

## Komori America Supports Best Buddies at New Jersey High School with Komori Calendar Donation

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Komori America is proud to announce its support for the Best Buddies chapter at Rancocas Valley Regional High School in Mount Holly, New Jersey, through a donation of high-quality Komori calendars. The calendars, printed on Komori machines, were used by the organization to raise funds for their activities, making a significant positive impact on their operations.

### **Global movement to foster friendship**

Best Buddies at the high school is part of a global movement dedicated to ending the social, physical, and economic isolation of students with differing abilities. The local chapter provides a space for students to form friendships with peers to foster a more inclusive school environment.

"Our goal has always been to support community initiatives that align with our values," said Manuela Stewart, the driving force behind the donation initiative. "When I realized we had these beautiful Komori calendars and my son mentioned his school's charity was in need of funds, it was a perfect opportunity to make a difference."

The Best Buddies chapter at the school comprises three advisors and four student officers, including Troy Stewart, Emersynn Fair, Johanna Mercado, and Julia White. The organization has been successful in creating meaningful relationships among more than 60 students.

The donation of the Komori calendars allowed the organization to raise almost \$1,000 by offering them as wall art prints. "The outcome of the Komori calendar fundraising went pretty well," said one of the advisors. "We are working on having a table at a few more fundraisers! They came out very nice, especially because we provided the option of getting just the print or adding a white frame as well!"



### **Creative approach to fundraising**

Manuela Stewart added, "The Komori calendars were well-received, and it was inspiring to see how the students came up with creative ways to maximize their fundraising by offering prints and framed options. This initiative not only provided financial support but also engaged the students in a meaningful project."

The funds raised through this initiative have enabled the chapter to continue organizing events and activities that promote inclusion and friendship among students of all abilities.

Komori America's commitment to community support and engagement is reflected in this initiative, showcasing the company's dedication to fostering positive change and supporting local organizations. Mark Milbourn, Executive VP of Sales & Service at Komori America added, "We are always looking for opportunities to participate and contribute with our local communities".



#### **About Best Buddies International**

Best Buddies International is the world's largest organization dedicated to ending the social, physical, and economic isolation of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). The organization creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment, leadership development, and inclusive living for people with IDD.