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# Buddy bike

Barry Nelson recently contacted *Velo Vision* to introduce the Buddy Bike, a child-in-front tandem which is especially well suited to special needs applications. Barry explains: "My son Jesse has autism and I spent some time searching for an appropriate bike for the two of us. Eventually I came across the Buddy Bike and, convinced of its potential, purchased the patent from the inventor, Robert Gardner."

"With the Buddy Bike, the child sits in the front but holds on to the same handlebars that the adult uses to steer. The adult has significantly greater leverage. Since Jesse sits in front of me I can supervise what he is doing and we can work on his communication skills while riding. He has already learned to point and

**Barry Nelson demonstrates the Buddy Bike with his son Jesse.**



say "left turn" or "right turn." Instead of me having to turn around to check on him as on a tandem or with a trailerbike, he turns around to give me a smile or a kiss. It's a fantastic set-up and we ride between 10 and 20 miles almost every day."

The Buddy Bike has been on sale for around six months now, and customers include bike hire centres and special needs cycling groups as well as individual families. The Buddy Bike costs from \$1295 in the USA.

Details and a list of dealers can be found on the website: [www.buddybike.com](http://www.buddybike.com)