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BESTBUDDIES® ANNUAL REPORT

Charlie Trujillo, Best Buddies Global Ambassador

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BEST BUDDIES





Mission

Best Buddies International is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to establishing a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment, leadership development, inclusive living, and family support for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).

Who We Serve

Best Buddies serves individuals with IDD and their families. The IDD community includes, but is not limited to, people with Down syndrome, autism, Fragile X, Williams syndrome, and other undiagnosed disabilities.



Anthony K. Shriver, Founder, Chairman & CEO, Best Buddies International

Message From Our Chairman

Dear Best Buddies Family,

As I reflect on 2025, I am incredibly proud of the progress we've made together. This year brought exciting milestones, stronger partnerships, and new opportunities to advance our mission of inclusion for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).

We continued building on the launch of Family Support, our fifth mission pillar. Through the Eunie's Buddies program, we are connecting families raising children with IDD to experienced mentors, valuable resources, and a supportive community.

We also expanded opportunities for meaningful employment and independent living. Our Jobs program continued helping individuals with IDD build rewarding careers, while Best Buddies Living reached another exciting milestone with the opening of our residence in Boca Raton, Florida, creating more opportunities for independence and community.

Our corporate partners remained instrumental in advancing our mission. Jersey Mike's led the way in its support of Best Buddies through a nationwide fundraising campaign in the fall, during which the company donated a percentage of sales from more than 3,100 of its stores to benefit Best Buddies programs, generating $4.3 million for our organization!

Another major highlight of 2025 is the inaugural Best Buddies Challenge: New York, presented by Jersey Mike's and Wells Fargo, which brought together cyclists, celebrity ambassadors, corporate partners, and supporters for an unforgettable event that raised an incredible $5 million for our mission!

Beyond these milestones, what inspires me most are the lives we impact every day. Every friendship formed, job secured, family supported, and step toward independence reminds us why our work matters.

To our participants, families, volunteers, staff, corporate partners, and donors, thank you for believing in our mission. I know that together, we can continue breaking down barriers and creating a future where every individual is recognized for their abilities, valued for their contributions, and given the opportunity to reach their fullest potential. The best is yet to come!

With gratitude,



Anthony K. Shriver, Founder, Chairman & CEO, Best Buddies International



“It’s been really cool to be able to work together in Best Buddies and help spread inclusion while continuing to be buds and keep hanging out like we love doing. One thing I’ve learned through this experience is that people can be so quick to look past certain people because of things they aren’t used to and I feel really bad for those people, because hanging out with Aidan is some of my favorite times. We have the weirdest conversations. Had I looked past him, I would have missed out on the coolest friendship ever and would not have taken nearly as many selfies.”

- Sam, Best Buddies Colleges

Aidan, and **Sam**, Friendship Program buddy pair

Why We Matter

Society has made undeniable progress in improving the lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). Yet, we still have a long way to go. Many people with IDD remain unemployed and do not experience the simple joys of genuine friendships and a significant portion of the IDD community still faces access barriers, pervasive social isolation, and discrimination.

This is where Best Buddies International plays a vital role as a model of inclusion and catalyst for change. Best Buddies is the world's largest organization committed to ending the social, physical and economic isolation that 200 million individuals with IDD often experience. For those within the IDD community, Best Buddies represents a pathway to forging lifelong friendships, securing gainful employment, achieving independent living and gaining the skills and confidence to advocate for themselves.

An estimated 84%* of adults (18+) with IDD do not have a paid job in the community. This is where the Best Buddies' Jobs program steps in. The Best Buddies Jobs program has participants employed full time who each have the potential to earn a total income upwards of $1mm over 30 years and contribute $250k in taxes back into the economy, rather than costing the government approximately $750k each in Federal SSI and Medicaid support during that time period.

This is just one of the countless ways Best Buddies improves the lives of individuals with IDD while simultaneously improving whole-of-society outcomes. Through the cultivation of meaningful one-on-one friendships, the pursuit of integrated employment, the provision of inclusive living arrangements and the nurturing of leadership skills, Best Buddies is fostering a world that is full of opportunity for individuals with IDD.

For more information, please visit **BESTBUDDIES.ORG**

Together, we can build a world where everyone belongs.



Shelby and **Mikayla**, *2025 Best Buddies Champion of the Year Gala: Minnesota* winners



Education Specialist, **Heather Lozano**, Founder, Chairman & CEO, Best Buddies International **Anthony K. Shriver** and Best Buddies participants at the *2026 Best Buddies leadership Conference*

Personal Perspective

I've often said that bringing Best Buddies to our Cajon High School campus in 2001 has been one of my proudest achievements as a special education teacher. In my opinion, the impact this program has had on our school community is unmatched.

It has been an incredible blessing to watch our students with IDD develop meaningful friendships and have opportunities to participate, connect, and experience things they might not otherwise have had. But one of the most remarkable and unexpected impacts has been on our general education students.

Our general education students are the ones who will carry this experience with them into the world. They are the ones who will go out and make a difference in our community. They are world changers. Since bringing Best Buddies to Cajon High School, I can't begin to tell you how many students have literally changed the course of their lives due to their time in our program. These students are now special education teachers, speech pathologists, behavior specialists, and ABA technicians, and my 2025–2026 Best Buddies Vice President is beginning her studies at UCLA to be a pediatrician, carrying with her the knowledge from the time spent in Best Buddies.

I am proud to be a part of your organization. It has changed my life. It's one of the reasons why I haven't retired. To know that something that began as a small club on a college campus has helped shape not only friendships but careers, values, and lives is such an amazing blessing to me.

On a personal note, I am the mother of four adult children, and my third son has autism. Watching him grow up without the friendships and connections that every child deserves was heartbreaking. I now also have an 11-year-old grandson with autism. This is why Best Buddies is so much more than a club to me. To witness the beautiful, reciprocal friendships between students in special education and students in general education is an indescribable joy.

Thank you, a million times over, for making these friendships possible.

– Mrs. Heather Lozano MA.Ed, Education Specialist, Cajon High School



Carolina and **Alba**, Friendship program participants
Best Buddies Panama

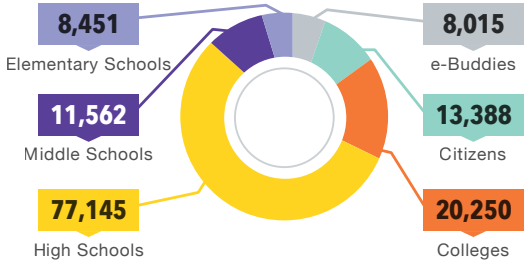
Our Impact

3,771 Chapters | **171,385*** Participants | **1,713,850** Impacted | **50** States | **39** Countries

One-To-One Friendship

- **148** Elementary School Chapters
- **1,568** High School Chapters
- **358** Middle School Chapters
- **433** College Chapters

Program Participants



Integrated Employment

- **2,439** Participants Employed

Average Total Participant Stats

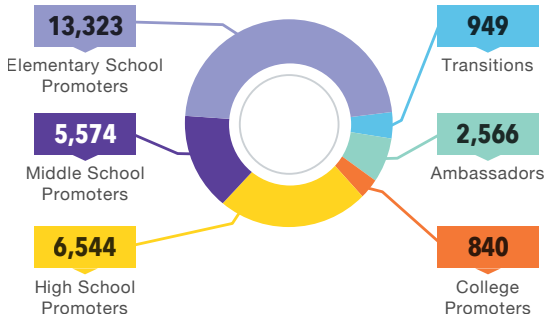
47,121	2,308,953	$7,453,299	$37,266,494
Weekly Hrs. Worked	Yearly Hrs. Worked	Yearly Taxes Paid	Yearly Wages Earned

Avg. hrs worked per week 19.32, Avg. hrly wage $16.14 (in the U.S.).

Leadership Development

- **546** Elementary Schools Promoters Chapters
- **325** Middle School Promoters Chapters
- **328** High School Promoters Chapters
- **65** College Promoters Chapters

Program Participants



Inclusive Living

- **12** Living Residences
- **129** Living Participants

Family Support

- **210** Eunie's Buddies Participants

*All program stats are as of 12/31/2025, and reflect the most recent Best Buddies program year (July 1, 2025 – June 30,2026).

Highlights

Growth & Milestones

- BEST**BUDDIES**® **Jobs:** Expanded to St. Louis, Missouri, and Connecticut.
- BEST**BUDDIES**® **Transitions:** Launched in Maine, to help students ages 14–21 identify career ambitions, develop employment and leadership skills, explore post-secondary education options, and prepare for independent living.
- BEST**BUDDIES**® **Living:** Opened new locations in College Park, Maryland; Boca Raton, Florida; Gainesville, Florida; and State College, Pennsylvania.
- **Eunie's BUDDIES:** Launched in Rochester, New York; and Cleveland, Ohio, to offer families access to individual connections and community resources that assist them on their journey of raising a child with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- BEST**BUDDIES**® **International Programs Expansion:** Launched Best Buddies programs in three new countries: the Cayman Islands, Croatia, and Egypt.
- BEST**BUDDIES**® **U.S. Expansion:** Opened a new state office in Michigan.
- ***Champion of the Year Galas:*** Raised more than $11 million through 53 events, engaging over 400 Champions.
- ***Best Buddies Friendship Walk:*** Surpassed $50 million raised since 2009.

