

# The Misfit Sock Project

One New England family found the true spirit of Christmas in a pile of marginalized misfit socks on their laundry room floor. In an effort to make sure those "misfit" socks felt loved again, this family dressed up those misfit socks in their "Sunday best," filled them with candy, jingle bells, pine cones, recipes and holiday messages and offered them as priceless gifts of JOY to friends and family at Christmastime. A misfit sock family tradition was born.

A decade later, and thousands of misfit socks shared, the "misfits" inspired a Christmas story called, *The Misfit Sock*. The story shares the tale of a sock that has lost its perfect match during the laundry cycle. The sock is instantly labeled a "misfit" and thrown into a misfit sock pile. Forgotten, marginalized and alone, the misfit sock loses all hope until it meets the magnificent spirit of Christmas on the laundry room floor. In a jingle, the sock is filled with love and purpose and is magically transformed into the perfect gratitude sock to thank Santa, his elves and reindeer.

The book's strong themes of marginalization and empowerment later inspired a companion curriculum and the launch of Misfit University.com, a Misfit Sock Angels service project and a national grassroots youth empowerment movement that asks our world to celebrate what makes us different and take a stand against bullying by wearing misfit socks.

The Misfit Sock Project now hosts the Million Misfit Sock (virtual) March in October, Misfit MARCH Madness in March and ongoing events throughout the year, serving as catalyst for conversation and action for youth empowerment and anti-bullying.

We are all magnificent MISFITS. Celebrate what makes YOU different.



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