TOGETHER

We’re BETTER

Coloring Book

UNITY WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY
Thank you to our partners for making this coloring book possible!

The Arc Maryland, Maryland State Department of Education, Maryland Department of Disabilities, and the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council have partnered on our statewide “Together We’re Better” (TWB) inclusive education campaign since 2004. Special funding this year, to support the growth of the TWB Art Contests and the creation and distribution of this coloring book, comes from the Maryland State Arts Council (msac.org).

The TWB campaign exists to raise awareness and increase acceptance of everyone, highlighting the value and importance of meaningful inclusion for students with disabilities. The primary components of the program are:

Diversity Celebration Toolkit
- Contains activity ideas, sample lesson plans for teachers, videos, books, and other resources to promote inclusion and full participation for all students.

Disability Awareness & Acceptance Presentations
- An interactive celebration of individual differences and commonalities, offered at no cost to schools across the State of Maryland!

Elementary and Middle School Artwork Contest
- Students create pieces of unique artwork based on the annual theme of National Inclusive Schools Week, the 2022–2023 theme is “Unity Within Our Community.”

High School Drawing Contest
- Students submit original drawings that show how inclusion benefits us all. These drawings are used as pages in this coloring book for younger children to enjoy.

Public Displays of Artwork Throughout Maryland
- Artwork is showcased at State Government buildings, County libraries, public venues, local Parks and Recreation centers, and on social media.

Together, we can create a more inclusive world for everyone; where children with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) are fully included in all aspects of life and have equal access to opportunities to succeed!

Visit The Arc Maryland’s website to learn more about Together We’re Better. You can use your smart phone to scan this QR code or visit our website through your computer browser: http://www.thearcmd.org/programs/twb/
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WE'RE BETTER
My superpower is kindness.

We're all heroes.

All heroes unite!
Together we DANCE!
BROADEN YOUR HORIZON
TOGETHER

WE ARE ALL A TEAM!
Together WE create BEAUTY
The sky is the limit!
Everyone communicates differently.

Sign Language

This is the American Sign Language (ASL) alphabet.

Some people use their hands, arms, faces, and bodies to communicate.
Together, we are magical!
We are one world, one people, one love.

“Diversity is the mix.
Inclusion is making the mix work.”

We all share the same planet!
We grow together!
UNITY
LOVE AND RESPECT DIFFERENCES!
ALL Together Forever

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
WE ARE UNITED
Use your imagination!
What does community look like to you?

Draw your own picture!