Disability Pride Lives Here

Honoring Disability Pride Month by celebrating identity, inclusion, advocacy, and the ongoing work of accessibility.

Each July, Disability Pride Month honors the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) while celebrating the disability community, identity, advocacy, and the progress generations of disabled people have fought to achieve. While the ADA marked a historic step forward in disability rights and accessibility, Disability Pride Month is about much more than legislation. It is about recognizing the value, humanity, creativity, and contributions of disabled people in every part of our communities.

Accessibility is still an ongoing journey, not a finished goal.

Many disabled individuals continue to face barriers in everyday life: unreliable accessible transportation, workplaces that are technically compliant but not truly accessible, limited communication access for Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals, employment discrimination, and systems that make financial stability and independence harder to maintain. Too often, disabled people are still expected to adapt to environments that were never fully designed with them in mind. At To Be Like Me, our leaders know these realities personally. They also know the power of inclusion, understanding, advocacy, and community. Every day, they help students, educators, families, and organizations move beyond stereotypes and toward genuine connection, empathy, and accessibility.

Disability Pride is not about ignoring the challenges that remain. It is about recognizing the strength, identity, resilience, joy, and humanity of disabled people exactly as they are. It is about celebrating progress while continuing to push for a world that is more accessible, more inclusive, and more intentionally designed for everyone. Accessibility starts with understanding. It starts with listening to lived experiences, challenging assumptions, and creating spaces where people can fully participate and belong.

This Disability Pride Month, we invite our community to continue the conversation with us.

What does disability pride look like in your classroom, workplace, family, or community?
What helps people feel included, supported, and seen?

Throughout July, we encourage students, educators, families, community members, and disabled individuals to share stories, reflections, accessibility ideas, moments of inclusion, or celebrations of disability pride on social media and tag To Be Like Me.

Together, we can continue building awareness, understanding, and communities where **Disability Pride Lives Here.**

Continue the conversation!

Understanding grows through conversation; join us for an upcoming Community Day and experience the power of learning through lived experiences.

Visit our website (www.tobelikeme.org) to learn more about our LEADers, programs, upcoming events, and ways to get involved. Happy Disability Pride Month