

# SERVING *at* NORTHEAST

## FAMILY CARE – SPECIAL NEEDS BUDDY (6-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)

### VISION & ROLE

A Special Needs Buddy shares the love of Jesus Christ by accompanying one of our students with special needs throughout the morning. Buddies are like friends on standby: they're always nearby and provide a comforting and supportive presence for our students. Because of them, students and their families can enjoy Sunday services and see the handiwork of God through this important ministry!

### CORE RESPONSIBILITIES

- Participate in short monthly trainings before service
- Serve weekly or every other week
- Provide assistance, support, and friendship for a student
- Ensure the student's safety by being an active presence
- Assist and encourage the student with student ministry activities
- Provide redirection and extra support when needed
- Help the student engage with others
- Have fun and laugh together

### QUALIFICATIONS

- A servant's heart and a willingness to learn (no experience necessary!)
- A heart for helping students with special needs
- Dependable and consistent
- A positive attitude influenced by God's love and grace
- Able to pass a volunteer background check
- Willing to serve for an hour weekly or every other week, with monthly training before the 9a service

### WORKS ALONGSIDE

Annie Rapp, *Interim Family Care Coordinator*  
Johnathon Powers, *Student Ministry Pastor*  
Amanda Hutchinson, *NextGen Middle School Director*  
Special Needs Ministry Team  
NextGen Volunteers

