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## Gift of Time – Friendship Matters

The **Gift of Time- Friendship Matters** program strengthens families with **teens & tweens** with autism because Friendship is important for all of us! For our loved ones with ASD, making friends can be challenging. Autism often interferes with their ability to engage socially and sustain relationships with others. That ability can improve through socially significant interaction. During this program a dynamic group of volunteers bring supported recreational programming to tweens and teens with autism in a safe and calm environment.

Behavioral health staff will oversee trained volunteers – who are closely monitored and supported. **Gift of Time** staff and mentors provide a crucial sense of normalcy to the teens & tweens through shared joy and respect. **Pre-registration and admission is required** prior to attendance. Please note – we need to get to know your child's unique likes, dislikes, challenges and strengths; identify the right volunteer mentor and ensure we have a very good fit prior to placing them with a volunteer. Once your registration is received and accepted, you will be contacted to schedule a meet and greet, at our Redmond office, to ensure the proper match between youth and staff.

**When:** Saturday Nov. 14th, 11:00 - 3:00 pm

**Where:** Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, 10021 NE 124th St, Kirkland, WA

**RSVP & Pre-Registration Deadline:** Nov. 1st, 2015

**Serving Ages:** 11-18 years old

**Cost:** Free

To download the intake form and learn more please visit:

<http://www.washingtonautismadvocacy.org/updates/advocacy/gift-of-time/>.

Space is limited; please pre-register your son or daughter today!

Registration does not guarantee a place in the program.

**Send** completed intake forms to [amyh@washingtonautismadvocacy.org](mailto:amyh@washingtonautismadvocacy.org)

**Questions** or wish to **volunteer**? Contact Jess Silvernail at [info@washingtonautismadvocacy.org](mailto:info@washingtonautismadvocacy.org) This event is made possible through the generous sponsorship by **Holy Spirit Lutheran Church**.



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