## SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY VOLUNTEER SUMMARY

| Title                      | Buddy  |
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| Church/Ministry<br>Mission | Church: Our desire is to see every believer discover who they are in Christ and to use the spiritual gifts, talents and passions within their realm of influence to impact others for the kingdom of God.  |
|                            | Special Needs Ministry: To reflect God's love on our friends with special needs and their families, so they may discover who they are in Christ and impact others for the kingdom of God.  |
| Purpose                    | To partner with a student so that they may discover who they are in Christ and fellowship with others through the existing ministries of the church  |
| Time Commitment            | Twice a month on Sunday mornings 9:45-11:15am  |
| Place of Service           | Children's Ministry  |
| Character Needed           | Love, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, creativity and flexibility   |
| Responsibilities           | <ul> <li>Meet family and process your student for check in/out</li> <li>Assist student in participating to their full potential in children's ministry activities</li> <li>Provide positive behavior management for assigned student</li> <li>Provide safety at all times</li> <li>Maintain positive relationship with family</li> </ul> |
| Training Provided          | <ul> <li>Buddy orientation specific to your assigned student</li> <li>Ongoing updates on student's needs and information</li> <li>Special needs awareness and etiquette training</li> <li>Regular meetings with Special Needs Ministry Team</li> </ul>   |
| Reports To                 | Special Needs Ministry Coordinator   |
| Work With                  | Student's family, children's ministry leaders and volunteers, student's other special needs buddy, Special Needs Ministry Coordinator  |
| Notes                      | <ul> <li>A background check is required for any volunteer position</li> <li>The level of care may vary between buddies</li> </ul>  |