Partnerships & Support

- **South Florida BMW Centers:** For the first time, Best Buddies partnered with South Florida BMW Centers to support the Miami Challenge and Gala in November. The ten BMW dealerships throughout South Florida (including former stand-alone Miami Challenge sponsor Braman Automotive) came together to sponsor both events. In addition to furnishing support vehicles for the Challenge cycling event, the brand created an engaging buildout at the Gala that included four display vehicles, a whiskey glass engraving station, and an exciting two-year lease giveaway of an X7 or 7-series vehicle to one lucky guest.
- **fairlife:** Rounding out support for the organization within the beverage category, fairlife entered their inaugural year of partnership by supporting Best Buddies Challenges in New York and Miami to align with BODYARMOR and Coca-Cola. The brand provided their Ultra-Filtered Milk at ride breakfasts and Core Power recovery protein shakes at finish lines for athletes and guests across both events.



Jessica S and **Jessica L** cook together at Best Buddies Living in College Park, Maryland



Kimberly and **Yuhan**, 2025 San Diego Champion participants



Launch of Best Buddies Egypt



South Florida BMW Centers helped drive an unforgettable evening at the *2025 Best Buddies Miami Gala*



fairlife fueled athletes and guests at the *2025 Best Buddies Challenge: New York, presented by Jersey Mike's Subs and Wells Fargo*

One-to-One Friendships



Kara and **Elise**, Friendship Program participants

BESTBUDDIES® Elementary Schools, Middle Schools, High Schools, Colleges & Citizens

Creates an inclusive community for students and adults with IDD, helping them become socially integrated with their peers at every age.

e-BUDDIES®

Provides opportunities for participants with and without IDD to form virtual one-to-one friendships, create connections in the e-Buddies social platform, and attend social events online.



Taybryn and **Noah**, Friendship Program buddy pair

Noah & Taybryn

One-To-One Friendships

Eureka High School, Eureka, MO

Before joining Best Buddies, Noah didn't realize how many of his peers also had disabilities. "I didn't feel alone, and I got to make many new friends. It also helped me gain confidence in myself and gave me courage not to be afraid," he shared. For Taybryn, joining Best Buddies gave him a new perspective on the experiences of people with disabilities. "Before I joined Best Buddies, I was ignorant to how people with disabilities live their lives – the reality of how much they really go through day-to-day."

Noah and Taybryn were matched during Noah's freshman year of high school and quickly became great friends. Whether fishing, playing video games, going out to eat, hiking, seeing movies, getting ice cream, or cheering on the Eureka Wildcats at football games, the two enjoyed spending time together. For Taybryn, however, the best part of their friendship has always been simply being around Noah. "The thing I enjoy most about our friendship is just Noah's presence. He has a lovable personality and a smile that can light up any room of people." Their friendship has continued even as Taybryn has gone off to college.

Best Buddies has also opened the door to new friendships and opportunities for Noah. "My life has been so impacted since joining Best Buddies. I have gotten to meet so many people and have gained so many friends and some amazing experiences with many friends," he shared. Noah serves as Buddy Director for his school's Best Buddies chapter and was selected to serve on the Best Buddies Missouri Student Advisory Board.

For Taybryn, his friendship with Noah has left a lasting impact and changed the way he views inclusion. "Every person, regardless of their abilities, has their own unique strengths and personalities that make them who they are. Best Buddies opened my eyes to how strong people with disabilities truly are and made me realize that everyone has a life to live. Noah's friendship has created such a lasting impact on my life."

> "Best Buddies opened my eyes to how strong people with disabilities truly are and made me realize that everyone has a life to live" **- Taybryn**

Integrated Employment



Joseph, Best Buddies Jobs participant
Michael's Merchandise Associate & Illustrator

BESTBUDDIES® Jobs

Matches skilled, qualified individuals with IDD with businesses seeking enthusiastic and dedicated employees. Through the Jobs program, Best Buddies develops partnerships with employers, assists with the hiring process and provides ongoing support to the employee and employer.



Yuhan, Best Buddies Jobs participant
Department of Rehabilitation

> “Now, I trust my abilities, feel confident completing tasks on my own, and recognize how much I’ve grown both personally and professionally.” **- Yuhan**

Yuhan

Integrated Employment
Department of Rehabilitation
San Diego, CA

Before becoming involved with Best Buddies, I often found it challenging to feel connected and engaged within my community. That began to change when my Service Coordinator at the Regional Center introduced me to Best Buddies and encouraged me to explore the opportunities it offered. Through this experience, I’ve gained confidence, purpose, and a stronger sense of belonging. Looking ahead, I hope to continue growing professionally and ultimately secure a full-time position with the Department of Rehabilitation. My journey so far has shown me how meaningful community involvement can be, and I’m excited for the path ahead.

Since starting this job, I’ve experienced a tremendous boost in my confidence and overall sense of independence. Before stepping into this role, I often felt unsure of myself and worried about making mistakes, frequently seeking reassurance or assistance from others. Now, I trust my abilities, feel confident completing tasks on my own, and recognize how much I’ve grown both personally and professionally. One of the things I love most about my job is the supportive and fun office environment. I enjoy arriving in the morning, setting up my workspace, logging into my laptop, and reviewing my emails. It gives me a sense of purpose and routine. My colleagues make the experience even better; we work closely, share laughs, and support one another whenever questions come up. Their encouragement has helped me thrive, and I truly enjoy being part of such a positive team.

Now that I have a job and earn a paycheck, I’m excited to work toward my future goal of moving out of my parents’ home and living independently. Having steady employment has given me both the confidence and the motivation to take meaningful steps toward that dream. In my role, I get to use several important skills every day, including staying organized, communicating clearly with others, and using my math skills to complete tasks accurately. These responsibilities help me continue growing professionally while also preparing me for the independence I’m working toward.

The Impact of Our Jobs Program

PROGRAM REACH

A growing community of participants building brighter futures through meaningful employment.

468
International Participants

2,515
Total Participants

1,286
Employed

1,747
U.S. Participants

22
States with active Jobs Programs

EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES

Participants in the Jobs program are gaining and retaining meaningful employment.

92.54%
90 Day Retention Rate

88.57%
12 Month Retention Rate

Average Hours Worked Weekly **19.08**

Average Hours Worked Yearly **992.14**

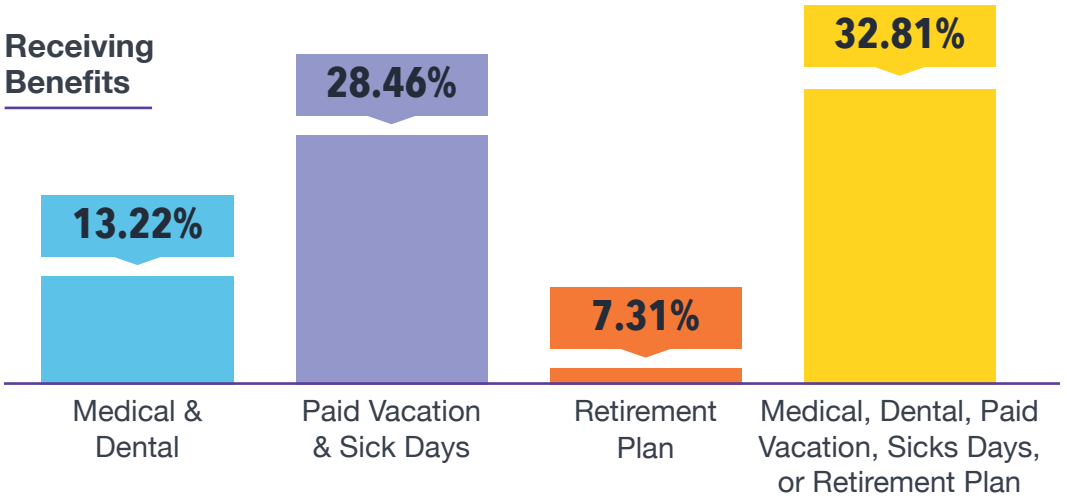
ECONOMIC IMPACT & BENEFITS

Meaningful employment creates economic opportunity for participants and contributes to greater independence.

