

BETTER TOGETHER

MEET OUR FRIENDS

Norris Middle School



Hanscom Park United Methodist Church



Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska



WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER

You can join us in making a difference in these students lives by giving a tax deductible donation to:
<https://omahapublicschoolsfoundation.org/neighboring-friends/>

FACEBOOK

You can visit us at "Neighboring Friends" to see current photos of our students and the fun things happening at JP Lord School.

Or call Tami at:

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WHO WE ARE

Neighboring Friends is a program created by a parent of JP Lord and a community advocate. JP Lord is a self-contained school for students from kindergarten through 21 years of age who are in wheelchairs and non-verbal, with significant learning disabilities. Part of the Omaha Public Schools, the school is one of the first schools to be built specifically for special needs youth in wheel chairs.

JP Lord is placed in a demographically rich setting. Norris Middle School, The Girl Scouts of Nebraska, and Hanscom United Methodist Church all border the school. Each of our partners is able to interact with JP Lord students and staff in a variety of ways. Neighboring Friends creates opportunities for people to connect and interact with students in a meaningful way, reinforcing our tagline—"Better Together".

Because it is very difficult to bring students out on field trips, Neighboring Friends brings enrichment opportunities TO the students. During the past year, students participated in multi-sensory and interactive visits from: the Omaha Children's Museum, the Henry Doorly Zoo, the ROSE Theatre, and local artists providing music, story telling, and movement.

Many people do not know how to appropriately communicate with people who are nonverbal. Neighboring Friends provides unique opportunities for people to connect and interact with nonverbal students in a purposeful and meaningful way which can have a far-reaching impact in our community.

MISSION of NEIGHBORING FRIENDS

The mission of Neighboring Friends is to bring peer learning and community support to enhance curriculum and provide enrichment opportunities for the students.



VISION

To build a community of reciprocity which promotes inclusion, provides peer models, and sparks new learning so that all participants grow and bloom to their potential.

Neighboring Friends is funded through private donations, with the Omaha Public Schools Foundation as the fiscal agent. Our goal is to build an Enrichment Endowment so that these enrichment opportunities continue for JP Lord students.

