



## BE A SHANE'S BUDDY!

My PlayClub is a Community Outreach Program of Shane's Inspiration that helps bring children of all abilities together once a month through organized play dates at one of Shane's Inspiration's Inclusive Playgrounds. The children learn about each other, make new friends, and have fun playing together. It also provides an opportunity for parents to share their challenges and resources with each other in a relaxed environment.

Being a Shane's Buddy means that you will be paired up with one of our My PlayClub members for the day to participate together in the planned activities. You will have the opportunity to get to know someone special, who you might not normally meet. Many of the kids have disabilities like Cerebral Palsy, Down Syndrome, Developmental Disability, or Autism. Some kids use wheelchairs, other walkers...some are unable to speak but can hear, and some just might have an invisible disability.

Although we request that club members RSVP in advance, it is hard to get an accurate count as to how many kids will be at the play date. Extra buddies are always needed at the different activity areas and may not be assigned to a particular club member.

My PlayClub meets from 10:30am-1:00pm on Saturday mornings. You'll check-in at the registration table, where each buddy will be given a name tag. Shane's Buddies will be paired with a My PlayClub member at the registration table on a first come, first served basis. We ask that you arrive at the playground by 9:30 am to help with set-up and receive a brief orientation.

If you are interested in volunteering on a regular basis, please consider joining **Teens for Social Inclusion (#T4SI)**, a group of ambassadors who volunteer as buddies and train new teens as buddies at our events.

If you are interested in becoming a Shane's Buddy at one of our playdates, please contact Sophi Dolor-Wong at (818) 988-5676 or [sophi@shanesinspiration.org](mailto:sophi@shanesinspiration.org).

Thank you for helping to bring the magic of play to children of all abilities!

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