

MATCH SUCCESS STORY



Jacob & Sy'Deem

Sy'Deem has always had a sweet nature and a positive attitude, but since being matched with Jacob, his confidence and willingness to try new things have continued to grow. He is more open to new experiences and increasingly willing to step outside of his comfort zone, something that has become one of the most rewarding parts of their match.

Some of Jacob and Sy'Deem's favorite activities are a perfect example of that growth. Together, they have gone shark tooth hunting, driven race cars, built gingerbread houses, visited Boone Hall Plantation, cheered on the RiverDogs, spent time out on the boat, and enjoyed one of their favorite pastimes: playing catch at the park. Whether they are trying something completely new or simply enjoying time together, Jacob has created a space where Sy'Deem feels comfortable exploring new experiences and being himself.

Sy'Deem's guardian has seen that growth extend beyond their time together, too. ***"Since Jacob has become his Big Brother, Sy'Deem has begun to soar. He is now at the top of his class, and his grades have improved drastically."***

We are so excited and proud of Sy'Deem's success and grateful for Jacob's consistent support along the way. Their match is a wonderful example of how having someone in your corner can give a young person the confidence to step outside of their comfort zone, discover new interests, and reach new heights.