My name is Erin Baumann and I am just like you except I have Down Syndrome. That means that I have an intellectual disability. All children deserve to feel special and they deserve respect and not hearing that dumb “R” word. Using the “R” word makes people feel not cool and uncomfortable. Teasing about the “R” word makes people feel not wanted and alone for being slow.

All children are important and it doesn’t matter if you have an intellectual disability or not. When someone says, “retarded” or “You retard”, even if they are teasing, makes fun of people with Down Syndrome. My mom doesn’t like the word retarded because it was said to make fun of people with Down Syndrome. My mom told me to not say that anymore because it’s not nice and it is not funny to make fun of people who are different.

Using the “R” word is not fair or not even cute. Nobody should destroy our lives. To stop the use of the “R” word people need to stand up and say don’t use the “R” word. If you make other people feel bad you’re letting people with intellectual disabilities down. All it takes for the world to go wrong is for one good person to look the other way. Therefore, everyone needs to get involved into the act in order to stop the “R” word.

We like to have fun and we have feelings like everybody else. So next time you hear someone use the “R” word, I say “Stop the “R” word and use RESPECT!”
Aaron Williamson has been employed as a dishwasher at the Terrace Dining Hall with the University of North Dakota Dining Services since 1995. He attended school in Wahpeton, ND taking liberal arts, graphic arts and parts training courses.

Aaron received a pool table for Christmas in 1967 that started his interest in the game & he hasn’t put down his pool cue since. He has been to Las Vegas twice to both observe and participate in pool tournaments & played in an exhibition game against former pool champion, Willie Mosconi, in Wahpeton. Aaron is currently in 2 different pool leagues.

He also enjoys playing chess with the UND Chess Club & traveling. Aaron has been supported by Success Unlimited for 19 years.

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Self-sufficiency & quality of life for people with disabilities

**Our Core Values**
- Productive, satisfying, and rewarding relationships with all, including the people we support, their families, fellow employees and the broader community
- Treat everyone with dignity and respect
- Ensure safe environments to foster personal growth & self sufficiency
- Fulfill promises and obligations
- Work together toward common goals

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