



# Best Buddies Canada

Because everyone deserves a friend!

## A Message from the Best Buddies Team

Hello Best Buddies Chapters,

Happy June! We are so grateful to you for your dedication to the Best Buddies Canada Friendship Program. As we near summer break, we can't help but reflect on all the accomplishments and growth that Best Buddies experienced this year.

- We celebrated 30 years of operation during Best Buddies Month
- 65 new chapters opened across Canada; that's a lot of new friendships!
- Your Program Coordinators visited over 100 schools across Canada in person, offering support and witnessing the program's impact firsthand
- We made the program more accessible by hosting over 40 Virtual Programming events

We are proud of the milestones that Best Buddies reached this year and are already looking forward to all the new and exciting things we have planned for the 2024/2025 program year.

Thank you for all the time and energy you put towards fostering friendship and inclusion at your schools. We hope you have a relaxing, restorative summer with your family and friends - you deserve it!

## VOLUNTEER WEEK AWARDS

During National Volunteer Week, we recognized Shana Mayer, one of our amazing Staff Advisors, for her dedication to the Best Buddies program.

Shana organizes the York Best Buddies Prom

**CONGRATULATIONS!**



**SHANA MAYER**

every year and does an incredible job overseeing the Milliken Mills High School chapter.

Congratulations!

## DONOR RECOGNITION

We are grateful to the Winnipeg Foundation for their support of our program. Their contribution allows us to reach new schools in Winnipeg and promote our message of inclusion.



We are grateful to the Solcz Family Foundation for their support of our program. Their contribution allows us to reach new schools in Windsor and promote our message of inclusion.



## Year End Report

Please be sure to fill out our mandatory Year End Report! If you don't plan to return as Staff Advisor next year, please provide the contact information for your replacement.

[Click Here](#)

[Submit a Testimonial](#)



We would love to hear  
more about your  
experience with  
Best Buddies.

Share your story here!

## Our 2024 Spirit of Friendship Award Winners - Kevin and Jenna



Kevin and Jenna are an exemplary buddy pair who have been involved in and made a significant impact on each other's lives. We are thrilled to present them with our 2024 Spirit of Friendship Award!

## Read Our Latest Story Spotlight!

Brenda Hopper has been a Best Buddies Canada Staff Advisor for nearly 30 years and was one of the first teachers in Canada to establish a Best Buddies high school chapter. Read more about her experience with Best Buddies in her Story Spotlight! □

Read

More

## BEST BUDDIES STORY SPOTLIGHT

30  
YEARS

### Brenda Hopper

*"[Best Buddies]  
helped me be a  
more  
compassionate  
teacher and  
leader."*



## Our Impact

\*As of June 11,, 2024

**394**

Chapters

**11,820**

Participants

**87**

School Boards

**145**

Cities

## Follow Best Buddies' Social Media!

Check out [@BestBuddiesCanada](#) for the latest news and updates



## Join the Best Buddies Community Today!

Check for the Best Buddies program in your school or area.



Join Now



Best Buddies Canada | 2000-2 Sheppard Ave. East | North York, ON M2N 5Y7 CA

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)



Try email marketing for free today!