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WHO ARE WE?

The Friends U Need Club, Inc. (The FUN Club) is a 501c3 non-profit organization. Having the designation of 501c3, means all donations are fully tax deductible as allowed by law. We are located in our beautiful new facility at 3007 Summer Oak Place in Buford, GA. Your participation in our tournament helped make our new facility possible!

WHO DO WE SERVE?

We serve special needs adults that have aged out of the public school system. At the age of 22, special needs students graduate from the school system and have very few options for daily engagement. We also provide morning & afternoon transportation if needed.

WHY IS A PROGRAM LIKE THE FUN CLUB NECESSARY?

After a special needs student graduates from the school system, their family members must make decisions as to how they would like their child to spend their days. The members of The FUN Club are better suited to attend a day program rather than pursue employment. The daily FUN Club activities are carefully chosen to ensure maintenance of social skills, community service, physical activity, personal growth, encourage friendships and to continue involvement within their community. The programming The FUN Club participates in on a daily basis is necessary to keep these skills sharp. FUN Club members should always be important members of our community and should feel confident with any involvement within the community.





WHAT DOES A DAY IN THE FUN CLUB LOOK LIKE?

Every single day includes multiple activities and lunch. Activities include but are not limited to: Visual Arts, Yoga, Music Therapy, Workouts, PlayBall, Money Skills Lessons, Park Visits, Community Service Activities, Shopping Skills, Museum Visits, Guest Instructors, Bowling, Swimming, Boating, Amusement Parks, Night to Shine Prom, Work Skills, Attending Sports Events, Attending Theatre Performances and more!

HOW IS THE FUN CLUB FUNDED?

Only a few FUN Club members receive financial assistance from Medicaid. FUN Club members have a daily tuition that is funded by either the FUN Club member’s family, donations, sponsorships, or a combination of those options. The daily instruction, therapies, classes, lunches, outings, trips, admissions, etc. are funded by donations and/or sponsorships. *The daily tuition is priced less than the actual cost of attending. The difference is made up by utilizing funds from sponsors, donors and fundraisers like this tournament.

WHEN DOES THE FUN CLUB OPERATE?

Monday – Friday. 9am-3pm & occasional “after hours” events.

WHAT IS THE FUN CLUB CURRENTLY RAISING FUNDS FOR?

The FUN Club is currently raising funds for tuition costs for FUN Club members, a music garden, additional instruction/ classes and supplies for daily activities for our members.



KENLEY

Age: 33

Kenley has been a part of the FÜN Club from the very beginning! His favorite thing to do is play volleyball in our backyard. He also loves music, movies, and anything tie-dyed! Kenley is a part of the Gwinnett Special Forces and participates in volleyball and bocce ball. He also loves posting pictures of his friends on Facebook.



MATT

Age: 32

Matt has been with the FÜN Club since its opening in 2015. His favorite place to be in The FÜN Club is the game room! He loves jammin' out to all the classic rock songs and every day he chooses to be a "character for the day" – usually he's the villain! He loves singing karaoke with his friends and usually sings a song that goes best with his chosen character. P.S: He was Darth Vader on picture day.

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JENNA

Age: 36

Jenna has been coming to the FÜN Club from the beginning! She loves rocking in the rocking chairs in the backyard. She enjoys when we go to Stable Life Ministries to ride the horses and loves laughing with her friends. She loves to sing, read, and has become a pro at loading the dishwasher at The FÜN Club!



NICK A.

Age: 32

Nick has been a part of the FÜN Club Since 2015! You can always find Nick in The FÜN Club gym working out and getting his steps in! He loves spending time with friends and is always a great helper. Nick gives the sweetest compliments and has the biggest heart!



CHASE

Age: 24

Chase has been coming to the FÜN Club for one year. His favorite place is the game room! He is the very best at remembering different movie scenes, and can recreate the sound effects to movie intros. Chase's laugh is contagious and he always has a smile on his face. Fun fact about Chase – he is a triplet!



BRANDON

Age: 30

Brandon has been a part of the FÜN Club from the start! His favorite thing to do is rock in the rocking chairs in our backyard. He loves spending time in the game room bowling on the Wii and there is no denying his love for ketchup or singing Adele on karaoke Fridays! He is always concerned about others and is such a wonderful friend.

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JOSHUA C.R.

Age: 50

Joshua has been a part of the FÜN Club from the beginning! His favorite thing to do is work in the FÜN Club store ! Joshua loves the USA and is our most patriotic FÜN Club member by far! He also loves the Red Cross, dreams of moving to Texas to be a part of the rodeo, and wants to be a Veterinarian at Disney's Animal Kingdom.



LINDSEY

Age: 30

Lindsey has been a member of the FÜN Club for 4 years! Her favorite thing to do is play in the game room. Lindsey never fails to greet you with a huge smile, and excitement! Lindsey adores Tim Tebow and Night To Shine Prom and loves her some Bucee's! She enjoys spending time with her family, and all of her friends. She has such a big heart and she loves even bigger!



