



The Just Like You-Down Syndrome Film received the

2014 National Down Syndrome Congress Education Award

NDSC believes the film is a wonderful teaching tool to promote inclusion and acceptance of people with Down syndrome.



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JUST LIKE YOU -- DOWN SYNDROME - explores the life, hopes, challenges and dreams of three kids living with Down syndrome. Elyssa, Rachel and Sam share personal stories to help viewers better understand their condition and why they wish to be treated just like you. Each of our stars has their own talents, characteristics, strengths and challenges. Down syndrome is just one part of who they are and this film identifies how to handle and accommodate differences while celebrating the many similarities our friends with Down syndrome have with their peers.

The film was a collaboration between the Down Syndrome Guild of Greater Kansas City and Just Like You Films, Inc. DSG receives hundreds of phone calls from parents and professionals each year seeking information and resources to help explain Down syndrome to typically developing peers or siblings. The film was developed as a direct response to those requests and seeks to answer the many questions posed by those who don't know anything about Down syndrome.

In December 2013, TASH, a non-profit advocate for inclusion and the human rights of people with significant disabilities recognized the film *Just Like You - Down Syndrome* as the recipient of its Positive Images in the Media Award. The award, given annually, honors presentations in film, print and other media that promote positive images of people with disabilities. Awardees are honored for their contribution toward the elimination of harmful stereotypes by portraying those with disabilities accurately with recognition of the complexities of being human. *"Just Like You - Down Syndrome* is a remarkable film that shows, above all, we're people first," said Barb Trader, TASH Executive Director. "For years, the complete expression and availability of full inclusion in our communities has been denied to people based on a label of 'disability.' Media projects like this that dispel myths and bring viewers closer to the lives of people with disabilities are steadily breaking down old stereotypes to show how universal we all are in what we want in life."

We love reading feedback like this:

"This is the very best video I've EVER seen explaining Down syndrome to ANYONE - it is appropriate to show children as young as Pre-k, Elementary, Middle School, High School - and yes even those ignorant adults we all know and sometimes love (some are friends, some are merely acquaintances, some are FAMILY members) . . . THEY ALL NEED TO WATCH THIS VIDEO!! "

"This film should be shown in every school around the world to help children and adults better understand what it means to live with Down syndrome and how you can provide respectful support."

"I watched this film with tears streaming down my face as I know it will open the doors to friendships. My 12 year old daughter with Down syndrome said, mom they have Down syndrome like me!"

Visit the Just Like You-Down Syndrome website to learn more and purchase a DVD of the film. Like the Just Like You-Down Syndrome Facebook page and share your feedback and learn how the film is making an impact around the world.

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