



Dear Families,

Joseph Maley Foundation is committed to celebrating differences and fostering a welcoming community through education and service of youth in Greater Indianapolis. Since our founding in 2008, we have served over half a million youth.

We are thrilled to bring our Disability Awareness program to your school. Disability Awareness is a developmentally-appropriate, standards-based curriculum that aims to build understanding and awareness of people with disabilities. Our engaging program fosters respect, empathy, and acceptance of all.

Here is a brief overview of the themes featured in each grade level.

- PreKindergarten: *Everybody Plays*
- Kindergarten: *Everybody is Different*
- First Grade: *Everybody Needs Help*
- Second Grade: *Blindness and Vision Differences*
- Third Grade: *Differences Around You*
- Fourth Grade: *Learning Differences*
- Fifth Grade: *Communication Differences*
- Sixth Grade: *Breaking Down Barriers*
- Seventh Grade: *Invisible Disabilities*
- Eighth Grade: *Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorder*

We invite you to talk with your children about what they experience and learn as part of the Disability Awareness program. Ask questions, share your own experiences, and join together to celebrate the differences that make us all unique.

If you are interested in finding out more about Joseph Maley Foundation and how you can be involved, please visit our website josephmaley.org or contact me via email at education@josephmaley.org

Sincerely,

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