

**Special Kids Foundation  
Network and Exchange Meeting - March 5, 2020**

**Resource Exchange Results**

**I have ...**

Megan Fleischel, Have Dreams	mfleischel@gmail.com	Training opportunities for educators and professionals in Autism best practices
Carol Morency/Kate Bousum, Child's Voice	cmorency@childsvoice.org kbousum@childsvoice.org	A great school where we teach children with hearing loss to listen and speak. You can visit us. See how our kids learn while wearing hearing aids and cochlear implants: how they play, learn math, make friends and advocate for themselves
Laura O'Halloran, Lurie Children's Hospital – Developmental/Behavioral Pediatrics	lohalloran@luriechildrens.org	Access to multidisciplinary medical care and referrals to specialists
Kaitlyn Cowan – Nurse Practitioner, Lurie Children's Hospital	kcowan@luriechildrens.org	Multiple clinic locations through Lurie Children's organization
		Evaluations and follow up care
		Specialized in Autism care across childhood/adolescence
Colleen Murillo, Avenues to Independence	cmurillo@avenuestoindependence.org	Meeting rooms in Wheeling Day programming for adults with disabilities
Jen Phillips, Keshet	jphillips@keshet.org	Consulting for camp, employment, school, adult services, disability awareness, etc.
		Meeting space
		Inclusive programs (camp/rec)
		Opportunities to do community service
		Advocating for laws

Sheri Lees, Shore Community Services	slees@gmail.com	Conference room space
		Gently used clothing, some furniture (resale shop closed)
		Programs and services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities
Paula Dufur, The Kids Equipment Network	paulad@tken.org	Used wheelchairs, standing frames and gait trainers
Sam Nantz-Burbatt, St. Coletta's of Illinois	Snantz-burbatt@stcolettail.org	Work programs and people (adults with disabilities) who want to work both internally and, in the community,
		People who want to volunteer but limited opportunities
		A connection to an affordable event planning company
Beth Deiter, C.I.T.Y. of Support	hello@cityofsupport.org	Social media platforms with many engaged parents and professionals in Chicagoland looking to connect online and in-person settings
		Website/blog/newsletter that is distributed electronically throughout our channels
		Special events, education discussions, playdates and community alternatives – always happy to collaborate
Debbie Maderley, North Suburban YMCA	dmadeley@nsymca.org	Meeting rooms
		Facility/space for healthy living (exercise), social, team building activities
Teniesha Hinds, Children's Research Triangle	thinds@cr-triangle.org	Volunteer camp counselors looking for opportunities during the school year
Bobbi Goldman, Have Dreams	bgoldman@havedreams.org	Autism best practice methods trainings for educators, parents and other professionals and organizations
		Employment training for adults with Autism

Debbie Taus-Barth, Special Gifts Theatre	dtausbarth@specialgiftstheatre.org	Disability awareness training
		Set pieces to borrow
		Costumes to borrow
Erin Skaggs, Easter Seals DuPage and Fox Valley	eskaggs@eastersealsdvr.org	Disability resource kits for businesses
		Professional development with leading pediatric therapists
		Meeting space
Samantha Bondi, Center for Independence	sbondi@cfice.org	Meeting space in Brighton Park area of Chicago
		Connection with Devices for the Disabled where they have durable medical equipment for people who need it
Jill Johnson, The Chicago Lighthouse	Jill.johnson@chicagolighthouse.org	Meeting rooms
		Programs for children and adults with vision issues
		A job training/placement program
		An assistive tech center
Courtney Adams, The Nora Project	courtney@thenoraproject.ngo	Inclusion and disability awareness training for adults (volunteers, parents, teachers, etc.)
		K-HS curriculum to teach: empathy, inclusion disability
Lauren Schrero, The Nora Project	lauren@thenoraproject.ngo	A disability inclusion 101 slide deck
		A volunteer training curriculum
		Lots of experience
Karen Fay, Center for Enriched Living	karen@centerforenrichedliving.org	Disability awareness training
		Possible meeting room
		For others in development looking for connection to development CEU's or building relationships – Women in Development/North – ww.widn.org (I am

		current volunteer treasurer in group). Great continued relationship. Are changing their name to be more inclusive in Sept., 2020
Mary Kate Halvorson, Lurie Children's Hospital – Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics	mhalvorson@luiechildrens.org	4 doctors, 2 APN//PA, staff for new diagnosis of Autism, developmental delays and Down syndrome Family support program
Sara Perry/Kay Kron, Chicago Children's Theatre	sperry@chicagochildrenstheatre.org ekron@chicagochildrenstheatre.org	We're a theater so we have lots of costumes, props, scenery, instruments, art supplies Classroom and meeting space Studio theater space "Concern resolution path" protocol for college and high school apprentices Sensory friendly consulting Production consulting Training curricula and offer professional development for teachers Access and inclusion arts practices
Patti Herbst, Center for Independence	pherbst@cfice.org	Access to used Durable Medical Equipment (DME), manual and power wheelchairs, walkers, medical beds, shower chairs, etc. Training curricula for volunteer mentors Meeting rooms: 2701 W. 36 <sup>th</sup> Place, Chicago, IL 60632
Kristen Sheffield, Parents Alliance Employment Project	ksheffield@parents-alliance.org	Policies Graphic designer connection Meeting rooms in Lisle Opportunities for my staff to learn about other programs

