



# Special Gifts Theatre, Inc.

Opening Doors to New Possibilities

## Recruiting Students & Peer Mentors to join Special Gifts Theatre's Musical Theatre Program at Skokie School!

**Serving individuals with special needs & typically developing peer mentors ages ten and older.**

*Special Gifts Theatre (SGT), founded in 2000, is a one of a kind educational and therapeutic drama program. SGT uses the stage as a platform to develop social skills, increase self confidence and improve speech communication in children and youth with special needs.*

Special Gifts Theatre's Musical Theatre Program at Skokie School will consist of classroom work, as well as rehearsal and performance experiences. Each student is paired with a peer mentor. The cast will have two performances complete with the magic of wireless microphones, costumes, sets and props. In addition, participating students and peer mentors will experience:

- Professional, trained staff
- Friendships that extend beyond the classroom
- Over 30 hours of educational and therapy-based drama programming
- Two major musical performances
- Adapted theatre training and experiences
- Opportunities to grow, develop, and achieve goals
- Increased self confidence
- Being accepted for who they are!

### **Benefits for Students:**

Research has demonstrated that the creative arts, particularly drama and music have a profound, positive impact on individuals with special needs.

Specific outcomes include:

- Enhanced self esteem and self confidence
- Increased problem solving, listening and communication skills
- Improved cooperation and teamwork
- Improved social skills and friendships



### **Benefits for Peer Mentors:**

Peer mentors develop friendships, understanding, and respect, thus raising a generation of peers who reach across the barriers of differences and create environments of acceptance! The use of peer mentors:

- Fosters inclusion
- Builds friendships that celebrate and honor creative differences
- Develops new awareness about disabilities



### **2018-2019 Musical: The Little Mermaid Jr.**

Classes will meet on Wednesdays

September- March from 4:15-5:30

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