

TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2787.21

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF \$2,000.00 TO BEST BUDDIES INTERNATIONAL; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Best Buddies International is a licensed, 501(c)(3) non-profit agency serving people with Down syndrome, autism, Fragile X, Williams syndrome, cerebral palsy, traumatic brain injury, and other undiagnosed disabilities; and; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Best Buddies is to establish a global volunteer movement that create opportunities for on-to-one friendships, integrated employment and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD); and

WHEREAS, Best Buddies is the world's largest organization dedicated to ending the social physical and economic isolation of the 200-million people with IDD; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that a contribution in the amount of \$2,000.00 to Best Buddies is in the best interest of the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals Adopted. That each of the above-stated recitals is hereby adopted and confirmed.

Section 2. Authorization. That the payment of \$2,000.00 to Best Buddies is hereby authorized and approved.

Section 3. Implementation. That the Mayor and Town Manager are authorized to take any and all action which is necessary to implement this Resolution.

Section 4. Effective Date. That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon approval of the Town Council.

Sponsored by the **Town Administration.**

The Motion to adopt the foregoing resolution was offered by Vice Mayor Lusskin, seconded by Councilmember Mendal, and on roll call the following vote ensued:

Mayor Glenn Singer	<u>Aye</u>
Vice Mayor Judy Lusskin	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Kenneth Bernstein	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Jaime Mendal	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Bernard Einstein	<u>Aye</u>

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Golden Beach, Florida, this 16th day of November, 2021.



MAYOR GLENN SINGER

ATTEST:



LISSETTE PEREZ
TOWN CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



STEPHEN J. HELFMAN
TOWN ATTORNEY



TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH

One Golden Beach Drive
Golden Beach, FL 33160

MEMORANDUM

Date: November 16, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor Glenn Singer &
Town Council Members

From: Alexander Diaz, *Alex B*
Town Manager

Subject: **Resolution No. 2787.21 – Authorizing and Approving Donation
of \$2,000.00 to Best Buddies International**

Item Number:

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Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Town Council adopt the attached Resolution No. 2787.21 as presented.

Background:

This resolution approves the donation made to Best Buddies International. This donation will support the work Best Buddies performs to establish a global volunteer movement to create opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

Fiscal Impact:

If approved by Council the amount authorized will be \$2,000.00.

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Friendship, Jobs, Leadership Development & Living

Sponsorship Proposal



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Best Buddies X Rosetta, 2020

BESTBUDDIES®

Best Buddies International is the world's largest organization dedicated to ending the social, physical and economic isolation of the 200 million people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). Our programs empower the special abilities of people with IDD by helping them form meaningful friendships with their peers, secure successful jobs, live independently, improve public speaking, self-advocacy and communication skills, and feel valued by society.

Mission

Best Buddies International is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to establishing a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment, leadership development and inclusive living for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).

Who We Serve

The IDD community that Best Buddies serves includes, but is not limited to, people with Down syndrome, autism, fragile X syndrome, Williams syndrome, cerebral palsy, traumatic brain injury and other undiagnosed disabilities.

Programs

Best Buddies programs sit on the four key mission pillars below:

One-To-One
Friendships



Integrated
Employment



Leadership
Development



Inclusive
Living



One-To-One Friendships

Builds friendships between people with and without IDD, offering social mentoring while improving the quality of life and level of inclusion for a population that is often isolated and excluded.

BESTBUDDIES. Middle Schools, High Schools, Colleges and Citizens

Creates an inclusive community for students and adults with IDD, helping them become socially integrated with their peers at every age.

e-BUDDIES.

Offers an e-mail program, in which a participant with IDD communicates online with a friend without IDD.

Integrated Employment

Secures jobs for people with IDD, allowing them to earn an income, pay taxes, and continuously and independently support themselves.

BESTBUDDIES. Jobs

Matches skilled, qualified individuals with IDD with businesses seeking enthusiastic and dedicated employees. Through the Jobs program, Best Buddies develops partnerships with employers, assists with the hiring process and provides ongoing support to the employee and employer.