WILLY

Age: 59

Willy has been a member of The FÜN Club for 7 years. He loves hanging out in the FÜN Club living room. He always has the best manners and won't start his day until he greets everyone with a "Good morning, how are you?" His favorite meal is spaghetti and meatballs and loves when we cook at The FÜN Club. Willy likes bowling and is eager to participate in whatever activity we have planned!



DAVID

Age: 32

David has been coming to The FÜN Club from the beginning! He loves The FÜN Club sensory room – especially the La-Z-Boy chair! He loves to eat breakfast and is happiest when gravy is on his plate. David also collects things like photos, CD's, & DVD's. If there's one thing we know about David, it's that he loves his mom!

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PORI

Age: 46

Pori has been a FÜN Club member since its start in 2015! She loves spending time in the FÜN Club backyard. She loves BIG and is a great friend to all. She also enjoys singing, dancing, and working out in the gym at the FÜN Club. Pori has fun no matter what activity we have planned!



JARED

Age: 23

Jared has been a member of the FÜN Club for 2 years! He loves hanging out on the couch in the FÜN Club living room. He is sweet, easy-going, and loves to be on the lake with his family! He likes to wear shirts with funny sayings and enjoys curling up under a blanket and watching movies – especially Frozen or Moana!



SARAH

Age: 24

Sarah has been with the FÜN Club for 4 years! She loves being outside in the FÜN Club backyard! She tackles every FÜN Club activity with excitement and joy. She is loud and proud, loves food, and appreciates a great salad. Sarah enjoys swinging, creating art, singing karaoke and loving on her plush animals.



MICHAEL

Age: 22

Michael has been a member of The FÜN Club for 4 months now! His favorite thing to do is to hang out with his friends in the FÜN Club living room. Michael loves jamming out to rock n' roll songs and also loves to dance! Michael has become a pro at heating up his own food and using the microwave in The FÜN Club kitchen.

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PRISCILLA

Age: 33

Priscilla has been a part of The FÜN Club for 4 years! She loves to spend time in the sensory room. She greets everyone with a smile and a hug. Priscilla has a fantastic memory and loves to reminisce with her friends. She is very proud of her artistic abilities and has become very active in The FÜN Club gym!



JAMIE

Age: 42

Jamie, also known as "Coop", has been coming to The FÜN Club since the beginning! His favorite place to hang out is in the FÜN Club living room. He also loves to laugh and enjoys a great joke or prank. Jamie enjoys singing karaoke on Fridays with his friends at The FÜN Club and likes participating in yoga class with Mrs. Molly.



JOHN

Age: 26

John has been with the FÜN Club for 4 years! His favorite thing to do at The FÜN Club is working out in the gym. He loves his family and is so proud that they are members of the military and local fire department. John is also a master at puzzles, and he's a wonderful friend!



HUNTER

Age: 26

Hunter has been a part of the FÜN Club for 3 years! He loves hanging out in the sensory room at The FÜN Club. If there's one thing we know about Hunter, it's that he loves his morning coffee! He also loves his cats and is the "gamer" of the group!

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AUSTIN

Age: 27

Austin has been a member of the FÜN Club for 5 months now! His favorite place to be is outside in our backyard. He loves shoes, talking about what he plans to have for dinner, and can break dance like no other! Austin's smile and bubbling personality radiate throughout The FÜN Club. He is always ready and excited to participate in whatever we have planned!



ZAC

Age: 30

Zac has been a member of The FÜN Club for one year! His favorite thing to do at the FÜN Club is swing in the backyard. Zac also loves exercising in the gym – especially on the treadmill! He is eager to participate in our activities and enjoys creating artwork. Zac is our most organized member and is a master at Disney trivia!



CAMERON

Age: 26

Cameron has been a part of The FÜN Club for one year. His favorite thing to do is be in the game room! His smile is contagious and he loves to carry on conversations with all his friends. He enjoys spending time with his family on Lake Oconee and is always the “boat captain!” Cameron is also a member of Gwinnett Special Forces Athletic Teams and plays many sports.



COLE

Age: 24

Cole has been a member of The FÜN Club for a year! His favorite place to be is outside in the backyard. His big smile will warm your heart! He is always eager to participate in any activity we have planned and is super helpful around The FÜN Club. He’s a member of Gwinnett Special Forces and participates in many sports. One thing about Cole is that you’ll never see him without his daily Chick-Fil-A or McDonald’s breakfast!

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NICK J.

Age: 33

Nick has been coming to The FÜN Club for one year. He loves to play in the game room and specifically loves to play on the Wii! He also loves to play card games and is eager to participate in group time. His smile and positive attitude radiate through The FÜN Club everyday he is here. He is always kind and joins in on every single activity we do!



MADI

Age: 24

Madi is one of our newest members and has been coming to The FÜN Club for 5 months! Her favorite thing to do is color with her FÜN Club friends. Her sweet smile and personality light up a room and she is always ready to give you a big hug! Madi loves participating in anything we do and has become a pro at our Playball activity!



CHRISTOPHER

Age: 28

Christopher has been a member of The FÜN Club for one year. His favorite thing to do is read and spend time in the FÜN Club living room! Christopher is great with remembering dates and working with numbers. He loves being outdoors and is a very skilled putt-putt player. He is a great helper at home and loves to talk about his favorite baseball team, the Padres.

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