

Testimonials:

"We love the program because it is something practical and fun for my child. It's great to have a buddy working alongside her too. A non-judgmental environment and caring people who give their time for our children is greatly appreciated."

-The Blomberg family

*"Anthony loves being with peers!
Thank you for everything."*

-The Scheidt family

"Sam loves to be doing this with a buddy. It's good learning skills too. I just want to say thank you for all your work and ability to offer this."

-The Witt family

Want to know more?

If you'd like more information or would like to volunteer, please contact **Mary Ann Proffitt** at **262-547-2424** or mazproffitt@gmail.com.



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**Baking Buddies**
A sweet way to friendship



**Classes currently held
every other month**

What is Baking Buddies?



Baking Buddies is a free baking class for kids and adults with special needs who are paired with a youth peer or an adult.

Purpose of the program:

To provide interactive opportunities and build relationships between people with special needs and those who do not have special needs.



Who is the program for?

Those with special needs in middle school on up. Volunteers are teens through adults.

When is the program?

This program is currently offered 3 nights a week, 5 - 6 times a year.

How does the program work?

- Students are paired with a youth peer or adult
- Fun worksheet activities are completed while waiting for everyone to arrive.
- Students then move into the kitchen to make the recipe with their buddy.
- While the item is baking, the students clean up their areas and play Bingo (with prizes of course) until the baking is complete.
- Baked items are taken home by the student to share with family and friends!
- Each new student receives a set of utensils to keep, including wet and dry ingredient measuring cups, measuring spoons, a scraper, a recipe and a recipe binder.



Benefits of the program:

- Interactions with those who have special needs increases understanding and acceptance, improves attitudes and builds lasting relationships.
- Provides respite for families who can run errands, network with other families, or just relax with a cup of coffee.
- Engages collaboration between churches, schools and the community through volunteering.
- Participants with special needs and volunteers gain valuable baking and kitchen skills.

