

## Become A Volunteer

Our program desperately depends on the kindness of our volunteers. Every year, Friday's Kids has over 500 volunteers who generously donate their Thursday or Friday night to the families in our program. By becoming a Friday's Kids volunteer, you will bring relief to families who are under constant stress. Our volunteers create an atmosphere of laughter and fun that enriches the lives of children. By volunteering, one night, or as many as you like, you will help a family and their child live a more fulfilling and enriched life.

In addition to watching children, we could also use expertise in all areas - information technology, program development, volunteer development, fund-raising, donations or any way you would like to help children with special needs have a fun, safe place to have recreational opportunities.

## How to Help

Friday's Kids Respite is always in need of funds to sustain our program for the families who desperately need it. Please consider showing your support of children with special needs by donating to Friday's Kids Respite. All donations go directly to our program.

Mail your tax-deductible donation to the address below or visit us online at

[www.FridaysKids.org](http://www.FridaysKids.org)

to make a credit card donation. All contributions are tax deductible.

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The mission of Friday's Kids Respite is to the strengthen families of children with special needs.



## About Us

Friday's Kids Respite is a 501(c)(3) organization providing respite (relief) services to families of children with disabilities. We serve children and youth from infant to 22 years old who are medically fragile, chronically ill, or have special needs that require 24 hour care and supervision. Our program strengthens families and communities by giving parents and caregivers some well deserved time off.

## Our History

Friday's Kids Respite was co-founded in 2001 by Diane McNeill and Kimber Dower. Diane gave birth to her second child in 1990, who was born with Down Syndrome. While she and her husband were overjoyed to welcome their son to the family, they were unprepared for the medical and behavioral needs that accompany raising a child with special needs. With few resources and living far from family, Diane searched in the community for a program that would provide a safe and fun environment for her son while providing a needed break for her and her family. Friday's Kids was born in 2001 to provide relief to families in the community who desperately deserved some reliable and consistent rest from their roles as full-time caregivers.



## Our Program

Friday's Kids Respite is the only FREE and dependable respite service in Utah County. We currently provide services every Friday night and every second Thursday in our Orem location and one night a month in our Salem location. Both facilities are outfitted for children with special needs and include ball pits, indoor swings, sandboxes, and ample activities. Our program not only strengthens families and their children, but also fosters volunteerism, builds community, and promotes compassion.

