

## The Ally Buddy Program

## **Where Every Connection Counts**

Held once a year during our annual summit, the **Ally Buddy Program** runs from **November to June**, pairing individuals randomly to foster mutual accountability in advocacy, compassion, and meaningful connection. More than just a partnership, this 7-month journey is a **game-changer**, designed to create ripples of change through shared experiences, intentional allyship, and simple, powerful acts of kindness.

Whether it's a text check-in, a shared laugh, or showing up during tough times, these gestures can shift lives in both big and small ways. This program reminds us that **change starts with everyday action** and when we commit to one another, we help build a world that values empathy, equity, and inclusion.

## **Why It Matters**

• **Strengthens Allyship** through authentic, mutual relationships that transcend traditional mentorship hierarchies.

- **Fosters Inclusivity** by centering underrepresented groups and marginalized communities—including BIPOC, LGBTQIA+, persons with disabilities, newcomers, and neurodivergent individuals ensuring everyone feels seen, heard, and valued.
- **Encourages Intersectional Understanding**, helping participants explore privilege, identity, and lived experience with honesty and care.
- **Boosts Mental Health & Wellbeing**, creating an intentional support system to combat seasonal blues, isolation, and burnout through compassionate human connection.
- Empowers Across Generations, welcoming everyone from youth to elders, and recognizing that every voice, at every stage of life, holds value and wisdom.
- **Promotes Economic Empowerment** by encouraging mutual support, shared resources, and the cultivation of opportunity.
- Celebrates Impact by honoring 10 exceptional participants annually with the Life Changer Awards during our summit—recognizing those whose allyship left lasting marks.

## Join In & Make A Difference

This is your opportunity to be part of **something bigger than yourself**. The Ally Buddy Program is about **rebuilding community** with **trust, support, understanding, compassion, and empathy** as our pillars.

We are redefining what allyship means:

It's not top-down.

It's not one-sided.

It's not performative.

It's about **shared responsibility**, **accountability**, and showing up for one another in ways that matter. It's about **making kindness our default setting**—because caring for others also teaches us to care for ourselves.

No matter who you are or where you come from, you belong here.

So **join us today**, and let's build a world where every small gesture creates a lasting legacy. Together, we are not only changing lives we're **changing what's possible**.