$17,368.93
Average Total Yearly Wages Earned

$3,473.79
Average Total Yearly Taxes Paid

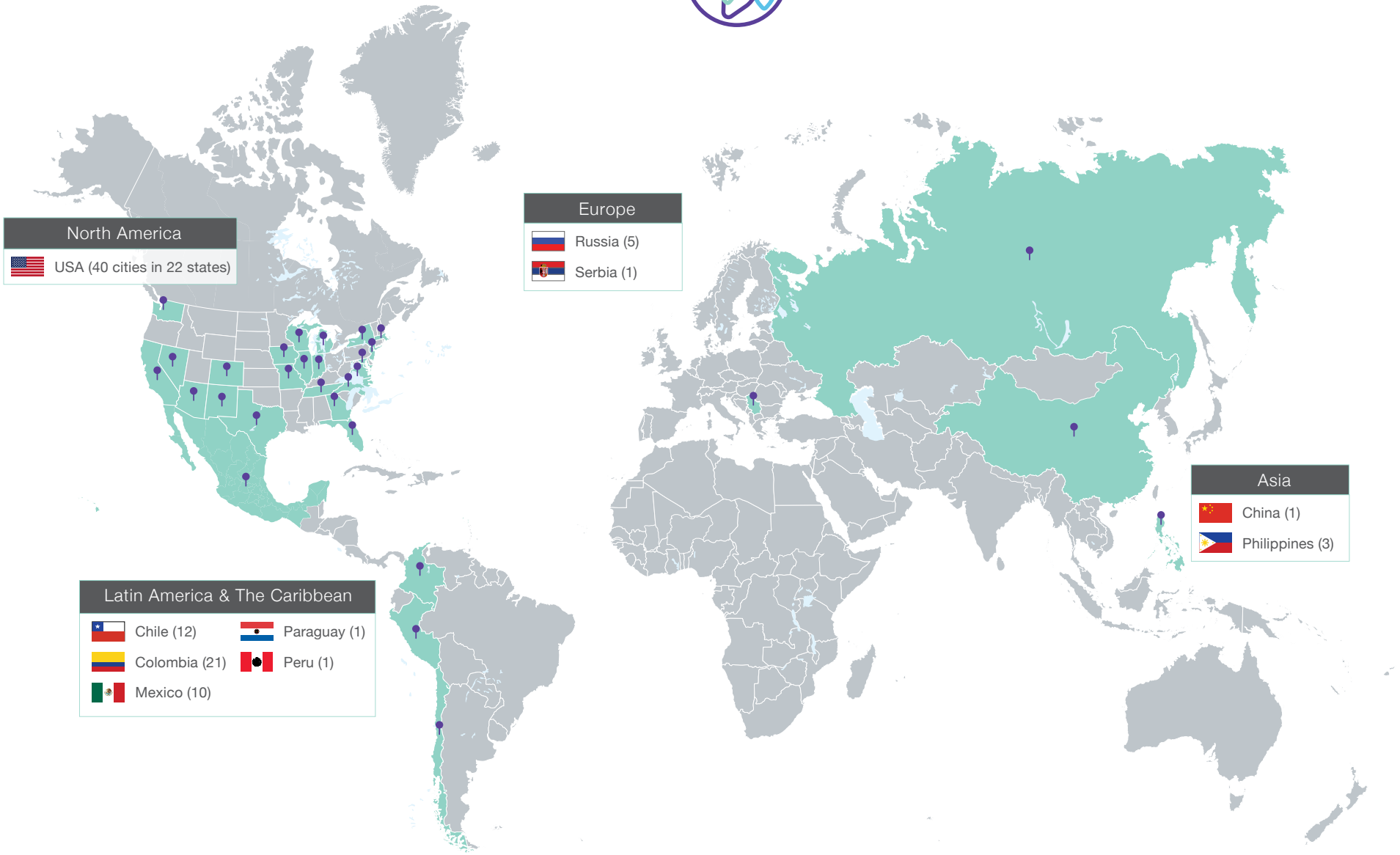
Receiving Benefits



** Global jobs stats are calculated based on total jobs participants and U.S. Average hours and wages. | ** Represents benefits received by US BB Job participants. | *** All Jobs Program stats are as of 12/31/2025*

BESTBUDDIES® JOBS Around the World

10 Countries* **95** Cities*



*Reflects countries and cities that have the Best Buddies Jobs program, as of 04.30.2025

Leadership Development



Javier Andres, **Sasha Saunders**, **Matt Von Der Ahe** and **Joshua Felder**, Best Buddies Global Ambassadors

BESTBUDDIES® Ambassadors

Offers people with and without 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 and workplaces.

BESTBUDDIES® Promoters

Empowers youth to become advocates for people with IDD and helps chapters organize special events that promote inclusion and bring awareness to the disability rights movement.

BESTBUDDIES® Transitions

Offers a combination of classroom-based training, experiential learning, and corporate mentorship to help students with IDD explore post-secondary options, prepare for independent living, and identify career ambitions.



Charlie Trujillo, Best Buddies Global Ambassador

Charlie Trujillo

Leadership Development Global Ambassador

My name is Charlie Trujillo, and I am proud to work at Skyzone. I am also a member of Best Buddies, and today, I want to share how Best Buddies helped me become the person I am today—brave, confident, and excited about my future.

Before this organization, I wasn't as brave. I go to a really big school, and it felt overwhelming to find somewhere I belonged. It was lonely. But then, I found Best Buddies, and everything changed.

The people in Best Buddies are kind and encouraging. They made it easy for me to find friends, feel included, and believe in myself. Because of them, I gained the confidence to embrace who I am.

I have been able to do so many fun things, like go to our *Best Buddies Friendship Ball, Best Buddies Leadership Conference*, and even dance on a stage in front of 3,000 people!

This organization has also helped me become a leader. It showed me that I can have an independent future and chase my dreams. It gave me the courage to get a job here at Skyzone, where I get to work hard, meet great people, and make my own money.

I love earning my own paycheck! I save up for college, but I also like to spend some of it on something very important—going to concerts! And if you know me, you know I love Pitbull. (Mr. Worldwide!)

Best Buddies has made a big impact on my life. Now, as a Global Ambassador, I get to help others find their confidence too. I am excited to help people achieve great things, just like me.

Before Best Buddies, I wasn't sure of myself. But now, I know I can do anything. I know that I am capable of so much more than people give me credit for. And I want that for others too.

You're helping create more friendships, more jobs, and more chances for people to be brave, be included, and believe in themselves. Thank you!

– Charlie, Best Buddies Global Ambassador

> "Best Buddies has made a big impact on my life. Now, as a Global Ambassador, I get to help others find their confidence too." **- Charlie**

Inclusive Living



Best Buddies Living participants

BESTBUDDIES® Living

Offers individuals with and without IDD an opportunity to live together in a vibrant, educational community that supports all residents in advancing their employment, financial literacy, continued education, and life skills as they work to achieve their personal goals.



Daksh and **Jordan**, Best Buddies Living residents with **Iman**, Buddies Living residential manager

Jordan

Inclusive Living
Best Buddies Living Resident
Penn State University
State College, PA

Before becoming involved in Best Buddies Living, I lived at home with my parents and five cats. I worked part-time as a Behavior Consultant and struggled to make ends meet due to difficulties with public transportation. I joined the Best Buddies Living program in May 2025.

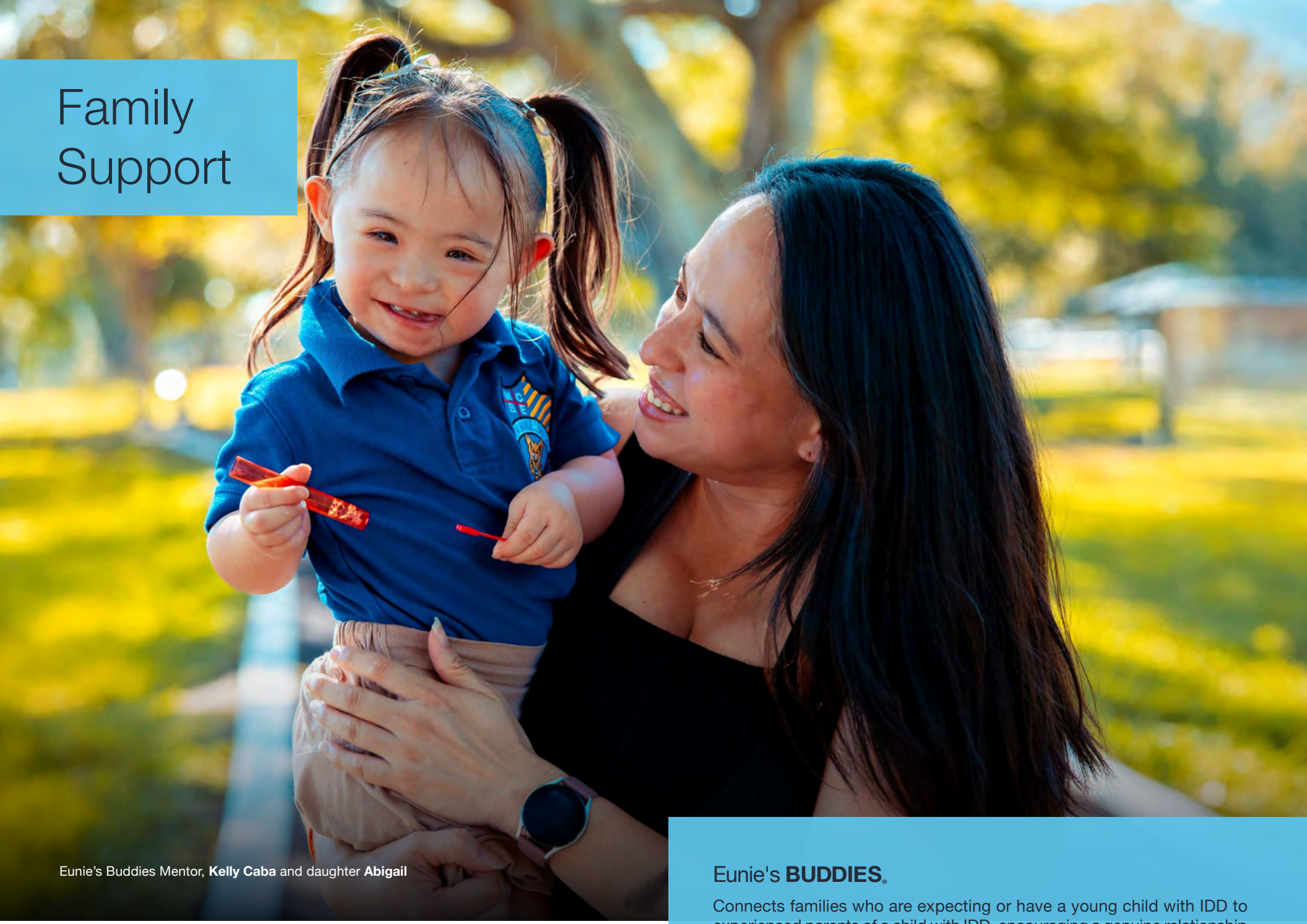
My favorite part of being a resident at Best Buddies Living is participating in social activities with fellow residents who are inclusive and non-judgmental. Some of the independent living skills I have gained since moving into the program include confidence in cooking, organization, and navigating public transportation. Before moving into Best Buddies Living, I only cooked a few simple meals when needed. Now, I cook meals weekly. I am also able to break down large tasks more easily without becoming overwhelmed or shutting down, and I have learned to navigate the local bus system to get to and from familiar places.

