

Miracle League: Volunteer Buddies

Location: Miracle League Field (Shadow Creek Ranch Sports Complex), 1800 Kingsley Pearland, TX. 77584

Submit Application Here: <https://volunteer.pearlandtx.gov/>

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Volunteer Dates:

02/24 - 8:30am - 1:00pm

03/02 - 8:30am - 1:00pm

03/09 - 8:30am - 1:00pm

03/16 - 8:30am - 1:00pm

03/23 - 8:30am - 1:00pm

Overview:

Buddies are a vital part to the success of the Miracle League game. Each Miracle League player is assigned a buddy for each game. The buddy is there to protect the player from balls, assist the player in batting and running the bases, and to be a friend on and off the field. Buddies receive a Miracle League shirt for their participation and can also earn credit for service hour requirements for school programs, church and temple groups, and other community organizations.

Goals for The Miracle League of Pearland “Buddies” are simple:

- Provide support and encouragement while ensuring the player’s safety.
- Step in front of the player for protection when a hard hitter is up to bat.
- Always allow the player as much freedom as possible to play his/her game and position. Focus on abilities.
- Run around the bases with the player or provide appropriate assistance (example, if player is in a wheelchair, push them around the bases).
- Get to know the player and their family.
- Demonstrate high morals and integrity on and off the field.
- Have fun with the player and enjoy the game.

Responsibility of the Miracle League of Pearland “Buddies” before, during, and after the game:

- Arrive 30 minutes before game time.
- Be properly dressed. Wearing your “Buddy” shirt, tennis shoes (no cleats allowed). A glove is encouraged.
- Stay with their player whether they are in the field or the dug-out.
- Know what position your player has and when they are up to bat.

- Ready your player when they are up to bat, encourage them to wear a helmet. Some will not want to wear a helmet and that is fine.
- Assist the player when they are at bat, when necessary. Once they hit the ball direct them to first base. Stay with your player as they advance to each base (one base per hit). Beware some players may want to continue to 2nd base and even head on to home, which is fine, just provide supervision.
- Assist your player when in the field, hang out next to them, and let them do as much as possible.
- Assist your player as needed. Help keep them safe from fly balls, bats, and have fun.
- At the end of the game, line-up for high fives with the all the players.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Buddies must be at least 14 years old.

IMPORTANT— Adult Volunteers will need to undergo a background check for safety reasons and to abide by the law. (if background check has already been completed through your business/ company/ organization, those will suffice and can be communicated to Julio Montemayor: Community Engagement Coordinator)

- All Youth Volunteers must have a Minor Release form signed by a parent/guardian. (Minor Release forms will be signed on sight)