# May Newsletter



"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." -John 1:14

### Celebrate with your Mentor



May 14: Mother's Day

May 15: National Chocolate Chip Day

May 16: Final day for 9-12 visits!

May 29: Memorial Day

May 31: Final day for K-8 visits!

## **Student & Mentor Spotlight**



Hello, My name is Aaric Ronalds. I am a Junior in high school, and have been participating in PFE for the last semester and a half. My mentor, Wyatt Johnson is a basketball player. He has played basketball for the past sixteen years of his life, and he also uses a wheelchair. Wyatt is the first handicapped person that I have ever spent a lot of time around, and I know that sounds quite bad, but it is the sad truth. The crazy thing is that the only thing that makes him different from me, is his wheelchair, and that doesn't slow him down at all. When I was younger, I had a slight stigma towards people in wheelchairs, not because I thought they

were weird, but because they were different. My perspective has changed quite a bit now, as I have grown older and more mature.

PFE is a blessing though because if it wasn't for this

program, I wouldn't have spent the time to figure out who Wyatt was. I keep myself quite busy at my school, and it is simply relaxing to have someone to talk to and to support. I have learned to look at life from a different perspective from my time with Wyatt, he isn't "able" to do some things that I can easily do, like run and jump and walk up staircases, but he is an amazing hunter, and basketball player. He might not be able to dunk a basketball, but he can easily score twenty points and help his team win a championship. People are easy to judge, and easy to scorn someone, and they don't take any time to get to know the person



they are hating on. Wyatt really enjoys meteorology, and is constantly reminding people about the weather, and about storms and natural disasters everywhere. He can also tell you anything about sports, or Star Wars. One important thing about our friendship is that we both help each other spiritually. We both recognize that the Lord is returning soon, and we both encourage each other to stand firm in our religion and love God so that we can both go to heaven and see God.

#### **Focus Word of the Month**

Gratitude: Having an attitude of thankfulness

We encourage you to purposefully show gratitude this month as you interact with others. It can be as simple as saying 'thank you,' writing a card, or planning a thoughtful gesture. Make note of each of the gifts that God has given you and be sure to thank Him as well.



## Wrapping Up the Year

As the school year draws to a close, we would love for you to send us a video of you and your mentor sharing about your PFE experience. Here are a few ideas -

- How did you get paired up or meet?
- What is your favorite part/activity during visits or most memorable visit this year?
- What have you learned from or about each other?
- Do you have any advice for others who are considering joining PFE in the future?

Submission options: text to (731) 458-7181 or email to pfe@sffcfoundation.org. Be sure to include your name and school.

\*All submissions will be entered into a drawing for am Amazon gift card\*

#### **Reminders**

Reflections should be submitted within 24 hours of your visit. Submission tips -

- Take the last 10 min of your visit and fill out the reflection with your mentor
- Submit your reflection on the way home using a cellphone

Virtual visits do <u>not</u> count towards PFE visits! You must visit your mentor inperson, participate in a service activity, or deliver a care package to receive credit.

We want to highlight you and your mentor in our newsletter! Send us an email with a story, activity, or picture of you and your mentor to be considered.









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