

Exceptional Peers

Are you
compassionate?

Do you see beauty
in everyone?

Do you have time
and a heart to share?

Do you want to
make a difference?

Then perhaps you're an..... Exceptional Peer!

What is the "Exceptional Peers" Program?

Exceptional Peers is a program three months in duration. The goal is to help foster friendships between children with special needs in the Lake Norman community and "exceptional" typical peers. Participants are matched and then scheduled play dates take place in the home, or in the community, with parental supervision. Although the official program involves a three month commitment, the goal of the program is to create life-long friendships and we hope and expect that these friendships will last well beyond the three month period.

How does it work?

Parents of children with special needs and typically developing children and teenagers apply. Once approved and a potential match is made, a meeting is scheduled with all participating parties and parents, procedures and policies are reviewed, a schedule is determined, waivers are signed and then... let the playing begin!

Who is eligible?

Any child up to the age of 21 living in the Lake Norman area of North Carolina who 1) because of a disability or special need, finds himself in need of friendship or 2) has an interest in sharing their time and energy to help a child with special needs become more integrated in our community.

What is the time commitment?

The program asks that all parties involved commit to three months and set aside four hours per month in which to participate.

What will Exceptional Peers receive in return?

A feeling of satisfaction... a few pats on the back for a job well done... an increased sense of awareness, empathy and understanding... an improved ability to relate to all types of people, a skill that will serve them well in life... quite possibly a boost in their own self-esteem... and hopefully... a friend for life. Quite often the volunteer finds his/her life enriched much more than the participating child. ☺

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