

# SERVING *at* NORTHEAST

## FAMILY CARE – SPECIAL NEEDS BUDDY (K-5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)

### VISION & ROLE

A Special Needs Buddy shares the love of Jesus Christ by accompanying one of our kids 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 kids with special needs. Because of them, our kids with special needs and their families can enjoy Sunday services and see the handiwork of God through this important ministry!

### CORE RESPONSIBILITIES

- Provide assistance, support, and friendship for a child
- Serve weekly or every other week
- Ensure the child's safety and protection by being an active presence
- Assist and encourage the child with class activities
- Provide redirection and extra support when needed
- Help the child engage with others
- Have fun and laugh together
- Participate in short monthly trainings before service that help us learn how to support individual children's needs

### QUALIFICATIONS

- A servant's heart and a willingness to learn (no experience necessary!)
- A heart for helping kids with special needs
- Dependable and consistent
- A positive attitude influenced by God's love and grace
- Able to pass a volunteer background check (this role is open to teens!)
- Willing to serve during one Sunday service, with monthly training before the 9a service

### WORKS ALONGSIDE

Annie Rapp, *Early Childhood Ministry Director*  
Randi Luna, *Elementary Ministry Director*  
Special Needs Ministry Team  
NextGen Volunteers

