



## 2021 SOCCER 4 KIDS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS VOLUNTEER LETTER

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The Vaughan Soccer Club will once again be offering soccer for Kids with Special Needs. This 2021 season, will be our 9<sup>th</sup> season of offering soccer to children with special needs and we anticipate it to be another successful season.

The program is offered to any special needs child between the ages of 5 and 18 who would like to participate in this wonderful game of soccer. It is held once a week on Sunday mornings for 8 weeks (no sessions will be held during long weekends). We will require many volunteers to be "Big Buddies" to the children participating in this program. We are hoping for a minimum of 60 volunteers. There will be a ratio of one volunteer to one child. All volunteers will receive community service hours/reference letter at the completion of the program.

Please read below carefully before signing up to become a Big Buddy for this program.

### What do you need to be a 'Big Buddy'?

- 1) You must be 15 years of age or older in the year 2021 (if you are younger than 15 and would still like to volunteer please contact the program director at [sarah.pellegrini@vaughansoccer.com](mailto:sarah.pellegrini@vaughansoccer.com))
- 2) You must be available to attend all 8 sessions (each session is approx. 1 hour in length) If you cannot attend a session, we must be notified well in advance so that we have ample time to find a replacement for that day. These children require stability therefore if prior to the start of the program, you know that you will miss 4 or more sessions please let us know.
- 3) Session dates/times and location are as follows: June 6, 13, 20, 27, July 11, 18, 25 & August 8, 2021, from 8:45 am to 10:15 am @ the McNaughton Turf Field (which is located at the north west corner of Keele St & McNaughton Rd)
- 4) Must be outgoing, energetic, patient and be open to having lots of fun

As this program is growing we need as many volunteers as possible, keeping that in mind we will be unable to guarantee that friends who are volunteering together will be assigned to the same child. Please do not let this discourage you from volunteering, remember that we will all be on the same field at the same time and we will all be working together to make this a great experience for the children.

If this interests you, please register as a volunteer via our online registration portal (Power Up) by clicking [here](#). We recommend that you review the VSC Soccer 4 Kids with Special Needs Program - RTP Guide for further details of COVID-19 Protocols and Procedures.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Pellegrini via email at [sarah.pellegrini@vaughansoccer.com](mailto:sarah.pellegrini@vaughansoccer.com)

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*Be a Buddy...Not a Bully!!*

