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Anthony Shriver, Founder and Chairman of Best Buddies International

Anthony Kennedy Shriver is the Founder and Chairman of Best Buddies International, which he created in 1989 to foster one-to-one friendships between people with and without intellectual disabilities.

Recognizing the tremendous volunteer potential of university students, Mr. Shriver first inspired his college peers to personally collaborate in expanding the realm of opportunities that persons with intellectual disabilities should experience.

Today, through Mr. Shriver's stewardship and entrepreneurial spirit, Best Buddies® has grown into a leading nonprofit entity with increasing international reach across six continents; establishing a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Best Buddies is comprised of six programs that positively impact more than 400,000 participants every year. The organization is active in each of the 50 United States, and operates accredited international programs in 44 countries.

By 2010, Best Buddies will continue to build on its successful volunteer base in all 50 States, further expand its accredited international programs to 50 countries and annually engage more than 500,000 people worldwide.

A graduate of Georgetown University, Mr. Shriver has been recognized for his work on behalf of Best Buddies with diverse international accolades and honorary degrees; he resides in Miami Beach, together with his wife Alina and their five children.

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