



Celebrating Identity Beyond Diagnosis: Recognition and Representation of Children on Rare Medical Journeys

Thursday, March 25 – Friday, March 26, 2021

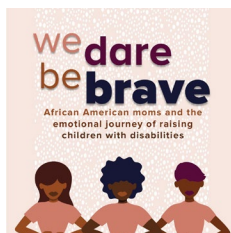
CHANGE HOW YOU SEE—SEE HOW YOU CHANGE

Inspired by this motto of [Positive Exposure](#), this three-part series uplifts the individuality and humanity of children with special needs and disabilities. The events will give voice to a community which is all-too-often marginalized and vulnerable. Local, global and youth perspectives will be addressed through the different events, each of which offers valuable information for students, parents, educators, social workers and health care providers.

The virtual events are free and open to the community.

Presented in celebration of the 2021 Cleveland Humanities Festival

Co-sponsored by the Schubert Center for Child Studies, the Baker-Nord Center for the Humanities and the CWRU Office for Disability Resources.



Building Trust through Representation: At the Intersection of Disability, Race and Parenting

Charisse (Nikki) Montgomery, Salina Miller and Patricia Parker, authors of *We Dare Be Brave: African American Moms and the Emotional Journey of Raising Children with Disabilities*, will discuss advocacy efforts to increase equity and improve health outcomes of children with complex medical needs.

Thursday **March 25**
12–1 pm

[Register Today!](#)



Rick Guidotti and Positive Exposure: Recognizing Beauty in Difference

Award-winning international fashion photographer Rick Guidotti will share—in images and stories—his encounters with children around the world, his initiative FRAME: Faces Redefining the Art of Medical Education, and how we can steady our gaze to see the beauty in difference.

Thursday **March 25**
6–7:30 pm

[Registration Link](#)



In Our Own Words: PEARLS Ambassadors and Youth Advocacy

Youth ambassadors from PEARLS Project will discuss the empowering impact of self-advocacy, share what inspires them to speak out, and explain how they are changing people’s perspectives with their honesty, thoughtfulness and humor.

Friday **March 26**
12–1 pm

[Register Now!](#)

Questions?

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