

Special Needs Ministry Coordinator

15-20 hours per week

The presence of Special Needs Ministry Coordinator will make it possible for all people, no matter their physical or mental ability, to have access to the ministry opportunities at Wesley UMC. The primary work of the Coordinator is to create a clear path for people with special needs and their families to fully engage into the life of the church. One of the outcomes of having a special needs ministry will be to welcome new families who wouldn't otherwise have a safe and welcoming place to worship, thus fulfilling our mission to make disciples. The Special Needs Ministry Coordinator is responsible for leading the Special Needs Committee, incorporating a buddy program into our existing ministries, working to ensure the Special Needs Parent Support Group is supported, and creating new initiatives that will help further our mission. The goal of the Special Needs Ministry Coordinator is to connect people with special needs, and their families, to their purpose.

Goals (December 2024):

- Establish a name, mission, and vision for Special Needs Committee
- Recruit and train 10 new buddies to be paired with people with special needs
- Establish a strengthened relationship with at least 3 special needs families, with the report that their family has received more support as a result of this ministry

Key Responsibilities Include:

- Leading Special Needs Committee
- Implementing and overseeing the buddy program
- Guiding and resourcing the Parents Support Group
- Creating new initiatives that will support the mission of the special needs ministry
- Working with other resources and events in the community to connect the work of the special needs ministry to the needs of the community
- Creating a report of facility adaptations that need to be made in order to create a more accessible and sensory friendly environment.
- Once per month seek out and apply for grants which will sustain the ministry
- Oversee the Lent offering and create opportunities to grow this source of support

Requirements:

- Candidate must have excellent interpersonal skills, and the ability to recruit volunteers into the work of the special needs ministry
- Candidate must be collaborative, understanding the mission of the entire church and incorporating people with special needs into various ministries
- Candidate must be creative and willing to implement new ideas
- Candidate must be an advocate for people with special needs

Please submit resume and to Rev. Lindsey Solomon- lindsey@wesleyumc.net