An estimated 81% of adults (18+) with developmental disabilities do not have a paid job in the community. The Best Buddies Jobs program strives to place participants with IDD in supported employment, with the potential to receive benefits and earn a total income upwards of \$900K over 30 years. In turn, these individuals will contribute \$153K in taxes back into the economy, rather than receive nearly \$895K in Federal SSI and Medicaid benefits during that time period.

Leadership Development

Educates and empowers people with and without IDD to become leaders, public speakers and advocates.

BESTBUDDIES. Ambassadors

Offers people with IDD the opportunity to gain the public speaking skills, self-esteem and confidence needed to successfully advocate for themselves, their peers and Best Buddies in communities, workplaces and government.

BESTBUDDIES. Promoters

Empowers youth to become advocates for people with IDD and help open new Best Buddies chapters and programs by organizing special events that promote awareness to the disability rights movement.

Inclusive Living

Provides an integrated experience in which people with and without IDD are active, contributing citizens – living independently in a dynamic environment where they can learn, grow, and thrive.

BESTBUDDIES. Living

Provides individuals with and without IDD an opportunity to live together in a vibrant, educational community that supports all residents in advancing their employment, financial literacy, continued education, and life skills as they work to achieve their personal goals.

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Why You Support: Jordan's Story



Best Buddies Jobs Participant since 2019

When the unemployment rates across the country rose, individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) were severely impacted. Jordan was one of only 28 Best Buddies Jobs participants who was able to maintain her regular work schedule from home

Jordan holds Associate's and Bachelor's degrees in Public History and Museum Sciences. Like many individuals with IDD Jordan found it challenging to find meaningful employment as a result of her social anxiety and sensory issues. In February 2020, Jordan was hired by Kelly Services as an onboarding specialist and helps to manage the company's online registration platform for new employees. Jordan is well supported in her role and her employer has modified tasks to suit her abilities. She has also successfully integrated into the company culture and was included in after-work gatherings with coworkers!

In describing the importance of this job, Jordan's family notes that she is energized, displays great pride in her work and, prior to working from home, was able to drive herself to work each day which created an incredible sense of independence.

The reality is that most Best Buddies Jobs participants have not fared as well as Jordan during the pandemic. This virus has restructured the way we move forward in the workplace and the challenges are extensive. When businesses reopened, a significantly reduced number of Best Buddies Jobs participants returned to work. This new normal requires increased support and innovative training methods to adjust to new protocols and procedures. Others have begun their job searches, once again, but this time in a different type of job market. With your help, Best Buddies will be able to support participants through these unprecedented times.

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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

LEADERSHIP SPONSOR \$25,000

Fund 10 all-day Ambassadors training sessions for 500 people with and without IDD, where attendees will gain the public speaking skills and confidence needed to champion for inclusion throughout their community.

- Full-page, full-color ad in the digital program book
- Direct link to sponsor webpage on www.bestbuddies.org/miamigala/
- Listing in annual major donors' section of annual report
- Recognized as Leadership Sponsor in all event materials and advertisements

INCLUSIVE LIVING SPONSOR \$10,000

Fund housing, activity, meal expenses, and 24/7 support, for one resident with IDD, for 2 months, through the Best Buddies Living Program.

- Half-page, full-color ad in the digital program book
- Direct link to sponsor webpage on www.bestbuddies.org/miamigala/
- Listing in annual major donors' section of the annual report



Best Buddies Ambassadors Joshua Felder and Justin Toler with Flo Rida



Best Buddies Ambassador Jack Mayor and John Stamos



Maria Shriver at the 2019 Best Buddies Mother's Day Celebration



Tour de France Champion Chris Froome at the 2019 Best Buddies Miami Gala



Guy Fieri at the 2019 Best Buddies Hyannis Port Challenge



Vanessa Hudgens and her mother at the 2019 Best Buddies Mother's Day Celebration

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