**Job Description and Person Specification**

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| Job Title: | Buddy/ Facilitator  |
| Job Reference: | SDS/RB/025 |
| Salary or Hourly Rate: | £9 per hour plus expenses |
| Hours of Work: | Sessions of 3 hours 2-3 times weekly, plus training night once monthly |
| Location of Work: | East Dunfermline (Close to Fife Leisure Park and Halbeath P&R) |
| Contract Type: | Permanent or Casual |
| PVG | This role requires an enhanced check through PVG (Protecting Vulnerable Groups). |
| Closing date:  | Applications accepted at any time |

**Role**

This almost 18 year old young man is fun, funny, full of energy, and currently dealing with complicated health issues on top of profound Autism. Consequently, he requires to be safe at home until such time that he has regained his confidence, self and social awareness, and communication abilities. This is where YOU come in!

We are running a home based program to help him regain skills, using the support of the Son-Rise Autism Treatment techniques. This means we operate a full program of fun activities at home to engage and motivate communication and socialisation, lost due to illness and an education system that failed his needs.

Our aim is to get this young man back to realising his full potential, and explore once again the things that inspired him, - such as Computer Animation and special effects, Cinema, Go Kart racing, swimming and water parks, meditation and imagination, interactive games, and learning.

My lad is very healthy and energetic, and requires people able to keep up with him!

In time, we will require our buddies to support in running, swimming, climbing, walks etc outside of the home. For now, we focus on communication, socialisation and personal confidence.

Young man lives with his Mum, Karen, who provides all training, support, and program management.

The role is essentially to support the young mans recovery, but also on occasion to support Mum by ensuring young man is properly cared for in her absence. There is no medication or lifting involved.

Confidence, Initiative, and a good sense of FUN is key!

We look forward to inviting you into the Fun House!

**Person Specification**

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|  |  | Essential | Desirable |
| E1 | Person Centred Approach with a caring and compassionate nature. | ✓ |  |
| E2 | Enjoy being active and taking part in sports and leisure activities | ✓ |  |
| E3 | Able to work to own initiative | ✓ |  |
| E4 | Ability to give care and support with aspects of daily living in a manner that respects dignity. | ✓ |  |
| E5 | An enhanced check through PVG (Protection of Vulnerable Groups) or willingness to undertake an enhanced check. | ✓ |  |
| E6 | Understanding and commitment to confidentiality and privacy. | ✓ |  |
| E7 | Friendly, fun and playful | ✓ |  |
| E8 | Enthusiastic and passionate about the job | ✓ |  |
| E9 | Good Communication skills | ✓ |  |
| D1 | Training in autism |  | ✓ |
| D2 | Experience in supporting people with autism  |  | ✓ |
| D3 | Clean driving licence with access to a car with business insurance |  | ✓ |
| D4 | Able to be flexible with working days |  | ✓ |