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Good Friend, Inc. Reaches Milestones at Elmbrook Schools

Good Friend, Inc., a Brookfield-based nonprofit dedicated to creating autism awareness, teaching acceptance of differences, and fostering empathy for those on the autism spectrum, celebrated two milestones this spring during presentations at Swanson and Brookfield Elementary.

The organization reached its 60,000th person during an assembly to promote inclusion and the fostering of friendships at Swanson Elementary on April 18th. On May 4th during their interactive presentations at Brookfield Elementary, Good Friend celebrated another milestone of reaching their 50,000th student with their message! Good Friend hosted multiple presentations at all Elmbrook elementary schools over the course of three weeks, reaching thousands of students in grades 54K-5 in the process.

"We are proud to have been a part of these milestones for Good Friend, Inc., and are thankful for their work that has helped teach our students how to make and foster friendships with all classmates," said Tanya Fredrich, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching & Learning for Elmbrook Schools.

"We are delighted to celebrate with the Swanson community, where we filmed our 'We ALL Fit' peer education video in 2013 and reached our 50,000th person in 2019! Elmbrook Schools' longstanding commitment to meaningful inclusion is a model for districts everywhere," said Chelsea Budde, Good Friend's Program Director.

April was Autism Acceptance Month. Good Friend was founded in 2007 by mothers of children with autism to share a message of autism awareness, acceptance, and empathy to educate children and adults alike.

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