I have enjoyed watching shows or movies with housemates and crafting together. I currently work as a special education paraprofessional for a local school district, where I love building rapport and professional relationships with our students. It makes my heart happy to be a trusted adult that our students can count on to help them learn and grow. My life has changed in so many ways since joining Best Buddies Living, but one of the biggest changes has been the increase in my confidence.

If you have an intellectual or developmental disability, the sky is the limit. Don't let anyone set boundaries for where your independence can go. You should join Best Buddies Living if you are interested in taking your next step toward independent living in a supportive and inclusive environment.

> “The sky is the limit. Don’t let anyone set boundaries for where your independence can go.” **- Jordan**

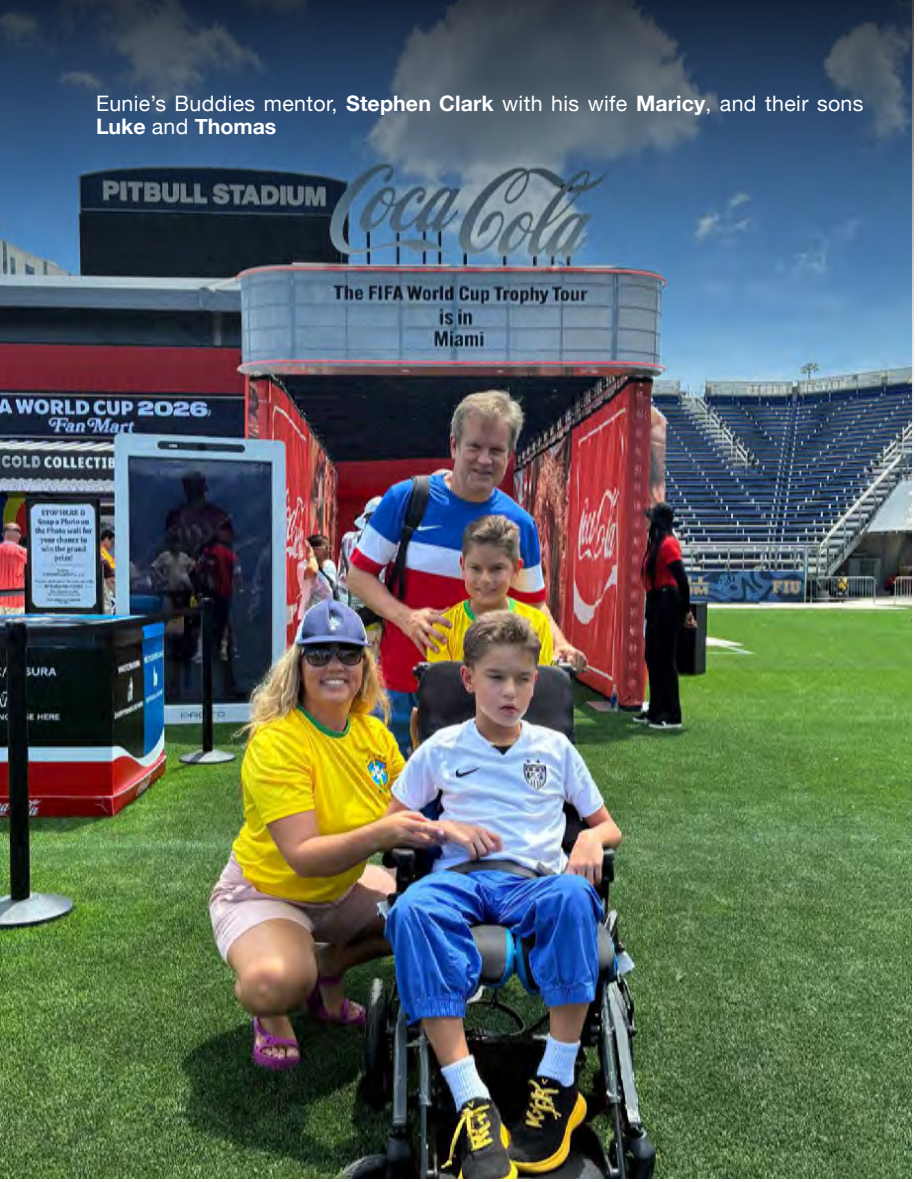
Family Support



Eunie's Buddies Mentor, **Kelly Caba** and daughter **Abigail**

Eunie's **BUDDIES**®

Connects families who are expecting or have a young child with IDD to experienced parents of a child with IDD, encouraging a genuine relationship rooted in mentorship, resource-sharing, and guidance.



Eunie's Buddies mentor, **Stephen Clark** with his wife **Maricy**, and their sons **Luke** and **Thomas**

> If you're at the beginning of your journey, this will be one of the most meaningful programs you can join—not just for mentorship, but for a sense of community." **- Stephen**

Stephen Clark

Family Support
Eunie's Buddies Mentor
Miami, FL

When the Clark family moved from Brazil back to Miami in 2021, they faced an overwhelming challenge. While they knew their young son Luke had developmental delays, they had no formal diagnosis and little understanding of the resources available to support children with disabilities in South Florida.

"We had to start pretty much from ground zero with finding doctors, therapy centers, and schools," Stephen recalls. "We knew almost nothing about the special needs infrastructure in Miami. The only way we made it through was by talking to other parents we met along the way."

When Stephen first learned about Best Buddies' Eunie's Buddies program in late 2024, becoming a mentor felt like a natural next step.

"When I first heard about the new Eunie's Buddies program, I knew I wanted to be a part of it to pay this information forward."

After joining as a mentor in March 2025, Stephen matched with another father in Florida. Through the experience, Stephen is reminded of the power of community and how much families can learn from one another.

When speaking about his son Luke, Stephen's pride is evident.

"I am proud of his ability to face his physical and mental challenges with determination and a tremendous attitude. He is the happiest child I know, and his smile and propensity for jokes bring happiness to everyone he meets. His attitude and perseverance have inspired me and made me a better person."

"If you're an experienced parent, you have so much to offer by joining Eunie's Buddies. If you're at the beginning of your journey, this will be one of the most meaningful programs you can join—not just for mentorship, but for a sense of community. We are not alone. My son will always have a place in the Best Buddies community."

– Stephen Clark, Eunie's Buddies program mentor

International Programs



Anthony K. Shriver, Best Buddies Founder, Chairman & CEO with Best Buddies International program participants

Best Buddies International Programs advances inclusion worldwide by partnering with locally led organizations to create opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Through friendship, employment, leadership development and innovative initiatives, our global network strengthens communities and builds a more inclusive future.



Jessica Rotolo, Best Buddies Global Ambassador, Canada

> “I was bullied at my first school, but today I’m a brave, confident young woman and a leader in my community..”
> **- Jessica**

Jessica Rotolo

Leadership Development
Global Ambassador
Best Buddies Canada

Jessica is a talented and fearless actor, dancer, model, and artist with a passion for performing on film and stage.

“I am a Best Buddies Global Ambassador from Toronto, Canada, and I joined Best Buddies in September 2012, when I was in Grade 9. One of my teachers told my class about Best Buddies, and I decided to join right then and there. I didn’t even ask my parents!

Before Best Buddies, I had a few friends, but I didn’t get invited to parties. I was bullied and kind of lonely. When I joined Best Buddies, I felt like I wasn’t alone anymore. My buddies accepted me for who I am. They didn’t care that I had a disability.

Best Buddies has also given me many opportunities to become a leader, advocate, and public speaker. It helped me recognize that if I am given the same opportunities as others, I can do the same things. It may take me longer, and I may need support, but I can be a part of life like anyone else.

I became the first person with an IDD to serve as a chapter president for Best Buddies programs in Canada while also serving as co-president of the Toronto Metropolitan University Chapter. I was also one of five Ambassadors to receive a “Best Buddies International Ambassador Award” and the first person outside the USA to receive the “Spirit of Courage Award.”

Because of Best Buddies, my family and friends get to see what I’m capable of doing and becoming. I was bullied at my first school, but today I’m a brave, confident young woman and a leader in my community.

My hopes and dreams for the future are to move out of my parents’ house, live on my own, become more independent, and go back to school.

I will be part of Best Buddies for my whole life. I am a young woman who is “Rockin’ Life.”

– Jessica, Best Buddies Global Ambassador, Canada

International Programs

In 2025, Best Buddies International Programs strengthened its global network through innovative programming, strategic partnerships, and personalized support for country programs—creating more opportunities for people with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities worldwide.

