



Best Buddies Canada

Because everyone deserves a friend!

A Message from the Best Buddies Team

Hello Best Buddies Community,

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.

- 82 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 hosted our inaugural Friendship Walk in Kingston, Ontario and are planning many more for the Fall of 2025!
- We launched opportunities for participants to develop leadership skills and use their voices including our Ambassador Training program and our Reach for the Stars event

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 2025/2026 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!

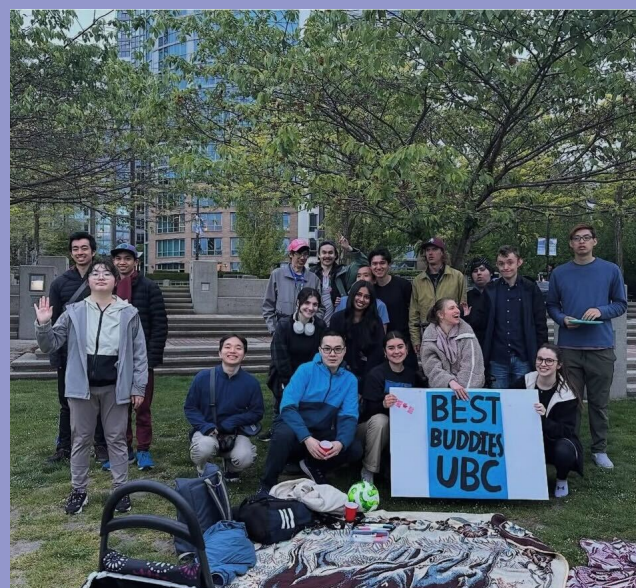
Check Out Our Chapters!



York Region's "Under the Sea" Best Buddies Prom was a splash! Huge thanks to all attending schools for celebrating friendship and inclusion!



Father Michael McGivney Catholic Academy visiting the Toronto Zoo



The University of British Columbia hanging out at the park

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.

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Mehak & Jayden

Students Mehak and Jayden were paired in a one-to-one friendship through Brampton Centennial Secondary School's Best Buddies program. Read more about their friendship in our Story Spotlight!

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BEST BUDDIES STORY SPOTLIGHT



Mehak Ahluwalia
Jayden Gordon

"[Best Buddies] gives students the opportunity to open up, go outside their comfort zone, and be inclusive to other people."



Tasneem & Shaian

Tasneem and Shaian also met through Brampton Centennial Secondary School's Best Buddies program. Their connection has helped them develop confidence and pursue their goals. Read more about their friendship in our Story Spotlight!

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Tasneem Hashim
Shaian Berry

"Shaian has helped me develop my confidence and pursue my goals."



DONOR RECOGNITION

Thank you for supporting friendship and inclusion!



Thank you to Edelman Canada for choosing Best Buddies Canada for your Little Give initiative! The Edelman Toronto team's hands-on involvement during Ambassador Training helped participants grow confidence and leadership skills.



Best Buddies Canada gratefully acknowledges the financial support of the Pendle Fund at the Mississauga Foundation, a registered charitable public foundation serving the people of Mississauga. Their contribution allows us to expand new programs in Mississauga and promote our message of inclusion.



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We are grateful to the Air Canada Foundation for their support of our program. Their contribution allows us to expand new programs across Ontario, British Columbia, and Alberta and promote our message of inclusion.

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