



The Best News

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Match Spotlight: A special friendship



This month's featured match is Senior Friend Dan Halvorson and his Junior Friend, Jeremy. Dan and Jeremy have been matched since January and enjoy playing video games, going bowling and just hanging out! Dan also helps Jeremy with his homework. Dan, 24, a junior nursing student at Dickinson State University, said he enjoys hanging out with Jeremy, because he never had a brother to interact with. Dan thinks this is a great experience and he hopes others will become involved as well.

Jeremy, 7, who lives with his mom, enjoys being with Dan because they enjoy doing the same things, like playing Nintendo. He said he enjoys the days when Dan picks him up from school because he doesn't have to go to day care and stays with Dan until his mom finishes working for the day.

Jeremy's mom says this relationship makes Jeremy feel good about himself and it occupies his time. She said Jeremy's schoolwork and his grades have been improving as well.

DSU nursing students mentor, assist program



Five Dickinson State University nursing students, four females and one male, are involved with the Best Friends Program as a part of their clinical experience for nursing class. Students Dan Halvorson, Tara Loyd, Adrien Hewson, Buffy Beery and Heidi Koffler learned how the program works while helping with marketing, desktop publishing, and planning activities. They're matched with a Junior Friend and earn college credit during their semester-long experience.

Get involved!

Recycling aluminum cans helps Best Friends

Remember: you can collect your aluminum cans at home and drop off bagged cans for recycling at the outdoor bins, situated at the Dickinson Recreation Center parking lot and the east end of the Wal-Mart parking lot. Businesses can call **483-8615** for can pick up or to get involved.

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Upcoming Events

May 19: **Take A Kid Fishing Day**, 8:30 – Noon,
Dickinson Dike. Free lunch, prizes!
June 30: **Family Fun Day**,
Noon – 3 p.m., Jaycee Park. Games, food, family fun!

Contributors' Corner

Recent contributors to the Best Friends Program:

*American Foundation for Wildlife
N.D. Community Foundation
Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency
Prevention
St. John Lutheran Church Trust Fund
United Way of Dickinson*

Wal-Mart offers Best Friends behind-the-scenes look at careers

Three older Junior Friends experienced several hours behind the scenes at the Dickinson Wal-Mart through the store's nationwide Ground Hog Job Shadow Day. This was a fantastic experience that gave our Friends a look at the variety of careers, from cashiers to receivers to accountants to security to managers, and lunch with store personnel.

***We're growing:* Best Friends tops 20 matches, waiting list grows**

Best Friends has grown to 20 matches in May 2001. Ten boys and five girls wait for a Senior Friend while three women and one man wait for Junior Friends to mentor. Enjoy being a friend? Enjoy spending time with children? We need you! **Call 483-8615 to volunteer!**

FAMILY FUN DAY: JUNE 30