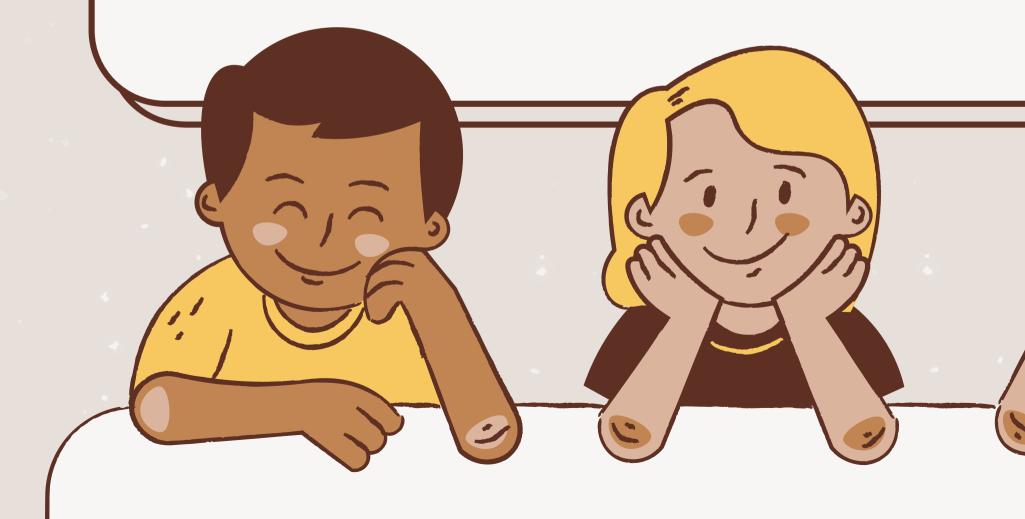
# SPECIAL NEEDS MEDALLION PROJECT

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# **PROJECT OVERVIEW**

Inspired my relationship with my autistic younger brother, I partnered with a local special needs organization to help provide free tutoring sessions and classes for special needs children in my community.



### PROCESS

The process of my Medallion Project is broken down into three main steps.



#### **COMMUNICATE**

Get in touch with a local special needs organization and communicate plan of providing free classes for kids.



#### **ADVERTISE**

Make classes public to the community to recruit enough volunteers and enlist students.



#### **FOLLOW THROUGH**

Execute initial plan by hosting sessions based on availability after providing extensive training to volunteers.

## FIRST ART **CLASS!**

This is the first in-person session I hosted with a friend who has an artistic background. This specific class is Easter-themed.





### **PROJECT DETAILS & BUDGET**

Overall, this project costed me \$40 in materials and many hours in time.

	READING	CHESS	MATH	ART	DESIGN
MATERIALS	pencils ई paper provided	<b>\$20</b> board game	pencils ई paper provided	<b>\$20</b> art supplies	magazines ई prints provided
ENVIRONMENT	online	office space	child's home	volunteer's home	volunteer's home
CURRICULUM	free online platform	free apps	child's homework	YouTube videos	YouTube videos

### PROJECT RESULTS

These examples are some of the many kinds of in-person classes I provided for the youth special needs population with the help of many volunteers.











#### **GROUP ART CLASS**

These children made arts and crafts while getting to know volunteers and peers.

#### **GRAPHIC DESIGN CLASS**

Volunteers helped the children brainstorm New Year's resolutions for their vision board.

#### **GROUP CHESS CLASS**

These children practiced social skills and turntaking while having fun playing chess.

### PROJECT IMPACT





### **TRAINING**

I trained over 20 new volunteers online through multiple training sessions and shared tips on how to work with kids with special needs.

I have taught over 20 individuals with special needs from other states across the U.S. over 50 class sessions.

### **PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Through teaching and preparing for classes, I learned a lot regarding how to help special needs children solve difficulties they face.

I realized that I truly love working with the special needs population, and I am working toward becoming an occupational therapist.

### **OTHER STATES**

### **DISCOVERED PASSION**

# WHAT'S NEXT



I am still teaching online classes and providing training for volunteers. I also recently attended an Autism Speaks Walk. My next goal is to facilitate more open discussion sessions with other siblings of special needs and to empower them to step out their comfort zone and help their families and community. Soon, I will major in psychology in college on a pre-occupational therapy track!

# ANYONE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?



