



SOCIAL HANGOUTS FOR TEENS WITH DISABILITIES

WHO WE ARE

Welcome to **We've Got Friends (WGF)**. Our journey began with a simple idea: to create a fun, safe environment for teens where friendship transcends disability. In 2019, we became a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, spreading our mission far and wide. Today, WGF reaches hundreds of teens every year.

WHAT WE DO

Picture this: a place where interests collide and bonds are formed. That's WGF. Participants aged 13-22 step into a world where friendships are meant to be. From in-person and virtual hangouts to awesome parties and developmentally appropriate special events and outings, we're all about sparking connections. And guess what? We're not just for the big kids. We've got something special for the younger ones too – We've Got Friends Jr., designed for ages 7-12.

WHY IT MATTERS

Friendship and social opportunities should be accessible to EVERYONE. Thanks to incredible friends and supporters like you, hundreds of teens and families experience the magic of WGF each year.



OUR MISSION

We create inclusive social spaces for teens with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) to form meaningful connections with their peers. We host hangouts and special events where teens can make friends, share their unique talents and abilities, strengthen their sense of belonging, and gain self-confidence along the way.

Our programming is free to participants and their families. We believe friendship should be accessible to all, regardless of race, gender, national origin, religion, or economic status.



VOLUNTEER WITH US!



WHY VOLUNTEER?

Working alongside teenagers with intellectual & developmental disabilities (I/DD) will provide you with experience in a cognitively diverse environment while expanding your understanding of different needs and abilities. Plus, we've got a schedule that works for everyone! Once approved, volunteers may sign up for both in-person (90-minute) and virtual (60-minute) hangouts at their convenience. Remember, a minimum of 3 hangouts per month is required. We've Got Friends can verify volunteer hours for community service and issue a verification letter upon meeting the minimum criteria.

Ages 12+ welcome to apply.

LEARN MORE & APPLY

Scan the QR code to the right or visit wgfnj.org/volunteering.



QUESTIONS?

Email volunteer@wgfnj.org.

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