



October 2, 2019

Board of Directors
The Robert Nelson Foundation
P.O. Box 761398
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Dear Foundation Board Members,

Best Buddies Michigan is honored to be amongst your initial group of grantees, and are deeply grateful for your investment in helping us to make the state of Michigan a much more inclusive place to live and work for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). Thank you for supporting our mission and vision.

Through your generous support, we continue to expand Best Buddies programming in the Grand Rapids, Michigan area, where we are currently in conversations with high schools and colleges to open new school-based friendship chapters.

We continue to work with and provide support to the Grand Valley State University chapter of Best Buddies, and look forward to being able to train a student there to become a facilitator for upcoming Best Buddies Ambassador trainings. We recently held an Ambassador training here in Michigan, where ten individuals with IDD wrote and refined personal speeches before practicing giving them to an audience as part of our self-advocacy training. We look forward to being able to provide more of these Ambassador trainings, through the support of this grant.

At our upcoming and inaugural Champion of the Year Gala on November 8th, we will be celebrating and highlighting our Best Buddies participants, volunteers, and supporters, and look forward to continuing to raise awareness for Best Buddies Michigan as our programs grow and multiply - thanks to support from organizations like yours who understand and value the power of inclusion.

Best,

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