

CHECK IT OUT

90% of PALS Campers return year after year

99% of Volunteers would recommend PALS to a friend

100% of financial aid requests have been met over 15 years, totaling over \$500,000 with the help of our Donors

1200 Campers and Volunteers are brought together each year to celebrate inclusion through PALS

SO
WHAT ARE YOU
WAITING FOR?

experience the
PALS MAGIC
at one of our
13 locations
across the
country →

WHY PALS?

PALS is unique in its forward-thinking approach to championing **inclusion** within the Down syndrome community.



PEER-TO-PEER ONE-TO-ONE



One-on-one, similarly-aged pairings are what make PALS Programs unique. We pair individuals with Down syndrome and their typically-developing peers based on interests, personality, and location. These intentional placements develop into special bonds and long-term friendships that continue long after the week of Camp.

RESIDENTIAL



All of our Programs take place in residence halls on college campuses. This type of location cultivates a fully integrative and immersive experience. The university atmosphere also promotes growth and independence, providing a relaxed community environment from which meaningful friendships are born.

VOLUNTEER RUN



Volunteer Counselors, Head Counselors, Directors, Medical, Media, and Support are the backbone of all PALS Programs. Directors spend six months planning, while all other Volunteers dedicate 9 days of their summer to bring camp to life, leaving with a fresh outlook on the disabilities community and countless new friendships.

COMMUNITY INVOLVED



With plenty of activities and events both on and off campus, Campers and Volunteers have the opportunity to fully immerse in the local community where Camp is hosted. This aspect of our programming is crucial to fulfilling our vision of a world of acceptance and inclusion for individuals with Down syndrome.



PALS CORE VALUES

welcoming
passionate genuine
supportive
FUN



Her Camp PALS experience has given us as a family more hope and promise that there is and will be opportunities for the future for her that we never thought she would have. For that is truly the priceless gift.

– PALS Parent



To be honest with you, I did not find Camp PALS, Camp PALS found me... I was meant to be at Camp PALS.

– PALS Camper



I want people to know that there is hope that this world could be different. That we could live in a world that loves openly and deeply and fiercely. That we could be... capable of loving all people despite all differences. I know that it is possible – because for a week, it was my reality.

– PALS Volunteer

join the PALS family

CAMP

Campers LOVE PALS! 90% of our Campers with Down syndrome return each year because our programming uniquely challenges stereotypes, creates transformative friendships, and embraces inclusion and acceptance.

VOLUNTEER

PALS Programs are led and run by Volunteers. With a one-on-one pairing of Counselor and Camper peers, PALS recruits over 600 Volunteers to fill various roles at Camp each year.

DONATE

Donors and Sponsors ensure low tuition for Campers and provide financial aid for families in need. In 2018, PALS provided over \$140,000 in financial aid. Help us make PALS a reality for every young adult with Down syndrome. Visit palsprograms.org/donate

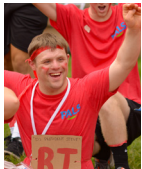
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