



**FRIENDSHIP
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A DIFFERENCE**

Newsletter - February 2020



Impact Story

When I was approached by an Athletes for Kids representative, I was ecstatic about the thought of having an impact on someone and mentoring them throughout life. I had expected that I would be able to help my buddy with day-to-day issues and be there for him; however, I never anticipated the tremendous impact he would have on me. The way he treats me, and those around him, motivates me to become a better person and treat others with the same unconditional kindness he does. Additionally, when I hang out with him, I just flat out have fun. I can't wait to see the things that he achieves later in life and I will always be proud to call him my buddy. Overall, I couldn't be more happy with my experience with Athletes for Kids, and I would advise anyone who has any interest at all to join, you won't regret it.

Garrett has been an amazing mentor to my son. This year we have witnessed an even deeper bond between them as my son opened up to new experiences and started to love playing cricket. We are always amazed with how much care and attention Garrett gives to him showing genuine interest and learning about cricket and playing with him every time (rain or shine). Garrett always makes time to attend and cheer my son at his dance performance, band and piano recitals. He is a great example for him to model: kindness, empathy, respect, manner.

In my son's own words "Garrett is always nice to me and I look forward to spending time with him"

We are lucky to have Garrett in my son's life this past 1.5 year. He has been a positive influence on him. We look forward to their relationship growing as he enters his teen years and become a smart and responsible teenager.

Upcoming Events

**JOIN THE FUN!
5TH ANNUAL**

**BOWLING
FOR BUDDIES
3. 15.20**



Bowling for Buddies

On Sunday, March 15 join us from 12:00 to 5:30 pm at Adventure Bowling Center in Snoqualmie for AFK's 5th Annual Fundraiser "Bowling for Buddies" This event is a chance for mentors, buddies, family and friends to support AFK while having a great time.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



Bingo, Friends and Fun

Join us on Saturday, February 8th from 1:15 to 2:45 at the Lake Washington District Office for a fun afternoon of bingo, board games, Legos and a Valentine craft!

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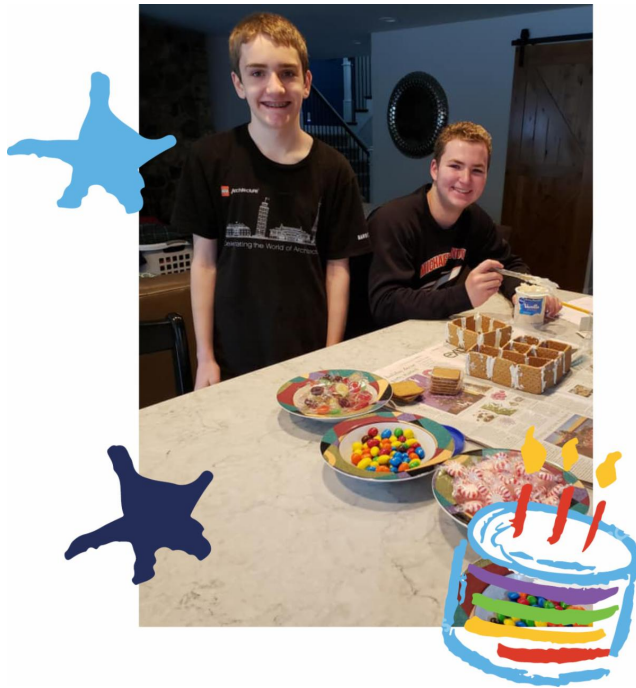


IfOnly you'll be mine

glassybaby shopping day

Shop at glassybaby for your sweetheart! Stop by the glassybaby store in Bellevue located at 10230 Main St, anytime from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm on Thursday, February 13th and \$3 of every glassybaby purchased will go to the White Light Fund benefiting Athletes for Kids.

Birthday Pledge: No gifts please, just donations



Did you know you can donate your birthday to AFK? Last year we received over \$2,000 in birthday donations through Facebook.

It's as simple as selecting the "create a fundraiser" button in the post section on your birthday-sometimes Facebook will let you do it a week before-the best thing is there are no fees and your friend's and family's donations will directly impact the lives of children with special needs and the high school athletes who mentor them.

Thank you for taking a day designated for you and making it about others!

With Gratitude



Thank you Yates Family!

Special thanks to the Yates family for sponsoring this year's Movie with My Mentor Day. On Saturday, January 25th, 60 mentors, buddies, and family members enjoyed a special showing of "Cars". Having the theater for just the AFK group was so awesome and we are grateful to the Yates family for providing this opportunity for our Athletes for Kids family.

AFK Moments



After a wonderful January of celebrating National Mentoring Month we look forward to February and sharing stories of friendship and the impact of kindness in our community.

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