442,000+ **People Impacted**

12 Countries Hosted *Best Buddies Friendship Walks*

35 BBLC Attendees from 17 countries

10 Countries with active Best Buddies Jobs programs

NEW PROGRAMS & OPPORTUNITIES

- Country Relationship Manager support model
- Global Cultural Exchange Program
- Transitions Programs in Ireland & Türkiye
- Virtual International *Ambassador Training*
- International *Champion of the Year* campaign
- First Jobs Placements in the Philippines

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS: Fundación MAPFRE • Colgate-Palmolive • JLL • Hometown Foundation



Best Buddies Citizens participants from Best Buddies El Salvador



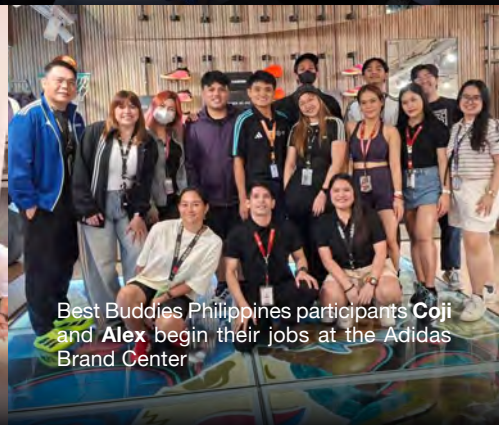
Renzo, Best Buddies Peru Ambassador, at the *2025 Best Buddies leadership Conference*



Mawdy, a local corporate partner, presents a check supporting Best Buddies Ireland's first Transitions program through its partnership with Fundación Mapfre



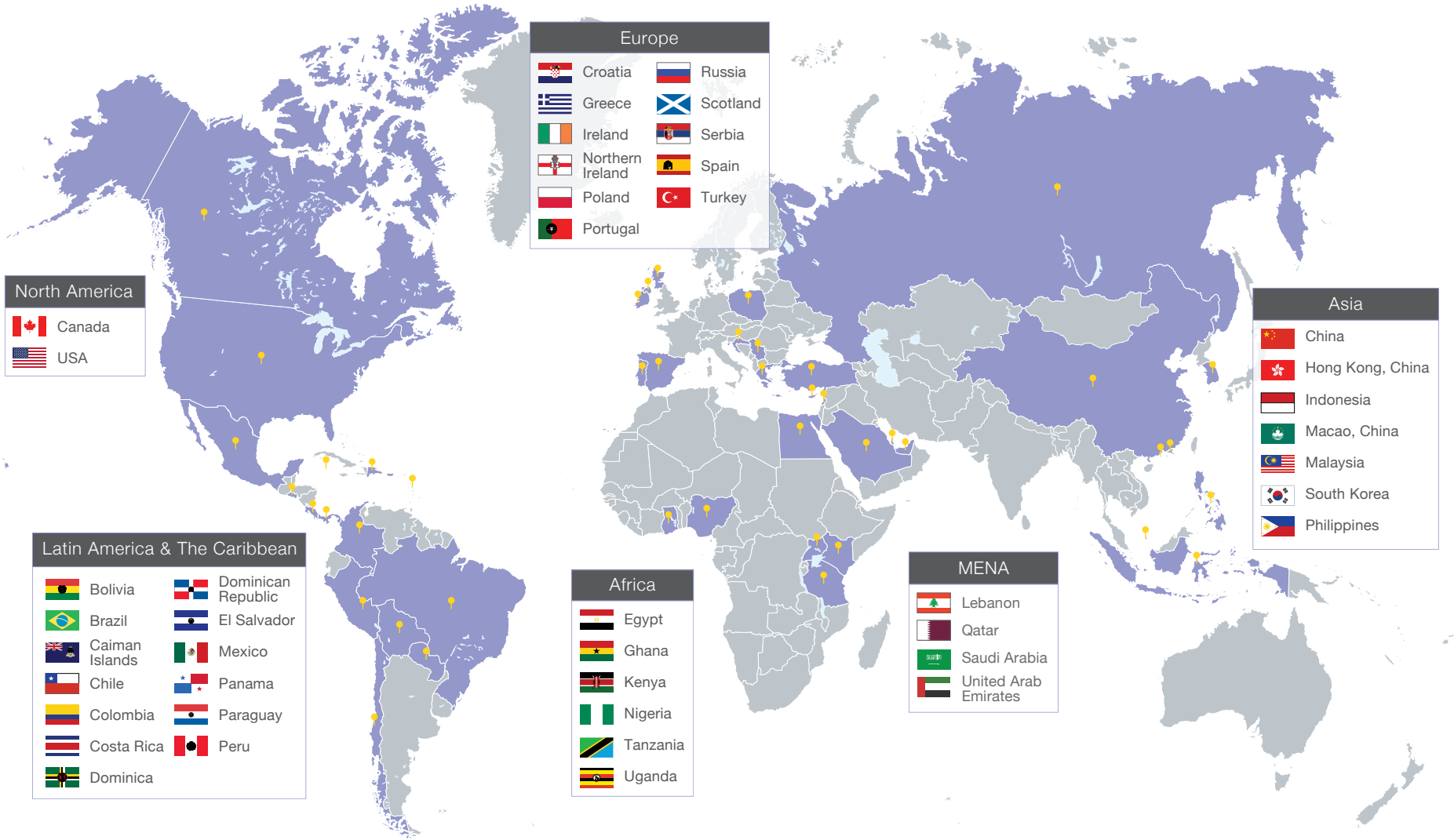
Participants and staff celebrate the launch of Best Buddies Egypt



Best Buddies Philippines participants **Coji** and **Alex** begin their jobs at the Adidas Brand Center

BESTBUDDIES® International Programs

43 Countries & Territories* **5** Continents



3 **New Countries in 2025**
Cayman Islands • Croatia • Egypt

Looking Ahead to 2026
Goal: Reach 50 Countries Worldwide

*Reflects countries as of 4.30.25

Signature Events



Best Buddies Global Ambassadors, **Fran Sheinberg** and **Tori Ackley** with Pro Cyclists **Mark Cavendish** and **Cam Wurf**

The purpose of special events is to garner support, funds, and awareness for the Best Buddies mission. There are numerous ways to get involved with Best Buddies events including attending events, volunteering, and pursuing sponsorship opportunities.

Best Buddies Challenge: Hyannis Port

May 30 - 31, 2025 | Hyannis Port, MA

The *Best Buddies Challenge: Hyannis Port, presented by Shaw's and Star Market Foundation and the TJX Companies, Inc.* returned to Massachusetts for an unforgettable weekend celebrating friendship and inclusion. The event began with a dinner reception at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, followed by a picturesque ride from Boston to Hyannis Port. The weekend concluded with a celebratory clambake and special musical performance at Craigville Beach—all in support of Best Buddies programs.

$3.7M **Raised in 2025**

849 Registered Riders

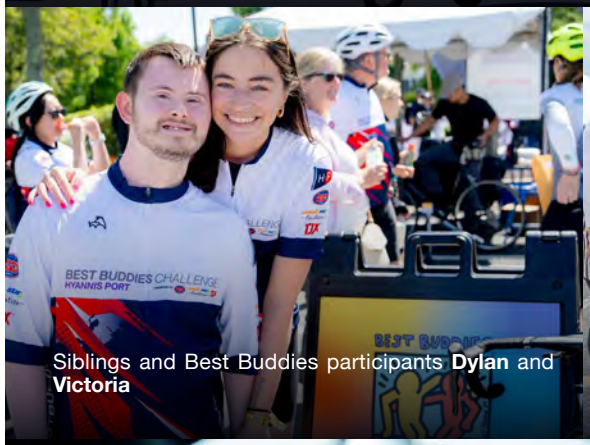
91 Registered Teams

367	164	129	153
Riders Rode	**Riders Rode**	**Riders Rode**	**Ran/Walked**
100-miles	55-miles	20-miles	The 5K

$71M+ **Raised Since 2000**

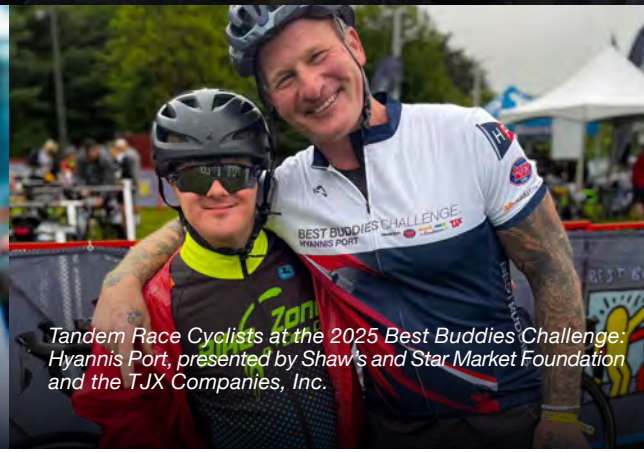


Cyclists at the start of the 100-mile *2025 Best Buddies Challenge: Hyannis Port, presented by Shaw's and Star Market Foundation and the TJX Companies, Inc.*


Siblings and Best Buddies participants **Dylan** and **Victoria**


Team BODYARMOR at the *2025 Best Buddies Challenge: Hyannis Port, presented by Shaw's and Star Market Foundation and the TJX Companies, Inc.* at the Finish Line celebration


Best Buddies Global Ambassadors


Tandem Race Cyclists at the 2025 Best Buddies Challenge: Hyannis Port, presented by Shaw's and Star Market Foundation and the TJX Companies, Inc.

