

You deserve
Good things!



Everyday Hero

Proof that it only takes one person to change the world

She teaches how great our differences make us

When Meg Zucker discovered her son, Ethan, was being bullied at school for his genetic condition, she decided to start a program that helps thousands of students love themselves—inside and out!

“This will *never* happen again, Ms. Zucker—I assure you.”

The school principal’s words echoed in Meg Zucker’s mind after her son, Ethan, endured a bullying incident. But no matter how much she wanted to believe them, Meg still felt uneasy.

“How can you be sure?” Meg asked on the phone. After all, she knew what it was like to feel different. She’d spent her whole life dealing with having been born with *ectrodactyly*, a condition that gave her one finger on each hand and one toe on each foot—the same condition Ethan has.

The principal paused, then said, “You can come teach our faculty how we can be more empathetic.”

Meg agreed. But even though the staff responded well, something didn’t feel quite right.

What about the kids? she thought. *How will they learn to be more understanding of kids who are different?*

“Can I teach a social and emotional learning program for the students as well?” Meg asked the principal, who agreed.

Meg called her program “Kids Flaunt” with the tagline: *The things that make me different make me, me!* During the program, Meg helped kids in Ethan’s class learn how to share about their differences with others through essays and pictures.

Meg could feel a switch within the students’ hearts right away as her son began to feel more accepted.

This should be happening everywhere, Meg thought.

Today, more than 10 years later, the program has turned into an official nonprofit called “Don’t Hide It, Flaunt It.” Meg’s Flaunt It programs have taken

off in popularity, reaching the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, children’s camps, scout troops,



Meg Zucker (right) started a nonprofit to help people embrace their differences

faith-based organizations, colleges, foundations and have even served as Diversity and Inclusion education courses for Fortune 500 companies.

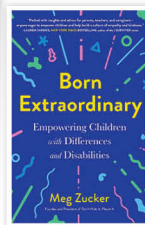
But it is the impact on children just like her son that makes it all worthwhile to Meg.

“There’s no point in being sad when you can just change what people think of you,” says one student who was born with one eye. “Having one eye is cool, and I love being unique!”

“I’m proud of myself and my hearing aid,” another student shared. “Always remember that what matters is what is inside.”

“There’s nothing better than seeing kids empowered to be the strongest version of themselves,” shares Meg, who has written a book about her work called *Born Extraordinary: Empowering Children with Differences and Disabilities*. “All people want to go from being a *something* to a *someone*—and each one of us, with our unique differences, is someone special!”

—Maggie Dillard



“I’m honored to make a difference!” says Meg (left), who wrote a book to help kids

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When you look at failures as simply glitches to get past, defeats as opportunities for do-overs, challenges as chances to shine and problems as possibilities, nothing can stop you from making your dreams come true. Attitude is everything!

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