

Transformed.

We **believe** everyone should have the opportunity for a **rich, full life** in their **own community** with **meaningful work**, their choice in **living arrangements**, an **education**, **strong relationships**, **fun** and **laughter**.

Just like you and me.



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Lives.

“We have heart...”



“We felt the warmth and caring at Little Friends. This is where we want to see him.” Family Member

AT A GLANCE

Little Friends.

Lives Transformed. SINCE 1965

Little Friends has been serving children and adults with autism and other developmental disabilities for over 40 years. Based in Naperville, Little Friends operates three schools, vocational training programs, community-based residential services and the Little Friends Center for Autism. Founded in 1965, Little Friends serves more than 800 people each year throughout DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Will, McHenry and western Cook counties.

Children's Services

Bridge High School

Krejci Academy

Lifeskills Training Center for Children with Autism

Mansion High School

Adult Services

Community Living Services

Spectrum Vocational Services

- Supported Employment
- Developmental Training
- Transitional Work

Shops and Services

ColorBurst Screen Printing

Serendipity Resale Shop

Little Friends Center for Autism

- Comprehensive Diagnostic Evaluation Services
- Speech and Occupational Therapy
- Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)
- Training Opportunities
- Consultation Services
- Social Skills Groups
- Visual Training Systems

Little Friends Fundraising Events - Get Involved Today!

Bids for Kids Benefit Auction

Step Up for Autism Walk

Little Friends Golf Classic

Phonathon

Friends of Little Friends Electric Parade

Giving Tree Program

Children's Services

BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

2318 Wisconsin Avenue | Downers Grove, IL 60515 **630.964.1722**

The Bridge High School serves students ages 14 through 21 with autism or cognitive disabilities, in combination with emotional or behavioral disorders. Instruction at the Bridge High School is designed to help students prepare for transition to adulthood. Through the school's vocational training program, students have the opportunity to acquire basic work skills and good work habits in anticipation of possible employment after graduation.

KREJCI ACADEMY

619 E. Franklin Avenue | Naperville, IL 60540 **630.355.6870**

Krejci Academy is a therapeutic day school program that serves students ages 4 to 21. Approximately 95 percent of the students have a diagnosis on the autism spectrum. Small class sizes, high staff to student ratios and cutting-edge therapies are the reasons that more than 50 school districts across Illinois turn to Krejci Academy as their primary referral source. In addition to academics, students receive a variety of specialized services including speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, counseling services, daily living skills, community instruction, vocational services and family support.

LIFESKILLS TRAINING CENTER FOR CHILDREN WITH AUTISM

Glen Ellyn, IL 60137 **630.690.7293**

One of the first of its kind in Illinois, the Lifeskills Training Center for Children with Autism is an intensive residential training program that focuses on improving communication and behavior, while enhancing skill development. Six children live at the Center, returning home each weekend. The Center's highly-trained staff also works with the children's parents to ensure ongoing success in the home. This unique program also provides Saturday respite care for children and adolescents who have autism, Asperger's syndrome and other developmental disabilities.

MANSION HIGH SCHOOL

126 N. Wright Street | Naperville, IL 60540 **630.357.1226**

The Mansion is an alternative high school for students who have average or above average intelligence and have difficulty functioning in a traditional school setting. The program combines academics, group therapy and behavior management to help students return to their public school, graduate, find a job or prepare for additional educational opportunities.

"We teach your loved ones."

To work, to play, to have friends,
to move on in life.



Adult Services

COMMUNITY LIVING SERVICES

140 N. Wright Street | Naperville, IL 60540 630.355.9858

Community Living Services helps adults with autism and other developmental disabilities live in apartments, condominiums and single-family homes as independent members of the community. Intermittent or 24-hour support is provided based on each individual's needs. The agency strives to help each of its clients enjoy the freedom to shape their own lifestyles and make decisions about their homes, friends and how they spend their time. Our breadth of experience in the field of autism has provided us with the tools to adapt each environment to meet the unique needs of our residents. Clients also receive help accessing resources such as Medicaid, food (LINK) assistance and Social Security. As part of the agency's residential living program, Little Friends' highly professional and licensed staff also provides a clinical assessment of each individual's health status and self-medication capabilities and helps to coordinate services to meet each client's physical, mental, emotional and behavioral needs.