Best Buddies Challenge: New York

October 3 - 4, 2025 | New York, NY

The *Best Buddies Challenge: New York, presented by Jersey Mike's Subs and Wells Fargo*, brought riders together for a scenic journey from New York City to the Hudson Valley. Participants rode alongside professional cyclists before crossing the finish line at Glenmere Mansion, where the day concluded with a gourmet luncheon, wine tasting and live entertainment—all in support of Best Buddies programs.

$2.3M **Raised in 2025**

462 Registered Riders

55 Registered Teams

251	74	35	55
Riders Rode 100-miles	**Riders Rode** 36-miles	**Riders Rode** 15-miles	**Ran/Walked** The 5K

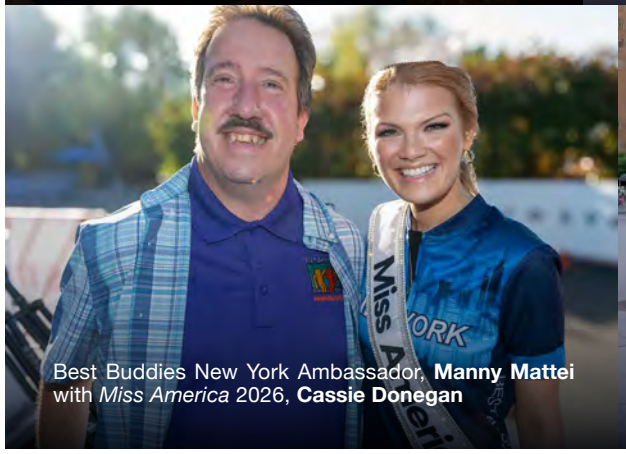
$4M+ **Goal to Raise for 2026**

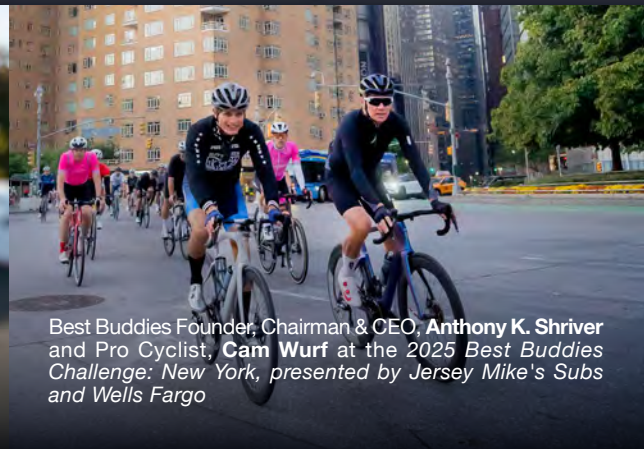


Best Buddies Founder, Chairman & CEO, **Anthony K. Shriver**, Best Buddies Global Ambassadors, **Fran Sheinberg** and **Shane Walsh** with Pro Cyclists **Mark Cavendish** and **Alberto Contador**


Journalist **Maria Shriver** with guests at the iconic Rainbow Room


Cyclists at the *2025 Best Buddies Challenge: New York, presented by Jersey Mike's Subs and Wells Fargo*


Best Buddies New York Ambassador, **Manny Mattei** with *Miss America* 2026, **Cassie Donegan**


Best Buddies Founder, Chairman & CEO, **Anthony K. Shriver** and Pro Cyclist, **Cam Wurf** at the *2025 Best Buddies Challenge: New York, presented by Jersey Mike's Subs and Wells Fargo*

Best Buddies Challenge: Miami

November 15, 2025 | Miami, FL

The *Best Buddies Challenge: Miami, chaired by Kenneth C. Griffin Charitable Fund and presented by Andrew P. Barowsky Foundation and Mack Cycle & Fitness*, brought together a limited field of dedicated fundraisers for a premium cycling experience through Miami, South Beach and Key Biscayne. Riders joined professional cyclists in a fully police-escorted peloton before returning to the Four Seasons Hotel Miami for a celebratory luncheon. The weekend concluded with the Best Buddies Miami Gala, bringing riders, guests and supporters together to advance inclusion for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

$945K **Raised in 2025**

73 Registered Riders

163 Amount of Donors

$6.7K **Average Raised per rider in 2025**

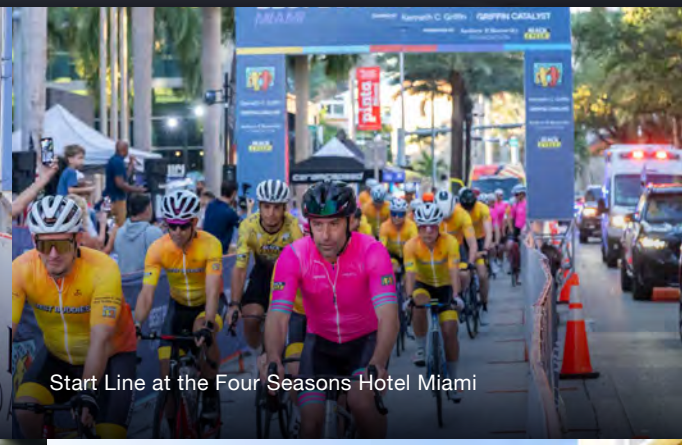
$8.6M+ **Raised Since 2012**



Cyclists at the *2025 Best Buddies Challenge: Miami, chaired by Kenneth C. Griffin Charitable Fund and presented by Andrew P. Barowsky Foundation and Mack Cycle & Fitness*



Best Buddies Global Ambassadors **Joshua Felder** and **Fran Sheinberg** with Pro Cyclists **Alberto Contador** and **Bradley Wiggins**



Start Line at the Four Seasons Hotel Miami



Pro Cyclist **Cam Wurf** leading the pack during the *2025 Best Buddies Challenge: Miami, chaired by Kenneth C. Griffin Charitable Fund and presented by Andrew P. Barowsky Foundation and Mack Cycle & Fitness*



Cyclists pose for a group photo at Mack Cycle & Fitness

Jersey Mike's Subs Best Buddies Miami Gala

November 15, 2025 | Miami, FL

The Jersey Mike's Subs Best Buddies Miami Gala brought together supporters, participants, and community leaders for a vibrant evening celebrating friendship and inclusion. The event recognized the dedication and fundraising efforts of the *2025 Champion of the Year* candidates and winners. Generously donated experiences, luxury items, travel packages, and one-of-a-kind opportunities fueled the silent, live, and mini-live auctions, raising critical funds for Best Buddies programs. Guests also enjoyed a gourmet dinner and an unforgettable musical performance by Ja Rule and Ashanti.

$5M Raised in 2025

$176K	$584K	$176K
Silent Auction	Live & Mini Live Auction	Raised by Champions

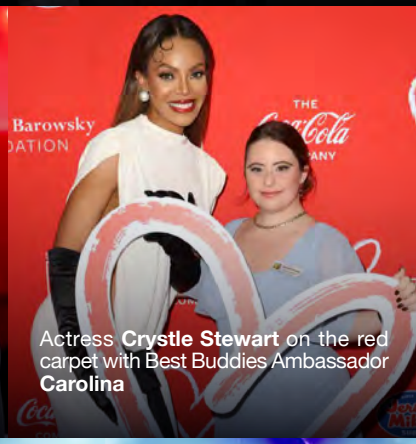
661	06
Guests	Champions



Best Buddies Founder, Chairman & CEO, **Anthony K. Shriver** and Jersey Mike's Subs Founder & CEO, **Peter Cancro**, with Best Buddies Global Ambassador, **Fran Sheinberg** and Jersey Mike's Subs team

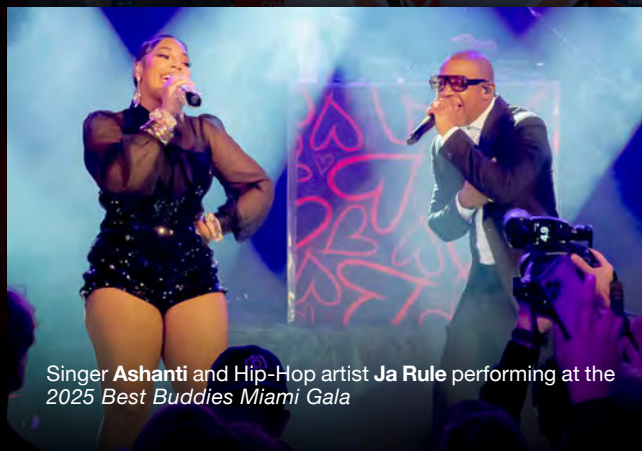

Best Buddies Global Ambassador, **Joshua Felder** presenting at the *2025 Best Buddies Miami Gala*


Olympic legend, **Carl Lewis** with Best Buddies Jobs participant, **David**


Actress **Crystle Stewart** on the red carpet with Best Buddies Ambassador **Carolina**



Best Buddies Global Ambassador, M**arlana VanHoose** and **Marisha Wallace** perform onstage during the *2025 Best Buddies Miami Gala*


Singer **Ashanti** and Hip-Hop artist **Ja Rule** performing at the *2025 Best Buddies Miami Gala*

Best Buddies Breakaway Camps

SPRING April 11 - 12, 2025 | Palo Alto, CA

FALL September 14 - 18, 2025 | Aspen, CO

WINTER December 3 - 7, 2025 | Malibu, CA

Best Buddies Breakaway Camps offered cyclists immersive, pro-level training experiences in Palo Alto, Aspen and Malibu. Guided by professional athletes, coaches, mechanics, and wellness experts, campers developed their skills, tackled iconic routes, and connected with Best Buddies Ambassadors—all while raising funds and awareness to advance inclusion.