## I need ...

Megan Fleischel, Have Dreams	mfleischel@gmail.com	Business partners, especially in Evanston, for our adult participants to practice interviews, internships
Laura O'Halloran, Lurie Children's Hospital – Developmental/Behavioral Pediatrics	lohalloran@luriechildrens.org	Toys for all levels of development
		Resources for access to ABA therapy for kids without private insurance
		Resources for programs for older kids/youth adults with Autism and other developmental disabilities
Kaitlyn Cowan – Nurse Practitioner, Lurie Children's Hospital	kcowan@luriechildrens.org	Toys/activities for children in all stages of development
		Safety kits for families with children with Autism or other developmental disorders
		Resources for accessing ABA therapy and counseling/therapy services for families on Medicaid/without insurance
Colleen Murillo, Avenues to Independence	cmurillo@avenuestoindependence.org	Graphic designers, editor for newsletters
		Gym equipment and art supplies
		Volunteer yoga instructor
Jen Phillips, Keshet	jphillips@keshet.org	Opportunities to do community service
		Advocating for laws
Sheri Lees, Shore Community Services	slees@gmail.com	Interpreter – Spanish and Polish
		Website redevelopment
		Volunteers
Paula Meyers, The Kids Equipment Network	paulad@tken.org	Warehouse space with office space in boundaries of Cook, DuPage, Will or Kane Counties
Sam Nantz-Burbatt, St. Coletta's of Illinois	Snantz-burbatt@stcolettail.org	Video makers
		Community services and businesses who will let our clients tour and learn

Beth Deiter, C.I.T.Y. of Support	hello@cityofsupport.org	Volunteers and manpower to help implement our ideas and programs
		Physical spaces to host our events
		Potential candidates in newly-announced board openings
Debbie Maderley, North Suburban YMCA	dmadeley@nsymca.org	Co-sponsored social activities for special needs individuals
Teniesha Hinds, Children's Research Triangle	thinds@cr-triangle.org	Volunteer graphic designer for annual report template
Debbie Taus-Barth, Special Gifts Theatre	dtausbarth@specialgiftstheatre.org	Volunteers for set building, painting, carpentry
		Website improvements
		Leadership training
Erin Skaggs, Easter Seals DuPage and Fox Valley	eskaggs@eastersealsdfvr.org	More children under 5, especially 0-2, to fill daytime therapy slots
		Someone who is experienced with Facebook advertising success
		Grant writer
Samantha Bondi, Center for Independence	sbondi@cfice.org	Connections with hiring managers in Chicagoland businesses who may want young adults with disabilities
		Tips for social media posting – like Hootsuite
Jill Johnson, The Chicago Lighthouse	Jill.johnson@chicagolighthouse.org	Social opportunities for families and children with disabilities
Lauren Schrero and Courtney Adams, The Nora Project	lauren@thenoralproject.ngo courtney@thenoraproject.ngo	Connections in schools – interested parents and educators
		Office/meeting space
		Graphic design
Karen Fay, Center for Enriched Living	karen@centerforenrichedliving.org	Volunteers for upcoming events
		Volunteers for groups (one time or as often as interested)

		Volunteer on regular basis in speech program
		Partnerships in northwest suburbs for our satellite site starting later this year (for members to volunteer, employers for employment program, etc.)
Mary Kate Halvorson, Lurie Children's Hospital – Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics	mhalvorson@luiechildrens.org	Support group space for groups of 10 people
		Centralized clinic spaces
		Ability to grow into community spaces
Sara Perry/Kay Kron, Chicago Children's Theatre	sperry@chicagochildrenstheatre.org ekron@chicagochildrenstheatre.org	Electronics – laptops and iPads
		Partners for summer fundraiser in June BOING! which is like a huge family block party with tons of activities. We have tabling space available in our parking lot and are looking for vendors to table the event. Last year we had everything from organizations that provide services for families in our community to slushies and snow-cone truck.
Patti Herbst, Center for Independence	pherbst@cfice.org	Gardening help
		Artists interested in classroom activities – musicians! All artists!!!!
Kristen Sheffield, Parents Alliance Employment Project	ksheffield@parents-alliance.org	Partnering with agencies on employment programs
		HR Consulting
		Website development
		Social media assistance
		Business/program connections in McHenry County