

What we do

Friendship Adventures is dedicated to enriching the lives of people with developmental disabilities, providing a community and a variety of activities which promote personal growth, help build socialization skills and increase confidence.



Education

We not only focus on the education of special needs citizens through activities such as interactive museum visits and exposure to various cultures, but on raising the awareness and knowledge base of special needs families as well. Families of these special adults are encouraged to attend many events to support and grow with their loved one.

Recreation & Leisure

Friendship Adventures provides much needed socialization opportunities, building friendships and the inter-personal skills of our participants.

We sponsor a large variety of special short-term events, such as picnics, dances, sporting events, as well as longer-term leisure activities such as camping trips, day trips and overnight adventures—promoting the independence of our participants.

Sample activities include:

- Arts & Crafts
 - Barbeques
 - Bingo Nights
 - Camping
 - Themed Dances
 - Daytime Excursions
 - Holiday Parties
 - Movies
 - Sleigh Rides
 - Plays & Musicals
 - Sporting Events
 - Swimming
 - Theme Parks
 - Weekend Getaways
- And so much more...

Why we do it

The unintended consequences of deinstitutionalizing and mainstreaming people with developmental disabilities has made Friendship Adventures crucial in our participants' lives. While in high school, students are incorporated into activities and have a schedule and support system. After graduation, many participants live independently or semi-independently and those familiar social networks are no longer available to them.



Many do not have the ability to seek out and initiate a social network and consequently, many are isolated, unemployed or sitting alone watching television with little or no human contact. We fill this void by providing a safe, supervised and engaging environment for our participants to grow and remain engaged with the outside world.



Our story

It all started one Saturday evening at a dance for a group of very special people... a twirl here, a twirl there, a two-step now and again, an Elvis impersonator to top it all off. From there, the concept grew...

Growing up with a brother with Down syndrome, Friendship Adventure's founder knew the value of social activities for people with disabilities. So the question arose ... "why not begin providing regular activities, such as this dance, allowing participants to meet, laugh, socialize and grow together?"

Momentum began to gather and soon, supported by their families and loved ones, special needs friends came together—creating friendships and exciting memories.



Get involved

For a list of activities, please visit:
www.friendshipadventures.org/calendar.htm.

Interested in volunteering your time? Email
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If you'd like to send us a donation, please visit:
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Friendship Adventures is a non-profit organization, dedicated to enriching the lives of people with developmental disabilities by building interpersonal skills, confidence and lifelong friendships...one smile at a time!