$1.32M Raised by all camps in 2025

3 Pro-level Experiences

3 Unique Destinations

566 mi Across All Routes

CLIMBED NEARLY
49,000 ft
In Aspen + Malibu

HIGHEST POINT
12,095 ft
Independence Pass

Pro Coaching

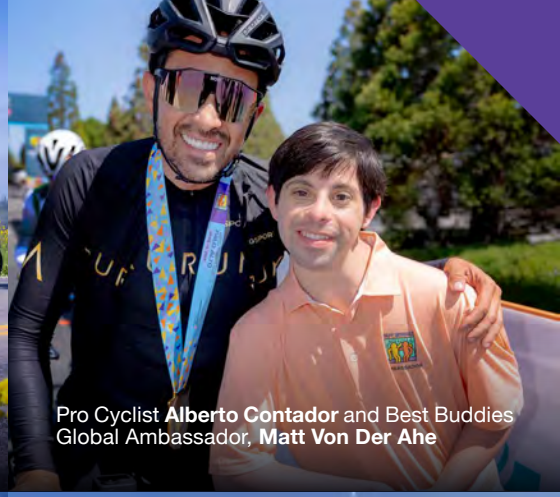
Iconic Routes

Gourmet Nutrition

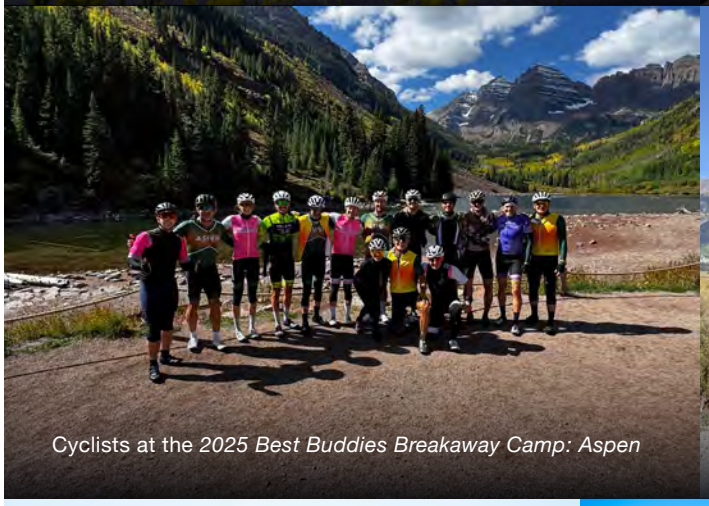
Exclusive Recovery



Cyclists at the *2025 Best Buddies Breakaway Camp: Palo Alto*



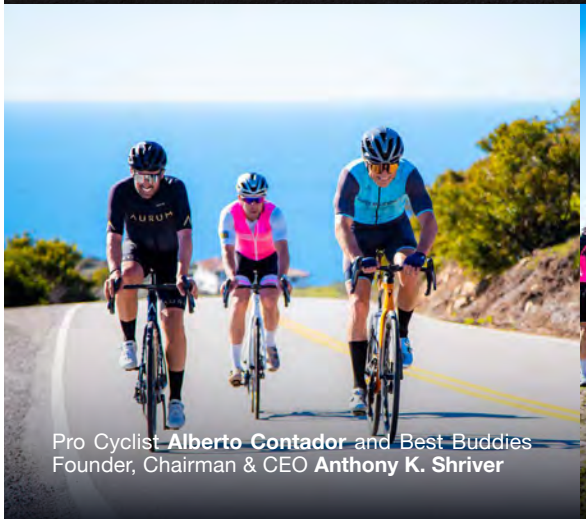
Pro Cyclist **Alberto Contador** and Best Buddies Global Ambassador, **Matt Von Der Ahe**



Cyclists at the *2025 Best Buddies Breakaway Camp: Aspen*



Pro Cyclist **Cam Wurf** with event domestique



Pro Cyclist **Alberto Contador** and Best Buddies Founder, Chairman & CEO **Anthony K. Shriver**



Cyclists at the *2025 Best Buddies Breakaway Camp: Malibu*

Best Buddies Friendship Walk

The *Best Buddies Friendship Walks* continued to expand nationally and internationally in 2025, bringing communities together to advance inclusion for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

98 Walks & Cities

$5.9M Raised in 2025

$50M+ Raised since 2009

13 Countries

4.5K+ Registered Teams

51K+ Walkers

57% Increase since 2022

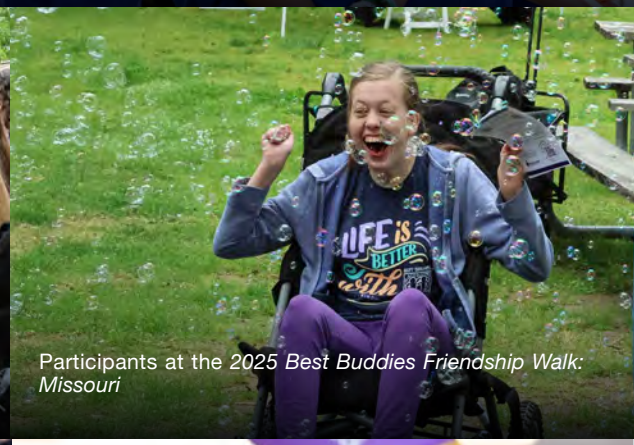
In 2025, the *Best Buddies Friendship Walk* surpassed $50 million raised since its inception



Participants at the *2025 Best Buddies Friendship Walk: Illinois*



Participants at the *2025 Best Buddies Friendship Walk: Missouri*



Participants at the *2025 Best Buddies Friendship Walk: Missouri*



Participants at the *2025 Best Buddies Friendship Walk: Indianapolis*



Participants at the *2025 Best Buddies Friendship Walk: Illinois*

Best Buddies Leadership Conference

July 18 - 21, 2025 | Bloomington, IN

The *2025 Best Buddies Leadership Conference* brought together leaders from around the world to learn, collaborate, and celebrate the power of inclusion.

2.4K BBLC Attendees

1.47K Chapter Leaders & Transition Program Participants

385 Self-Advocates

40 Speakers & Performers

18 Countries Represented

11 Unique Training Experiences

Participants gained the tools and inspiration to build more inclusive communities while creating lasting memories and friendships along the way.



Attendees of the *2025 Best Buddies Leadership Conference: Wickedly Inclusive*













Best Buddies Champion of the Year Gala

Best Buddies Champion of the Year Gala is a nationwide fundraising competition that brings together community leaders and their Mission Partners for an 8- to 12-week campaign. Candidates engage their personal and professional networks to raise funds, build awareness and advance inclusion for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Each campaign culminates in a celebratory gala recognizing the community's top fundraiser.

$11M+ Raised Nationwide

53	400+	8 - 12
Events Nationwide	Champion Candidates	Week Campaigns

2025 NATIONAL TOP CHAMPION
Juliet Warner & Kate Warner
Palm Beach
$248.9K Raised

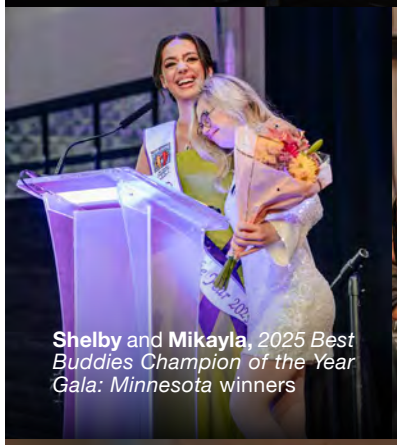
$700K+ Increase from 2024

$12M+ Projected in 2026

$20M Annual goal by 2030

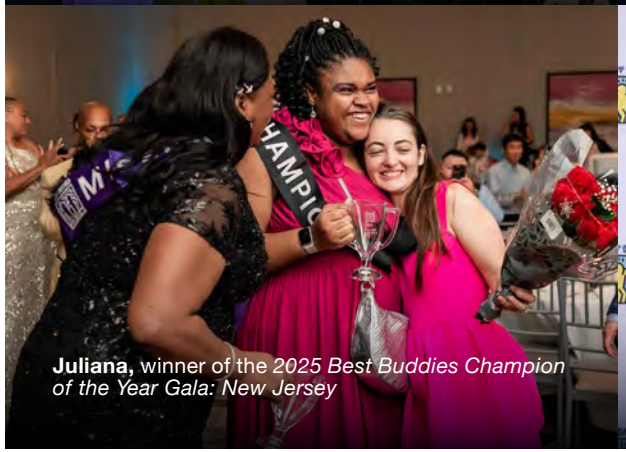


Champions and mission partners at the *2025 Best Buddies Champion of the Year Gala: Chicago*


Shelby and **Mikayla,** *2025 Best Buddies Champion of the Year Gala: Minnesota* winners


Aidan at the *2025 Best Buddies Champion of the Year Gala: Minnesota*


Jack and **Jordyn**, *2025 Best Buddies Champion of the Year Gala: Houston winners*


Juliana, winner of the *2025 Best Buddies Champion of the Year Gala: New Jersey*


Juliet and **Kate**, *2025 Best Buddies Champion of the Year Gala: Palm Beach* winners



Eunice Kennedy Shriver, Special Olympics Founder and Special Olympics participant

EKS Day

Honoring Eunice Kennedy Shriver's Legacy

Eunice Kennedy Shriver, founder of Special Olympics, was a lifelong champion for the rights, dignity, and inclusion of people with intellectual disabilities. EKS Day honors her enduring legacy and inspires people worldwide to take action for inclusion.

