline Harper, and Deborah Robinson**. Their unwavering dedication and hard work have left an inspiring legacy, and we are deeply grateful for their contributions.

With our strengthened Board team, we are excited to reach new heights in serving our buddies and communities across Canada.

[Click to read the full announcement.](#)

THANK YOU!

We are filled with gratitude for the incredible support we received during our Giving Tuesday campaign. Because of your generosity, we can create even more opportunities for inclusion and friendship.

Together, we are building a more inclusive world!



Give the gift
of friendship!



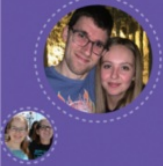
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