

Randall Reed of Planet Ford sponsors all-expense paid, dream vacation to Orlando for Kingwood Park Best Buddies

The Humble ISD Board of Trustee recognized Randall and Sherry Reed of Planet Ford for their generosity in providing a dream vacation for 49 students and their chaperones to Orlando. From Magic Kingdom to Universal Studios, students in the Best Buddies program at Kingwood Park High School experienced what it's like to travel with friends and peers.

The Reeds provided more than \$158,000 to cover all expenses, including airfare, lodging, meals and souvenirs.

Randall Reed, owner of Randall Reed's Planet Ford in Humble, along with his wife, Sherry, were excited to host and sponsor this special trip for these special children.

"My family and our team at Planet Ford are thrilled to lend a helping hand in making this dream vacation come true," said Mr. Reed. "Everyone has worked hard, including these amazing kids, to help make this all a reality. Now, they are ready to take flight for fun."

Best Buddies is a national, non-profit organization that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

During the year, general education students spend time with special education students, both at school and after school hours, building friendships and understanding of the difficulties special needs children face. Typically, students who have intellectual and/or developmental disabilities are not able to go on school trips without their parents because of their special needs.

"We wanted to provide these students the quintessential experience and adventure of a class trip that other high school students may take for granted," said Chuck Kramer, General Manager/Operating Partner.

Mr. Reed also provided each student with mementos - a custom water spritzing fan to keep cool, autograph books for treasured memories and custom-designed T-shirts showing the unity of the group. In addition, Mr. and Mrs. Reed joined the KPHS Best Buddies in Florida for all the fun, from the Wizarding World of Harry Potter at Universal to Space Mountain at Disney. This trip is the result of the Reed's memorable and moving visits to the Best Buddies program.

"These families rarely, if ever, have the time or resources to take a vacation together, much less to a place as magical as Disney," Mrs. Reed said. "Now, they all get to travel together, family and friends, on a fairytale getaway. We are thankful to be part of the journey."



Krisiti Williams accepts a commendation on behalf of Randall and Sherry Reed of Planet Ford during the July 1 board meeting.



Kingwood Park High School Best Buddies prepare to depart for Orlando and tour popular destinations such as Disney World and Universal Studios.



Randall Reed poses for a photo after making s'mores with the Best Buddies group. Reed and his wife Sherry both traveled to Orlando to join in on the fun.