


**Best Buddies International**

is dedicated to establishing a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).







## Our Vision

To put Best Buddies out of business!

Best Buddies envisions a world where people with IDD are so successfully integrated into schools, workplaces and communities that its current efforts and services will be unnecessary.



## Best Buddies Goals



Best Buddies created the 2020 Initiative in 2011, with the goal of opening offices in all 50 states by the end of 2020.

Train 4,000 Buddy Ambassadors

Develop 1,000 jobs for people with IDD around the world

Increase the number of school-based chapters to 2,500

## Our Programs



### One-to-One School Based Friendships-Middle Schools, High Schools and Colleges

Builds friendships between individuals with and without IDD, offering social mentoring and leadership skills while improving the quality of life and level of inclusion for a population that is often isolated and excluded.

- Best Buddies is active in all 50 states
- Best Buddies is active in 54 countries

### BESTBUDDIES Ambassadors

Offers people with IDD the opportunity to gain the public speaking skills, self-esteem and confidence needed to successfully advocate for themselves, their peers and Best Buddies in communities, workplaces and government.

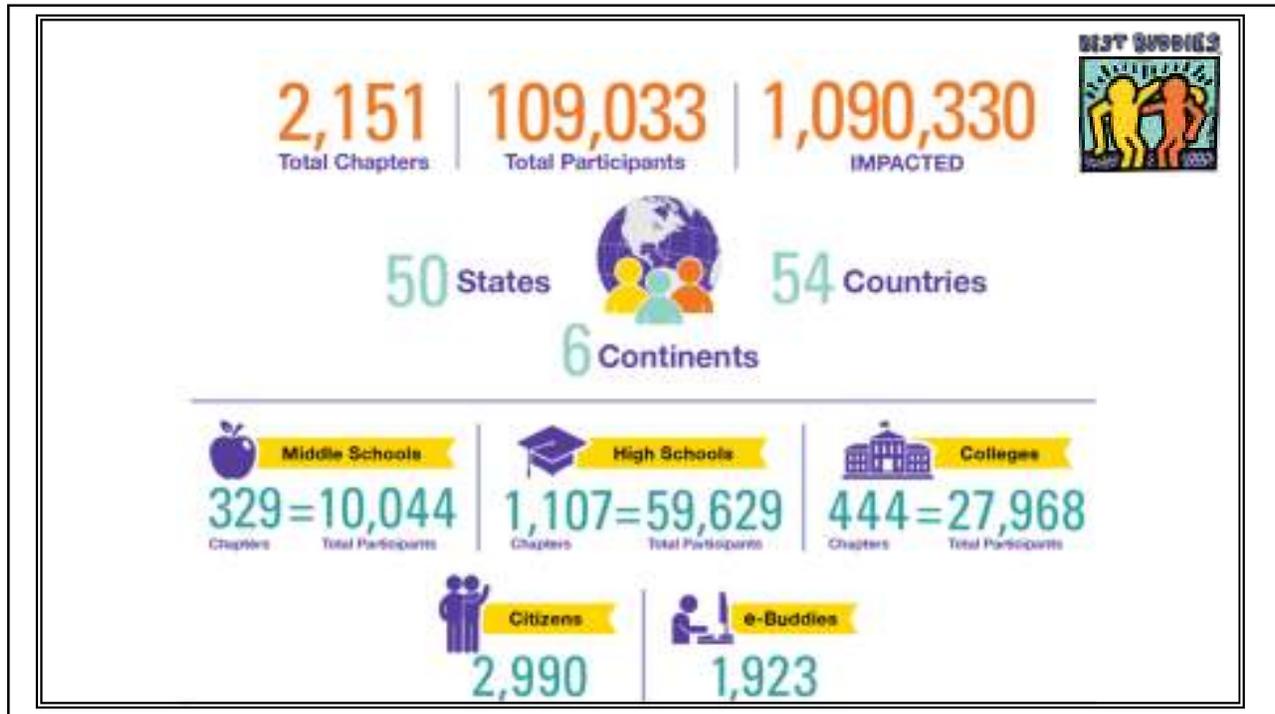
### Jobs

A person centered supported employment program that matches skilled, qualified individuals with IDD with businesses while providing long-term "wrap around" support that ultimately leads to paid, competitive employment in the community for an individual with a disability.

## Best Buddies Friendship Program



- Fosters one-to-one friendships between high school students with and without IDD. In this time of heightened social and emotional development that can be difficult even for teenagers without IDD, the Best Buddies High Schools program helps break through social barriers at an important time in a young person's life.



## Best Buddies Job Program



- Established in 17 states and expanding.
- New program to Texas- we work on developing Non traditional, competitive, and white collar jobs.
  - We want to get individuals out of sheltered workshop jobs, we want each individual to be included in their community and workplace. We believe that our individuals can gain independence and contribute to society and pay income tax.
- Best Buddies has partnerships with countless employers that have benefits from our jobs program.
- If you know any individual that may need a job or an employer that wants to hire, let us know and we can help.

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**THANK YOU**  
for your support!

