

Every month Fantastic Friends hosts a fun social event for our members with special needs- ages 10-19 and volunteers. Members are always paired with a 1:1 volunteer at each event, who helps them interact with other Fantastic Friends and participate in the event's activities. Events are always fun and creative, and provide a variety of social and learning experiences for those with special needs.

Join Us!

Become a volunteer!

What makes us stand out from other special needs groups?

Our chapters are led by and events planned by neuro-typical peers for our special needs members. Chapters are set up by geographical location, and each chapter has members and volunteers from several surrounding regions.

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The Fantastic Friends morale: Our volunteers have the warmest hearts and are encouraging, supportive, and incredibly friendly to all of our special needs members! Anyone who comes to Fantastic Friends can shine bright and be who they really are without worry of judgement. Anything flies with us!! As much as we are different, we are all similar and want the same thing in life. Bringing everyone together to celebrate what makes us unique is the number one impact we make.



We truly appreciate you support!

Fantastic Friends is a registered 501c3 non-profit

Ask about donating to Fantastic Friends of Western New York. You can also sponsor an event or a special needs child.

Fantastic Friends of Western New York



We are a non profit social organization for all special needs kids, ages 10-19.

Our events are held at various handicapped accessible locations throughout Western New York. They are always lots of fun!

Sign up your special needs loved one today.

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What is Fantastic Friends?



Marissa Hacker is the CEO and Founder of Fantastic Friends. When she was 15, she started the Organization for her twin brother, Matthew, who has autism. While growing up with Matthew, Marissa always saw how her brother and others with special needs struggled to create and maintain friendships. This was her spark for starting Fantastic Friends.

We are on a global mission to create meaningful friendships among special needs and neuro-typical tweens & teens through fun monthly social events. Everybody deserves a Fantastic Friend!!