2010 **EKS Day Established**

A global call to action for inclusion.

Love | Justice | Faith | Hope | Courage

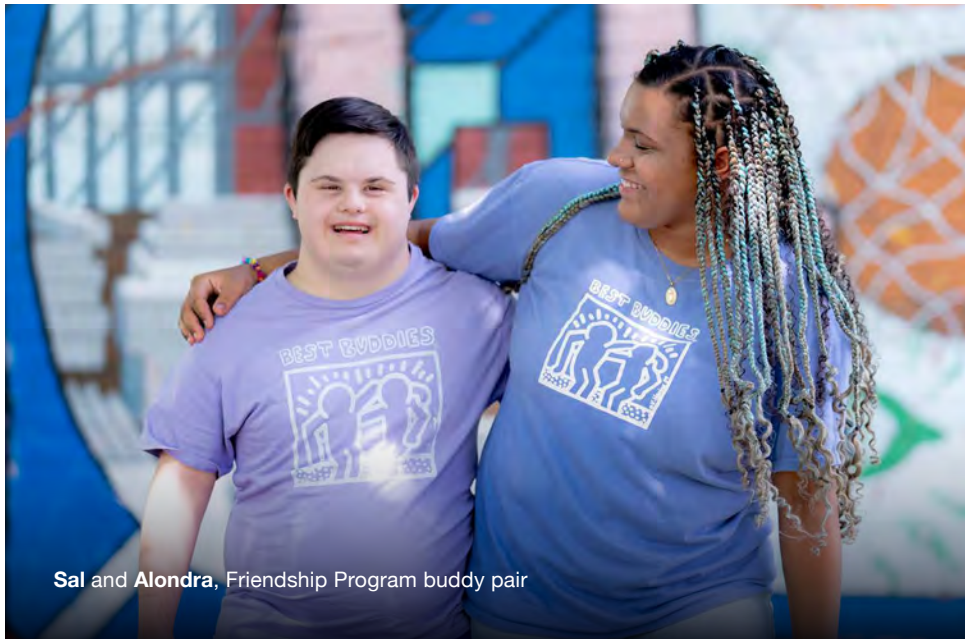
March
Best Buddies Month

What began as a one-day event has grown into a month-long celebration of friendship, opportunity, leadership, belonging, and family support for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

1993 **Celebration Began**

A month to celebrate our mission and expand inclusion.

Celebrate Achievements | Share Your Story | Take Action For Inclusion



Sal and **Alondra**, Friendship Program buddy pair

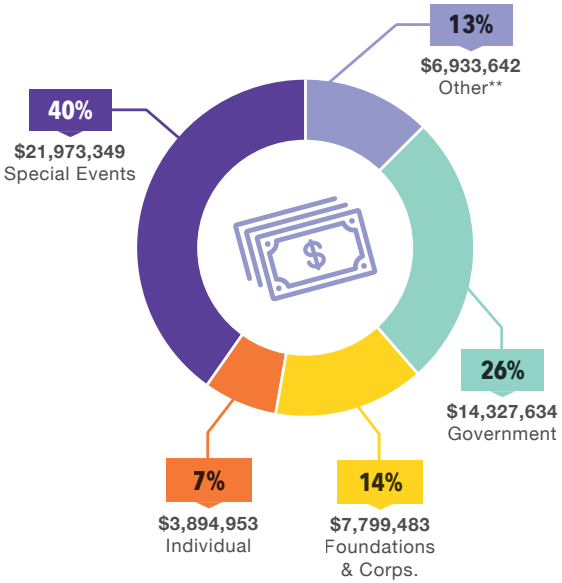


Debbie, Champion partner and **Brett**, Best Buddies Ambassador and Singer at the *2025 Best Buddies Champion of the Year Gala: New Jersey*

Financials

Consolidated Statement of Activities* (as of 12.31.25)

Domestic Revenue

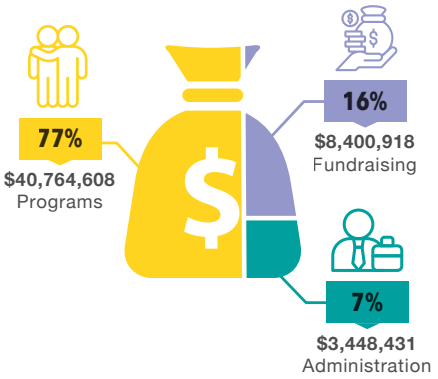


$54,929,061
Total Domestic Revenue

$30,000,000
Total International Revenue***

$84,929,061
Total Gross Revenue

Domestic Expenses



$52,613,957
Total Domestic Expenses

Net Asset Summary

Net Assets (beginning of year)	**$39,434,167**
Change in Net Assets	**$2,315,104**
Net Assets (end of year)	**$41,749,271**

** Statement of Activities for calendar year 2025 based on Best Buddies International's Form 990*
*** "Other" represents revenue generated from a collection of sources including; Chapter Dues, Annual Best Buddies Leadership Conference, Investment Income and Cause-Related Marketing.*
**** Gross consolidation of International Licensees that operate as their own NGOs.*

Financials

Balance Sheet (as of 12.31.25)

Assets

Current Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	$5,792,845
Investments, current	$7,935,827
Accounts receivable	$143,185
Contributions receivable, current	$2,942,283
Government grants receivable	$3,881,075
Prepaid expenses	$1,452,370
Total Current Assets	**$22,147,585**
Property and Equipment	
Computers	$461,647
Furniture and equipment	$85,104
Auto	$61,522
Land	$1,152,473
Total Property and Equipment, Cost	**$1,760,746**
Less Accumulated Depreciation	($589,763)
Total Property and Equipment, Net	**$1,170,983**
Right-of-Use Assets	
Financing lease right-of-use, net of amortization	$53,520
Operating lease right-of-use, net of amortization	$3,810,938
Total Right-of-Use Assets	**$3,864,458**
Other Noncurrent Assets	
Investments, noncurrent	$19,749,988
Contributions receivable, noncurrent, net	$315,863
Inventory artwork	$59,361
Security deposits	$140,870
Investments in ventures	$173,680
Program related investments in film	$500,000
Total Other Noncurrent Assets	**$20,939,762**
Total Assets	**$48,122,788**

Liabilities and Net Assets

Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable	$1,049,594
Deferred revenue	$1,077,485
Refundable advance	$73,323
Compensated absences payable	$2709,928
Line of credit	-
Current portion of financing lease liabilities	$27,344
Current portion of operating lease liabilities	$2,256,127
Total Current Liabilities	**$4,693,801**
Long-Term Liabilities	
Security deposit	$103,801
Long-term portion of financing lease liabilities	$28,168
Long-term portion of operating lease liabilities	$1,547,747
Total Long-Term Liabilities	**$1,679,716**
Total Liabilities	**$6,373,517**
Net Assets	
With donor restriction	$3,258,146
Without donor restriction	$38,491,125
Total Net Assets	**$41,749,271**
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	**$48,122,788**



Best Buddies Global Ambassadors at the
2025 Best Buddies Leadership Conference: Wickedly Inclusive

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Miss Massachussets USA 2024, **Melissa Sapini** with BODYARMOR Team at the *2025 Best Buddies Challenge: Hyannis Port, presented by Shaw's and Star Market Foundation and the TJX Companies, Inc.*

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Florida Department of Education
Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
Illinois Department of Human Services
Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
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$250,000 to $499,000

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Florida Department of Education
Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
Illinois Department of Human Services
Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
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Texas Education Agency
U.S. Department of Education

$50,000 to $99,999
PHLY Foundation
California Department of Developmental Services
Florida Department of Education
Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
Illinois Department of Human Services
Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
New Mexico Public Education Department
Texas Education Agency
U.S. Department of Education

$25,000 to $49,999
California Department of Developmental Services
Florida Department of Education
Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
Illinois Department of Human Services
Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
New Mexico Public Education Department
Texas Education Agency
U.S. Department of Education

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Illinois Department of Human Services
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$100,000 to $249,000
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Team Natixis
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$50,000 to 99,000
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Team Louis Miguel
Team Holland & Knight
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Team Friends of Green Line Velo
Team Mals Pals
Team Bike Zone of Cape Cod
Team Volvo Car USA



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$25,000 to $49,000
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$10,000 to $24,000
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Best Buddies Pirtle Chapter
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Bishop O'Connell 2025
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Center for Research Libraries
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Dean College
Dunlap High School
Eagle Hill School
Elk Grove School District
Florida International University
George Mason University
Holy Spirit School
Illinois Central College
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JRE Lee Educational Center
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Montgomery County Public Schools
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Boston Children's Hospital
Bright Steps Behavior Innovations
Calvin Community
Cambridge Nursing & Rehab
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Catching Up Therapy
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Clovis Community Medical Centers
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