

NEW FRIENDSHIPS BLOOM WITH BEST BUDDIES

JACOB'S VILLAGE IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE a new partnership with the **University of Southern Indiana Best Buddies Chapter** through the national nonprofit Best Buddies International.

The group will meet once a month, and throughout the month, students will connect individually with their matched resident to do activities they both enjoy. We are looking forward to seeing these friendships grow and are excited about where this renewed partnership will lead.

Best Buddies fosters one-to-one friendships between college students and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, creating meaningful connections built around shared interests. Through this program, vetted college students are thoughtfully matched with Jacob's Village residents based on common hobbies, favorite music, places they like to eat, and other personal interests. Once matched, buddies spend time together in the community with the goal of building genuine, lasting friendships.

To learn more about Best Buddies, visit www.bestbuddies.org.



Jacob's Village previously participated in Best Buddies nearly ten years ago, and we are excited to bring the program back in partnership with USI. Our first meeting was successful, with JV residents visiting campus for an introductory gathering before official matches are made. The students, guided by their academic advisor, hosted a fantastic Valentine's Day party complete with a festive backdrop, photo booth props, snacks, and creative crafts. It was a fun and welcoming start to what we hope will be many meaningful connections.



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3RD ANNUAL PROM
 SATURDAY, MAY 16TH
 CHRISTMAS IN JULY
 WEDNESDAY, JULY 8TH

OTTERS GAME
 THURSDAY, JUNE 4TH
 TRIVIA NIGHT
 SATURDAY, NOV. 7TH

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QUOTES FROM SOME OF OUR RESIDENTS!



Jenny T. - Do you have a favorite event/activity at Jacob's Village?
 "I love bingo and I love prom! They are fun and good. I like going out with Wendy (caregiver)."
 What do you like to do for fun with friends?
 "Do whatever! My friend and I go out to eat. We like to go to Kite and Key. We also talk to each other on the phone."



Dan H. - Is there something new you'd like to try this year?
 "Cooking and baking more. I want to try making chocolate chip cookies."
 What is something you're excited about right now?
 "I am excited to see the Honey Vines play at Jacob's Village."



Mike H. - How long have you lived at Jacob's Village?
 "I moved in 2004."
 What is your favorite event or activity at Jacob's Village?
 "I like pulling weeds and raking the leaves around Jacob's Village."



Stephanie P. - What is something you are proud of?
 "I am proud of my nephew. He is 6 now."
 Who is someone here that makes you smile?
 "Everybody makes me smile. Everybody at bingo. I just come in and sit next to my friends and smile from ear to ear. We just have a good time."

PITCH IN FOR A GREAT CAUSE: JACOB'S VILLAGE BENEFIT GAME WITH THE OTTERS

GET READY! for an exciting evening on **Thursday, June 4**, as the Evansville Otters take the field for the adrenaline-packed 20th Annual Jacob's Village Benefit Game! Enjoy an action-packed night of baseball followed by a spectacular post-game fireworks show.

The fun doesn't stop there - enter to win big in our half-pot raffle, enjoy Thirsty Thursday drink specials, score fun door prizes, and let the kids enjoy face painting by clowns.

General admission tickets are just \$5 and will be available early May at G.D. Ritz's, Bosse Field, or by contacting Jacob's Village. One hundred percent of advance ticket sales, game sponsorships, and \$1 from each gate ticket directly support the mission of Jacob's Village.

To learn more about ticket options or how your company can sponsor this exciting, family-friendly event, contact Laura Hurt at 812-598-4122.

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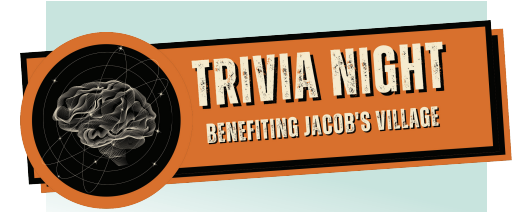
OUR MISSION:

Established in 2004, the mission of Jacob's Village is to develop a safe, walkable, neighborhood community where people with disabilities and older adults can find meaningful relationships, housing that is affordable and accessible, and activities that encourage active minds and bodies. More information can be found by visiting www.jacobsvillage.org or facebook.com/JacobsVillage



THANK YOU FOR MAKING TRIVIA NIGHT 2025 A SUCCESS! SAVE THE DATE FOR 2026

Thank you to our 2025 Trivia Night sponsors! Because of your generosity, we raised more than \$42,000 to support the programs and services that make Jacob's Village such a special place to live. We are truly grateful for your partnership and continued support. Please mark your calendars now for our **14th Annual Trivia Night on Saturday, November 7, 2026** -tables sell out quickly, and we can't wait to celebrate another great evening with you!



In Loving Memory of Katy Lang

It is with a very heavy heart that we share that our colleague and friend, Katy Lang, passed away peacefully on March 7, 2026, surrounded by her family, who never left her side throughout this journey.

The world will not feel quite as sweet without Katy in it. She was truly one of the kindest, most selfless souls and will be deeply missed by so many. Katy loved interacting with our residents and generously shared her baking talents each year by donating a "dessert of the month" to our Trivia Night.

Job titles never mattered to Katy. While she was a skilled bookkeeper, she was just as happy landscaping alongside volunteers. And it wasn't just Katy who gave so much - she brought her entire sweet family into the Jacob's Village orbit, supporting events and residents with their whole hearts.

Katy was a positive presence in everything she did and showed compassion to everyone she met. The staff, board, and residents of Jacob's Village will miss her dearly.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Katy's family and friends during this difficult time.

