



TIES promotes the participation of students and young adults who have developmental disabilities in inclusive, organized extracurricular and community activities with the support of trained student volunteers.

It's a terrific experience that offers opportunities for learning, growth and fun!



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TIES is a Program Of



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Starbridge partners with people who have disabilities, their families, and others who support them, to realize fulfilling possibilities in education, employment, health, and community living.

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TIES Coordinators

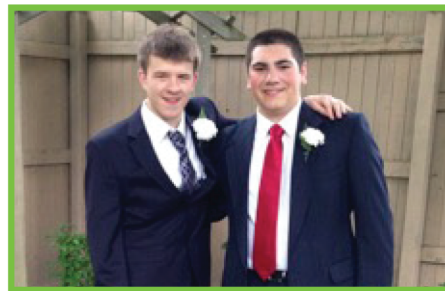
work closely with the school districts to:

- Act as a resource for families to explore opportunities and activities available in their school and community
- Market TIES to the schools and community
- Recruit and train peer volunteers
- Develop individual support plans with strategies on how to best support participants in activities
- Communicate and collaborate with activity leaders
- Evaluate everyone's experience



Possible Activities

- A single event, such as a school dance or sporting event
- An ongoing class, such as dance, martial arts, music, cooking, school clubs or gymnastics
- Ongoing participation in a community organization, such as Scouts or town recreation programs
- Drumming Circle



Participants

are children and young adults between the ages of 8-21 who have developmental disabilities. They complete an application that asks about their interests, activities they would like to join, and the support they need to be successful. The TIES Coordinator works with the participant and their family to develop an individualized plan to guide the peer volunteer's support.

Peer Volunteers

are students in the school district in grades 7-12. These volunteers want to share extracurricular interests and support their peers in experiences that offer both learning and fun! After completing an application form and a training program, peer volunteers are paired with participants based on mutual interests, personal attributes, and availability.

"Disabilities do not change who a person is and how eager they are to learn."

A Peer Volunteer

Activity Leaders

create an experience where all individuals and talents are included, and promote community awareness and inclusion. The TIES Coordinator will share the participant's needs with the activity leader and provide resources as needed.
