



How many times have you seen young people in the school, on FaceBook, on the bus, etc making fun of the way another child walks or speaks or even that they wear glasses? What names do you hear them being called?

Giving children an awareness and understanding of disability, can change life for everyone! Let's see that change being made for the better right NOW!

Would you like to have a presentation on disability awareness for the children in your school or program?

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## Disability Awareness



....in schools and camps

# THE PROGRAM

It is important for children to learn about disabilities since attitudes are formed early and especially by those around them whom they respect especially those in the education system. While they learn from their peers and their family, most of their learning is done in school. What better way to teach children good role modeling than through a program especially designed for children by a person *with* disabilities.

I have had many years of experience working with children and working in the field of disability. I understand how important it is to help children learn that



not only can a disability be a challenge but that challenges are often important in life for that is where we can learn the most. I cannot only tell them about life with a

disability, I can show them a what a full life looks like with a disability. They can be shown that differences come in many ways and while some of us are different colors, different sizes, learn in different ways, we are the same in our hearts - it hurts when someone treats us badly or calls us a name.



"Courage and strength is not the absence of fear - it's refusing to assume the role of a victim"  
- Anne Wafula Strike



The Program is a 30 minute presentation geared toward specific grade levels. The children will be shown

wheelchairs, crutches, prostheses etc. They will be taught what is proper to say when approaching a person with a disability. The children will learn that while wheelchairs and crutches are fun, they are not toys but a a part of a person's body and help that person to function. Everyone should treat them with respect. This is a totally positive approach to disability. The presentation will be followed with many questions.

Deborah received her BA in Speech and Theatre and MA in Human Relations. She worked on the Americans with Disabilities Act in Washington, DC. In England, with RADAR, the Royal Association for Disability and Rehabilitation she wrote newsletters and skied on the British Disabled Ski Team and the Winter Park Disabled Ski Team. She also taught scuba diving in the UK. Deborah moved back to the US in 2000 to live in Florida. She has owned several companies. In 2007 the Tampa Bay Business Journal named Deborah as the Business Woman of the Year for Manufacturing. She is currently President of WOOF (Women Owners of Florida, Inc) a 501(c)(3) focusing on giving back to the community.