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### Our Mission:

- The John McGivney Children's Centre provides family-centred holistic care to the community, enriching the lives of children and youth with special needs by helping them to reach their full potential.

### Our Vision:

- We are a centre of hope, support and inspiration for children and youth with special needs and their families; working together toward a future of participation, acceptance and opportunities.

### Our Values:

- Accountability
- Collaboration
- Quality
- Resourcefulness
- Respect
- Transparency

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# "KIDS ARE KIDS"

## DISABILITY

## AWARENESS

## PROGRAM



*It only takes  
one muscle  
to make a  
difference  
... your  
HEART.*



# "KIDS ARE KIDS" DISABILITY AWARENESS PROGRAM

## ALL KIDS WANT TO HAVE FRIENDS!

### THE PROGRAM:

- ★ Promotes and encourages friendships
- ★ Helps develop empathy
- ★ Dispels myths about disabilities
- ★ Educates classmates about a child's specific delays or disabilities
- ★ Explains the use of communication devices and adaptive equipment
- ★ Supports social inclusion among peers

Making new friends can be difficult for any child and it can be especially challenging for those with delays or disabilities.

The "Kids Are Kids" Disability Awareness Program was created to support any child who experiences such challenges and who receives services at JMCC.



### THE PRESENTATION:

- ★ Can come directly to a student's classroom
- ★ Is 45-60 minutes in length
- ★ Is facilitated by an educational consultant and social worker or behaviour consultant
- ★ Includes therapists as appropriate to answer questions and provide explanations regarding the child's equipment and/or diagnosis
- ★ Through short video clips, pictures and discussion, peers gain a deeper awareness of their classmate's abilities, tips on how to communicate and ideas for inclusion both inside and outside of school
- ★ Is complimented by a resource package for the classroom