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# Giving Tuesday: A Day for People of All Abilities to Give Back to Their Communities

*Search, Inc. is hosting a one-day matching donation challenge and celebration of giving back*

**CHICAGO** (November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017) - Search, Inc. will be holding a one-day matching donation challenge and celebration of giving on #GivingTuesday, **November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017**.

#GivingTuesday is a global day dedicated to giving back. Following Black Friday, Small Business Saturday, and Cyber Monday, Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 has been designated as a day for charities, families, businesses, community centers and students around the world to come together to celebrate generosity and to give.

Search, Inc., is a non-profit organization that provides direct services to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. All online donations of \$25+ to Search Inc. on Nov. 28 will be matched by The Coleman Foundation, up to a maximum of \$10,000. Search's goal is to raise **\$20,000**.

Online donations are accepted at <https://www.ilgive.com/organizations/search-inc>

#GivingTuesday donations will support Search's vital mission to empower people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to achieve their full potential, accept a valued role in their community and lead rich, rewarding lives.

#GivingTuesday is a special movement because it celebrates the spirit of giving back. For some people, this will take the form of donating money, but others will give their time.

From 9:45am – 11am on November 28<sup>th</sup>, individuals served by Search will be volunteering for another local nonprofit organization, Friedman Place. Friedman Place is a supported living community in Chicago for adults who are blind and visually impaired. This event will be based at 5527 N Maplewood Ave in Chicago.

Since 2015, Search has empowered people with disabilities to volunteer at partner nonprofit organizations through its Community Life program. We have partnered with local food banks, community gardens, literacy organizations, environmental causes, and organizations serving the military and the homeless so that our individuals are able to give back in countless ways throughout the year. Over 140 people participate in volunteer work annually. Their example shines a light on the many ways people with disabilities make a big difference in the communities where they live and work, and truly embodies the spirit of giving back that is at the heart of #GivingTuesday.

Beth Valukas, Executive Director, says: "Search volunteers experience all of the benefits of contributing their time and talents to others – from social, emotional to physical. They regularly connect with their peers and with others in the community and understand that they are making a difference for causes that are important to them. This helps build a valuable sense of teamwork, purpose and accomplishment that can't be measured!"

### **About Search, Inc.**

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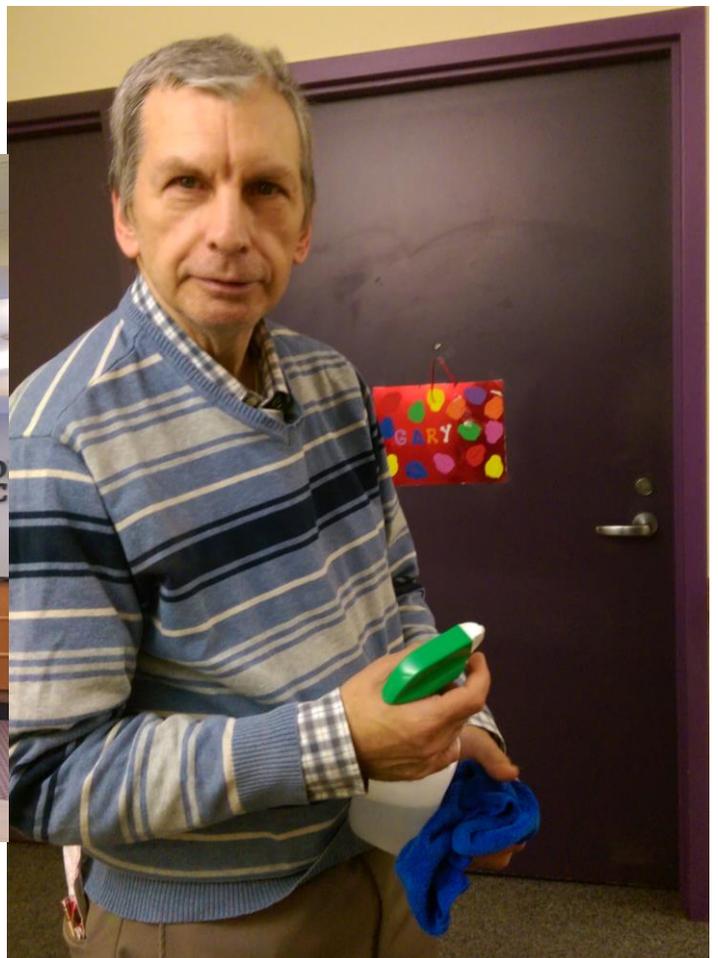
lives. We provide high-quality, person-centered services including supported living arrangements, adult learning programs and career services, as well as medical, behavioral, therapeutic and home-based services. Our programs serve more than 500 people and their families annually at locations throughout the Chicagoland area.

To find out more about Search, please visit: [search-inc.org](http://search-inc.org)

To find out more about Search, Inc.'s #GivingTuesday campaign, please visit: <http://search-inc.org/get-involved/givingtuesday>

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*Search participants volunteering at Friedman Place*