SPECTRUM VOCATIONAL SERVICES

2302 Wisconsin Avenue | Downers Grove, IL 60515 630.852.7520

Spectrum offers a wide range of training and vocational opportunities for teens and adults with autism and other developmental disabilities. Each year, more than 250 people participate in Spectrum's dynamic adult day services program, receiving vocational training and job placement opportunities at Spectrum or at locations throughout the community. In addition to learning vital vocational skills, individuals develop an understanding of appropriate work habits, attitudes and behavior, helping to further develop essential lifeskills and foster independence. In addition, many of our agency's adolescent clients turn to Spectrum for assistance with transitional services when preparing to leave school and enter the workforce.

“We love our work.”

The success and failure of those we care for, gives us more than anything.

They are part of our lives.

Diagnostic & Clinical Services

LITTLE FRIENDS CENTER FOR AUTISM

A recognized, national leader in the field of autism.

1001 E. Chicago Avenue, Suite 151 | Naperville, IL 60540 630.305.4196

The Little Friends Center for Autism (LFCA) has earned a nationally recognized reputation for excellence and provides cutting-edge comprehensive diagnostic evaluations, occupational and speech therapy, consultation services to parents and professionals, Applied Behavior Analysis, social skills groups, counseling, support groups and educational materials. The Center's highly skilled, experienced autism experts also provide a variety of trainings and workshops for parents and professionals. LFCA also offers a comprehensive 17-course Level 1 Core Autism Training program, which is designed to increase insight and skill level in the core training areas for individuals who work and live with individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Retail Services

COLORBURST SCREEN PRINTING

High Quality Screen Printing

2302 Wisconsin Avenue | Downers Grove, IL 60515 | www.cburst.com 630.852.6824

ColorBurst Screen Printing is a nonprofit organization located in Chicago's western suburbs. The business specializes in custom-printed t-shirts, apparel and accessories for a wide variety of customers, and is committed to quality, service with a smile, and on-time delivery. Founded in 1996 as a division of Little Friends, ColorBurst has grown into a vibrant business with much of the proceeds funding Little Friends' initiatives. Unique in the industry, the facility is the only one of its kind that also provides job skills training and employment opportunities to adults with autism and other developmental disabilities – giving them a sense of pride and accomplishment, and the satisfaction of being treated just like everyone else.

SERENDIPITY RESALE SHOP

12 W. Jefferson Avenue | Naperville, IL 60540 630.357.3610

Run entirely by the agency's dedicated volunteers, the **Serendipity Resale Shop** is located in the heart of downtown Naperville. Shoppers will find gently used clothing, jewelry and accessories, household items and collectibles. Proceeds from the shop benefit the programs and services of Little Friends.

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Since 1965, Little Friends has served children and adults with autism and other developmental disabilities. The astounding progress made by many of our children and adults is possible thanks to the efforts of an exceptional staff, innovative programs and services and the genuine joy of helping others find their way.

Each day, hundreds of families rely on Little Friends to empower their loved ones to live, learn, work and actively participate in the community.

“Encouragement.
We bring hope and direction to the doorsteps of hundreds of families every year.”



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“ Thanks to **Little Friends**, we have a more normal life. We can function as **parents** rather than caregivers.”

Parent, Child with Autism

We work hand-in-hand.

Dynamic Programs and Services.
Cutting-Edge Techniques.

Always in tune with the needs of the community, Little Friends has continued to evolve, consistently introducing new and dynamic programs and services.

Our dedicated staff has worked tirelessly to stay abreast of the most cutting-edge therapies and learning techniques. Over the years, we have worked hand-in-hand with thousands of families to ensure that their sons, daughters, brothers and sisters get the support they need to excel and continue to reach their fullest potential.

