

# Best Buddies Canada

Because everyone deserves a friend!







## **Cuddle for Keeps Buddie Bears**

May is Mental Health Awareness Month and in celebration, we've partnered with Cuddle for Keeps! Buddie Bears are handmade, weighted, and personalized companions that provide a gentle and soothing sensation to relieve feelings of anxiety and calm the nervous system.

They're easily transportable and perfect to have in classrooms or at home!

Each Best Buddies Buddie Bear comes with a special Best Buddies Canada tag and a portion of all Buddie Bear sales for the month of May go towards supporting Best Buddies' friendship program. After all, everyone needs a friend!

PURCHASE YOUR BUDDIE BEAR HERE

### **VOLUNTEER WEEK AWARDS**

During National Volunteer Week, we recognized some of our amazing volunteers for their commitment to Best Buddies Canada. Congratulations and Happy Retirement to Brenda Hopper, a staff advisor for over 25 years, and Congratulations to Sophia Jiang, Chapter President at University of Toronto – Scarborough.





CHAPTER PRESIDENT AT UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

**BEST BUDDIES VOLUNTEER AWARD WINNER** 

- SCARBOROUGH

### **CONGRATULATIONS!**



BEST BUDDIES VOLUNTEER AWARD WINNER

TEACHER AND STAFF ADVISOR FOR OVER 25 YEARS



### **DONOR RECOGNITION**

We are grateful to the Winnipeg Kinsmen's Jackpot Bingo for their support of our donation. Their contribution will help us to continue to reach new schools in Manitoba and promote our message of inclusion.



We are grateful to the Azrieli Foundation for their support of our program. Their contribution will help us to continue to reach new schools across Canada 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!

## **CHECK OUT THESE CHAPTERS**

Our Lady of St. Carmel's Best Buddies Chapter



Branksome Hall's Best Buddies played soccer in the gym



# YOU ARE INVITED TOSAINT LAURENT BLOOR

We are pleased to invite you to experience the new country flagship boutique! The event is happening on May 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 pm EDT at 110 Bloor St. West, Toronto. 10% of all proceeds go towards supporting Best Buddies Canada's friendship program. Please RSVP to Rana Florida: rana@creativesclass.com. We hope to see you there!



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Years of Friendships 363

Schools Across Canada 11+

Provinces and territories

10,890+

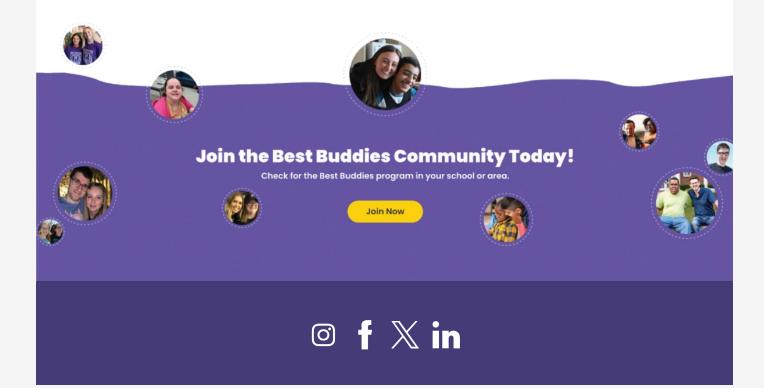
Participants and Growing

150k+

Friendships

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