

## Meet the “Kids”

**The Kids on the Block** is a troupe of educational puppets that dress and act like real children. Each nearly life-sized puppet character has a distinct personality and life story. Like real children, some have mental, physical or emotional disabilities. Others have been affected by divorce, abuse, death of a loved one or other significant experiences.

**The Kids on the Block** program is powerful in helping break down barriers, enabling children to be candid with their questions and concerns. The puppets also help children feel positive about themselves, accept individual differences and learn valuable personal skills.

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# ***The Kids on the Block***

An Educational Program  
Presented by  
Your Organization



The program is supported by a grant from XYZ local foundation.

**The Kids on the Block** puppets were first developed in 1977 in direct response to U.S. Public Law 94-142, sometimes called “the mainstreaming law.” Today the puppets are used to educate children all over the world about disability awareness and other important social concerns. There are **Kids on the Block** programs in all 50 states and more than 30 countries.

The style of puppetry used by the **Kids on the Block** is based on Japanese *Bunraku* Puppet Theatre. As in *Bunraku*, audiences are able to see Kids on the Block puppeteers. The large and colorful puppets are “shadowed” by the puppeteers who are dressed in black.

Each **Kids on the Block** program is thoroughly researched and field tested before it becomes available to school districts, community service organizations and special interest groups.

**All performances adhere strictly to scripts that developed by The Kids on the Block, Inc. Headquarters in collaborations with nationally recognized organizations and numerous experts.**

Because of the generous sponsorship of local foundations, business and individuals **Your Organization** is able to offer free **Kids on the Block** performances.

Committed volunteers from our community have learned to use the entertaining medium of puppetry to present educational programs for children in grades K - 6. The **Kids on the Block's** lively and upbeat scripts create an environment of open communication for the audience. Each performance includes scheduled question and answer periods during which audiences interact directly with the puppet characters. During this time myths and misconceptions are replaced with facts and sensitivity.

Some of the program topics currently being offered by **Your Organization** are:

- Cerebral Palsy
- Children's Mental Health
- Spina Bifida
- Visual Impairment
- Alcohol, Tobacco & Other Drug Prevention
- Bullies & School Safety
- Multiculturalism
- Physical & Sexual Abuse Prevention

Follow-up materials and evaluations are supplied for use by teachers. Each performance lasts from 50-60 minutes and is best performed for groups of 50-100 students. More than one performance may be scheduled for the same day.

To schedule a performance by the **Kids on the Block** call **Your Organization** at:  
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**Kids on the Block volunteers are always needed.**

**Your Organization** will provide training and materials. Contact **Your Organization's** offices if you would like to become involved in this exciting and innovative educational program.

For more information about becoming a **Kids on the Block** volunteer call **Your Organization** at:

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