

# Who We Are

## Background

The Limb Difference Collective Foundation (LDCF) was born from lived experience, community connection, and a deep desire to ensure no family feels alone after a limb difference diagnosis. What began as a grassroots effort of parents wanting to find connection for their children, and to share resources and stories, has grown into a movement of inclusion, advocacy, and support. We blend personal storytelling with practical tools to empower families, celebrate differences, and build lasting relationships.

## Values

- Empathy: We listen first and lead with compassion.
- Inclusion: Every voice matters. Every story belongs.
- Connection: We create spaces where families feel seen, supported, and celebrated.
- Representation: We amplify diverse experiences and challenge stereotypes.
- Joyful Advocacy: We believe advocacy can be creative, playful, and deeply impactful.

## Goals

- To provide accessible, curated resources for families navigating limb differences
- To host inclusive events that foster friendship, visibility, and community
- To raise awareness and shift public perception through storytelling and education
- To support parents and caregivers with tools, podcasts, and peer connection
- To grow a sustainable, welcoming network where families thrive together

## Learn More

[limbdifferencecollective.org](http://limbdifferencecollective.org)



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## Hope Understanding Growth Support



Connecting families with resources, articles, experiences and products designed for adults and children with limb differences, and their families, as they navigate this unique journey.

The Limb Difference Collective Foundation is a Registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

# Initiatives

## Hug In A Box

A resource-packed kit designed to provide comfort, guidance, and connection to families facing a new limb difference diagnosis. These boxes ensure no family feels alone on this journey.

## Events

LDCF hosts and attends inclusive, family-centered events that bring together the limb difference community. Starting in Illinois, these gatherings provide opportunities for families to connect, share experiences, offer support, and build lasting friendships in a welcoming and empowering environment.

## Podcast

The Parenting Children with Limb Differences podcast, on Spotify and Apple Podcasts, is dedicated to connecting, supporting, and empowering parents raising children with limb differences.

## Wolf Pack

A budding club of kids with limb differences and their families - coming together for support, friendship, and fun! You're not alone - run with the pack.



# Resource Hub

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## Events Calendar

Discover inclusive events, meet-ups, and adaptive programs across the country - starting in Illinois and expanding nationwide. From zoo days to sports clinics, we spotlight opportunities for connection and joy.

## Books & Reading Lists

Curated recommendations of children's books, memoirs, and educational reads by and for people with limb differences. Representation matters - and these stories help kids feel seen.

## Inclusive Toys & Adaptive Tools

Explore playthings and practical tools that celebrate difference and support independence. From dolls with prosthetics to adaptive utensils, we highlight products that empower.

## Media Representation

Find movies, TV shows, and voices that reflect limb difference and disability with authenticity. We believe in celebrating visibility across screens and genres.

## Camps & Organizations

Browse a directory of inclusive camps, peer support groups, and nonprofits dedicated to disability advocacy and limb difference support. Whether you're looking for summer fun or lifelong connection, we've got you covered.

## Apparel & Gear

Discover clothing and accessories designed with accessibility and pride in mind - from adaptive clothing to limb difference-themed merch

# Quick Facts about Limb Differences & Limb Loss



**5.6 Million +**

people in the U.S. live with limb loss or limb difference

**1 in 1,900 Babies**

are born each year in the U.S. with a limb difference



**185,000 Amputations**

occur annually, most commonly due to vascular disease

## Why it Matters

- Limb differences can be congenital or acquired, and every journey is unique
- Many families feel isolated after diagnosis - resources like Hug in a Box and the Wolf Pack club help bridge that gap.
- Representation and visibility matter: inclusive events, products, and storytelling build a more accepting world.

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