Embracing Our Differences will be partnering with Sarasota and Manatee County elementary schools as well as the Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading, with support from the Community Foundation of Sarasota County, The Patterson Foundation, Manatee Community Foundation and the United Way of Manatee County to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss on Thursday, March 2, 2017.

What better way to celebrate the birthday of such a beloved writer of children's books than reading to a child? Dr. Seuss epitomizes a love of children and learning. His use of rhyme makes an effective tool for teaching young children the basic skills needed to be successful in an ever-changing world. When we celebrate Dr. Seuss and reading, we send a clear message to our children that reading is fun and important.

Please consider becoming a part of Embracing Dr. Seuss' Differences Day by volunteering an hour of your time to read and teach a child the value of diversity and respect for others. CLICK HERE to volunteer. The deadline to volunteer is Monday, February 13, 2017.

Book selections below are designed to stimulate conversations regarding diversity, bullying, character education, and respect for others.

Pre-K – My Many Colored Days – Using a spectrum of vibrant colors and a menagerie of animals, this unique book is a wonderful way to talk with children about their feelings.

Kindergarten – Hooper Humperdink…? Not Him! – The narrator’s having a party, and there’s one kid he intends not to invite. Eventually, though, he opts for inclusiveness.

1st Grade – The Cat in the Hat – The children learn how to be “upstanders” against The Cat and his scheming tricks.

2nd Grade – Horton Hears a Who – After hearing a cry for help, Horton vows to protect the Whos.

3rd Grade – The Lorax – Dr. Seuss pleads for the planet.

4th Grade – Hooray For Diffendoofer Day – The school is at risk of being closed for underperforming on standardized tests.

5th Grade – The Sneetches – Intended as a satire of discrimination between races and cultures, this book was specifically inspired by Dr. Seuss’ opposition to anti-Semitism.

We are in need of volunteers who are willing to travel to elementary schools throughout the following areas of Sarasota and Manatee counties:

Sarasota - North (north of Bee Ridge Road) includes Alta Vista, Bay Haven, Brentwood, Emma E. Booker, Fruitville, Gocio, Southside, Tatum Ridge, and Tuttle elementary schools;

Sarasota - South (south of Bee Ridge Road) includes Ashton, Gulf Gate, Lakeview, Phillippi Shores, Taylor Ranch, and Wilkinson elementary schools;

Sarasota - North Port and surrounding areas includes Alawai, Cranberry, Gänslin, Lamanque, and Tidbit Bluff elementary schools;

Sarasota - Venice / Englewood / Nokomis includes Englewood, Garden, Taylor Ranch, Venice elementary schools, Laurel Nokomis, and Pine View schools;

Manatee - Bradenton - North (north of State Road 70) includes Balard, Bashaw, Manatee, Mill, Prime, Rogers Gardens, Samoset, Sea Breeze, and Wakasewa elementary schools;

Manatee - Bradenton - South (south of State Road 70) includes Abel, Bayside, Daughtrey, Kinnan, Oneco, and Tara elementary schools;

Manatee - Palmetto / Ellenton (north of State Road 64) and surrounding areas includes Blackburn, Palm View, Palmetto, and Tillman elementary schools;

Manatee - East of Interstate 75 includes Gullet, Mills, Myakka, William, Willow, and Witt elementary schools.

CLICK HERE for a map of Sarasota school locations.

CLICK HERE for a map of Manatee school locations.
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For more details & to register to volunteer, visit:

EmbracingOurDifferences.org/Seuss

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