

PALS

I am reaching out to you on behalf of [PALS Programs](#), a nonprofit organization creating inclusive camp experiences for people with and without Down syndrome. Our volunteer-led programs change attitudes, transform lives, and inspire a world of belonging. This year, we are fortunate to be in a pivotal position to host hybrid programs this spring of 2021 to serve our communities.

PALS is excited to be back this spring, and will be hosting one-week hybrid spring programs in cities across the country between February 22nd and April 10th. These events will be made up of two in-person events on consecutive Saturdays “sandwiched” with virtual, evening 1-hour Zoom calls during the week. All volunteers will be paired 1-1 with a peer-aged partner with Down syndrome for all of the events of the week. Dates, locations, and more information can be found [here](#).

Our volunteers do not need to have prior experience with Down syndrome or the disability community, and training is provided at the beginning of each program. Volunteers must be **15 or older** to be eligible. PALS is committed to keeping all participants safe during all events, which will be fully outdoor with masking and social distancing requirements for all participants, as well as small cohort teams made up of no more than 10 individuals.

PALS is committed to creating a [diverse and inclusive environment](#) for all of our participants with and without Down syndrome to create a world of belonging, where all people are valued for their unique perspectives and lived experiences. There are **no costs** associated with volunteering at PALS.

We hope that this service opportunity is one which may be of interest to your students. PALS is hoping to engage with a wide range of individuals from a variety of backgrounds and lived experiences, and we are hoping you will be able to share this opportunity with your students. Please let us know if you would like additional materials or information, or if you would like to chat further about partnering with PALS.

Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you soon!

Best,

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