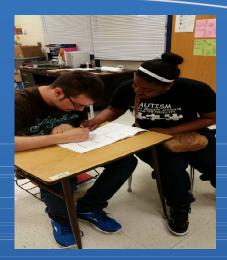
# Did you know?

- Autism affects one in every 58 children born in the United States.
- Approximately 67
   million people
   worldwide are affected
   by autism.
- Dogs have been shown to improve autistic children's quality of life, independence, and safety. The presence of a trained dog can reduce aggressive behavior.





## Autism:

A mental condition, present from early childhood, characterized by difficulty in communicating and forming relationships with other people and in using language and abstract concepts.



JOIN TODAY!

Peer-to-Peer Program.

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#### What is it all about?

In this program you learn a very valuable lesson: No one should be left out. Your job is to make the student feel included. You are assigned to work with a friend, you bring them to your designated class, and make them feel included. You learn to relate to people with different needs. You'll receive academic credit for this class. It also looks well on college applications and provides a great hands-on experience.

"Do not fear people with Autism, embrace them, Do not spite people with Autism unite them, Do not deny people with Autism accept them for then their abilities will shine"

— Paul Isaacs

### Want to sign up?

- See the guidance office for an application.
- Set up an interview with the peer-to-peer teacher.
- ❖ Fill out your application.
- Get ready to make a difference.