

# Our Mission.

The "seen" Project looks to inspire the next generation of students to value diversity and advocate for inclusion in their community.

Our project promotes helping children to develop a welcoming spirit and to create unity among their peers. Together we demonstrate that those with differences are seen, heard and celebrated.

**"Some of the most most wonderful people are the ones who don't fit in boxes."  
-Tori Amos**



*But Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." -Luke 18:16*

# I'm Interested.

Great! Purchasing a specialized book package to display for elementary school libraries will promote inclusion and help celebrate differences in our community. Know a school that may be interested in a book package? Let us know!

To make a donation of a specialized book package for an elementary school in one of our statewide communities, please contact us to make your donation today!

### To make a donation:

- Visit [grtunc.org](http://grtunc.org) (Trinity UMC) website and go to 'Give Now' button (Right Side) select... "seen" Project
- Send a check to "seen" Project  
1100 Lake Drive SE Grand Rapids MI 49506

# Contact Us.

Community Ministries Program  
Matt Witkowski, Program Director  
Trinity United Methodist Church, GR  
(616) 456-7260

Thank you for helping us put faith in action by addressing and finding ways to promote inclusion in our communities.



# SEEN. HEARD. CELEBRATED.

# "seen" Project

## Our goal.

"seen" looks to provide specialized donated book packages that positively represent children with disabilities to 100+ elementary schools across the state of Michigan. We hope our prominently displayed packages will promote inclusion and understanding of people with unique gifts in their community.

## Our why.

A child's spark in curiosity and desire to grow inspires us. We want "seen" to impact and encourage children to foster an appreciation of acceptance and a vibrant culture of inclusion.

## Our hope.

We want the discussion to not end at school. We hope that "seen" creates conversation at home within families. We are hopeful that educators and families will find additional activities that go along with the books to keep kids engaged to help our project spark to life.

## Additional benefits.

The "seen" Project partners with organizations which support persons with disabilities in our communities here in Michigan.

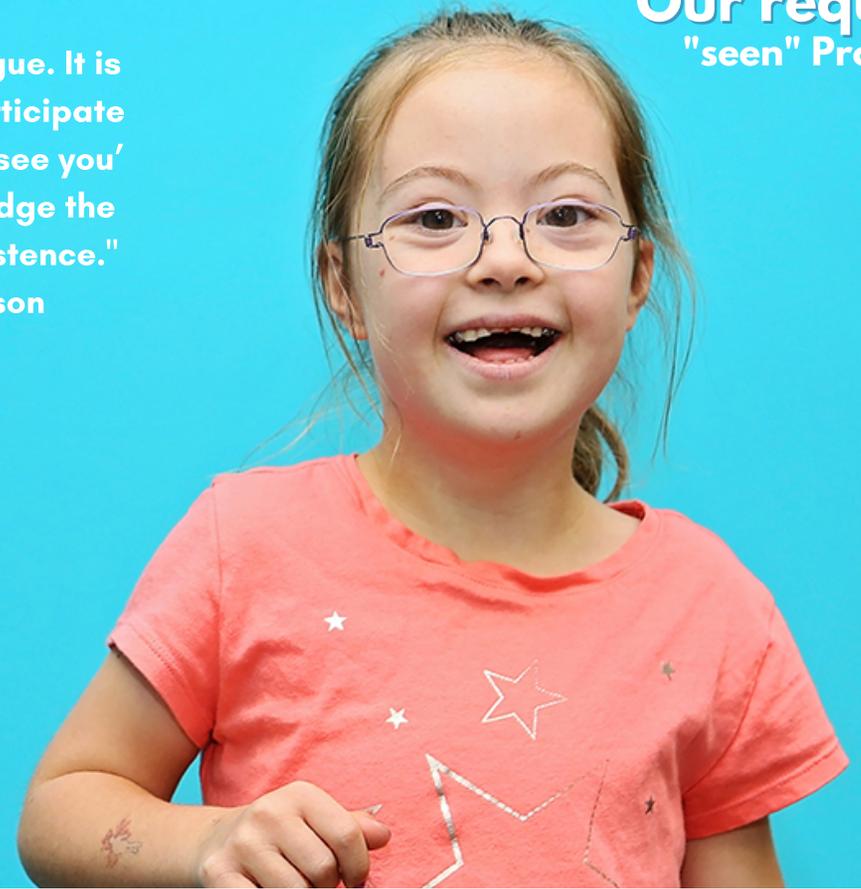
**"Seeing is a dialogue. It is an invitation to participate in another's life. 'I see you' means I acknowledge the dignity of your existence."**

**-Junius B. Dotson**

## Our team.

Our team is connecting donated book packages with elementary schools to prominently display attention-grabbing books that positively represent children with disabilities in literature at their school libraries. The goal is to get these into schools this year and get them utilized as soon as possible by students, teachers and librarians to start important conversations with children. We believe that when you partner with us, you will help educate and encourage children and families to acknowledge and support a culture of inclusion in our schools and communities.

**Our request.**  
**"seen" Project**



Join our team by making a donation to support the "seen" Project and please share this opportunity to give back with others! Our specialized book package known as the **"Seen and Celebrated Package"** will include **20 books +1 bonus book signed by a local author along with other resources for a cost of only \$200**. With your gift we will be able to provide this package for schools who want to educate their students on the many differences and similarities among us. The books will include the following topics: autism, hearing/visual/speech impairments, down syndrome, physical disabilities and how to be an advocate for each other in our community.