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If you are looking for something fun to do that will bring you a lot of satisfaction along with it, come to the Quad on the USU campus tonight at 7:30 p.m. for some glow-in-the-dark frisbee games and pizza.

That’s the fun part. The satisfaction comes in when you join the newest club at USU, Aggie Advocates for Disability, and get to know some people with disabilities.

The Aggie’s Advocates Club was organized this year after two Level 2 Special Ed students saw a play about discrimination and prejudice. After talking about how this is still a part of the world today, they decided to see if they could make a positive difference, at least here on the USU campus.

The description of the club on the USU website says it all: The purpose of Aggie Advocates for Disability is to improve the lives of people with disabilities through social awareness, and to advocate for people with disabilities and their families through educating the general public, raising funds for schools, families, and organizations, and providing service.

This new club isn’t just waiting around for people to come to them. Already they have recruited over 100 members and have organized officers and activities for the whole year!

Many have already been volunteering in some of the programs at the CPD.

Jeff Sheen, CPD Volunteer Coordinator, has been working with some of the Aggie Advocate members, introducing them to the programs that serve children and youth with disabilities at the CPD. Programs like the PEER program, a post-secondary program for young adults, and the Disability Skills Laboratory, an adult day program for adults with disabilities.

Along with volunteering to work directly with people with disabilities, Aggies Advocates has plans to sponsor some fundraisers for programs whose funding has been cut who serve children with disabilities. They will also be participating with the CPD during Disability Awareness Week in January, and this Saturday, they will be marching alongside the CPD’s 40th Anniversary float in the Homecoming Parade.

Through it all, they want to make campus more inclusive by organizing activities for people with and without disabilities.

Those interested in becoming a part of this amazing club can email them at aggieadvocates.usu@gmail.com to join. For now, they will email information about their activities to members, but they will soon have a facebook account and will be posting them on it.

It seems that we are going to be hearing a lot from the Aggie Advocates for Disability Club. Welcome to USU!