

Volunteer Profile
Buzz Friend
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Long time Cape Cod resident Buzz Friend has been a Special Olympics Volunteer for 20 years. He loves seeing the happiness of all the athletes faces and watching them compete at their events. Buzz has also coached track and field, basketball and golf. He has been on the Cape Cod Volunteer Management Team for many years and has attended many Section Games, Senior Sports Tournaments and our flagship Summer Games in Boston. His favorite event to volunteer at is the Cape Cod Section Games held in Barnstable every May.

Outside of Special Olympics Buzz works for Cape Abilities as a Case Manager and Job Coach for people with different types of disabilities. Cape Abilities is a non profit organization that serves kids and adults with all different types of disabilities on Cape Cod, to provide their individuals with counseling, therapeutic, social and employment support to empower them to achieve meaningful and value roles in society.

Buzz also use to own a sporting goods store where Longtime Soma coach Dee Ardolino, and Maureen McNamara would buy equipment. Because Buzz insisted on donating the equipment they needed, Buzz took Dee and Maureen up on their offer to visit a practice. Buzz says: He has been hooked ever since.

Buzz helps our athletes, families and staff to laugh and enjoy the value of sports everyday. We are lucky to have found such a wonderful and inspirational volunteer. We wholeheartedly thank Buzz for all his years of volunteering. We hope we've hooked him for another twenty.