



Seara with CPCS and FRIEND participant, Sharon

SEARA ADAIR: Creator of FRIEND

"Being able to develop and expand the FRIEND Program during my time serving at Cross Plains Community Partner as VISTA has been an incredible journey for me. This opportunity has not only helped me grow professionally, but personally as well. Having the opportunity to guide and support the friendships that develop from this program has been a wonderful process to be a part of. The happiness and personal growth I see in the Cross Plains individuals that partake in the program has reinforced not only my personal beliefs in the program but also the community's volunteers. There has been a consistent statement made by volunteers that they gain so much more out of the program than they originally thought they would and it's great to see the volunteer develop their own new perspectives through their participation in this program. I am truly humbled to have been a part of this process and it is my hope that it continues grow and thrive in the years to come." – Seara Adair



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CHRIS AND BILLY

My wife, Bridget, introduced me to the FRIEND Program. I loved the idea behind the program, I just didn't expect to gain so much personal enjoyment from my friendship with Billy. I am pretty sure that Billy and I were matched up due to our mutual love of sports. Whenever I speak of our meetings I simply refer to it as hanging out. That is truly what it is. I have joined in with the group for bowling, softball and basketball. Each time, it is just some friends going to have fun. I signed up for the FRIEND Program thinking I would be helping someone but have learned that I have gotten as much, if not more, out of it as Billy has.

FRIEND'S since
3/30/2017

Timeline Photos

"Every Sunday when I get my work schedule, the first thing I look at is the free time I have so I can set apart time for my friend Wendy. During the time I have gotten to spend with her I have learned that she loves to be active and she loves to be around friends. Those two qualities are what I see in myself. I am grateful that I was matched up with someone I can relate with. My favorite moment with her is when she first sees me and calls me her friend. It tells me even though my life is hectic as a college student; I can share my time with someone that is so fun to be around. Everyone needs a friend like Wendy in their life."

-Janna



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Janna and Wendy



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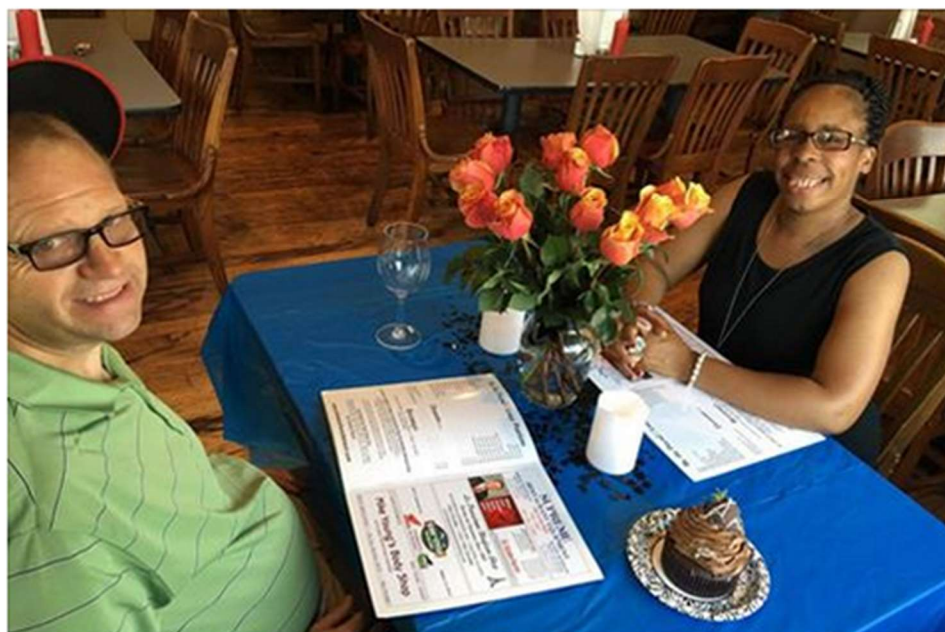
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Volunteer Spotlight

Some things in life are just meant to happen and Sharon and Bridget becoming friends was just one of them! Bridget applied for the FRIEND Program in March and has since made a serious effort to meet with her FRIEND, Sharon, as often as life will let her. Sharon and Bridget quickly formed a bond that has only grown with every visit. Sharon had a special first date today with her boyfriend and Bridget surprised them both by setting it all up for them!

We are so elated to have Bridget as one of our volunteers and can not thank her enough for her commitment to not just our program but Sharon as well.



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It's not everyday that you meet someone that has the same quirky likes as you! Carmen and April seem to have been meant to meet.

Are you ready to meet your FRIEND?



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"I enjoy being April's friend because she has a way to make u feel happy and loved. She is super easy to get along with and easy to talk to. We have so much in common it's amazing how 2 people from different backgrounds and walks of life can meet and be so much alike even down to our unique obsession with pens lol. and I have not ever met anyone else like that. she loves GOD and wants to make everyone happy and that is just what she does. I have never met a more caring person than April. She makes my laugh louder, my smile brighter and my life better and I am proud to call her my FRIEND!!!!"