

# Together We Bloom

## 2025 Newsletter

As we close the chapter on Year Three at TWB, we are thrilled to reflect on a year of extraordinary success and exciting growth. Our programs have deepened their impact and our outreach has expanded, a clear testament to the powerful passion and support of our dedicated team. This collective effort continues to illuminate how essential our work is in creating accessible and inclusive towns. Thank you for making these meaningful strides possible; we look forward to continuing this vital journey with you.



## Highlights of 2025

*This year TWB...*

- **Expanded our neurodiversity and disability inclusion workshops**, delivering our affirming message to **hundreds of people** including: employees of PTC Therapeutics, LLC, and Hachette Book Group, dozens of YMCA camp counselors, 60+ caregivers and parents, and dozens of teachers.
- **Completed 18 interactive school assemblies** for students across 3 elementary schools in SOMA on neurodiversity, disability, differences, and perspective taking.
- **Expanded our team of facilitators and launched our Advisory Board**, ensuring that **100% of our workshops/assemblies feature disabled presenters** and **86% of our leadership has lived experience of disability**.
- **Launched our Community Access Program** with our “**Traveling Sensory Room**” available for loan to the community, making quality sensory access tools more accessible to the community at **9 community events in the first 9 months**.
- **Provided over \$2,000 of sliding scale scholarships** for neurodiversity-affirming language therapy for kids with disabilities.
- **Designed and implemented accessibility & inclusivity initiatives** at **Maplewoodstock** music festival for the second year, attended by 10,000+ people.
- **Hosted the second annual Neuroqueer Pride** area at the North Jersey Pride festival with over 200 people utilizing the sensory-inclusive spaces.
- **Initiated the SOMA Neurodiversity Community Network** with the neurodiversity-affirming booklists community resource in partnership with Maplewood Library
- **Expanded our technical assistance and accessibility consultations** to support local organizations to be more accessible through permanent and event-based accommodations.
- **Was featured by dozens of news sources**, including **The Associated Press** highlighting our permanent sensory room installed at St. Joseph’s Church in 2024



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The Traveling Sensory Room



TWB Workshops and Assemblies



# 2025 TWB in Action!

TWB's Neuro-Affirming  
Neuroqueer Pride



## What's Ahead for 2026?

*With the support of our community, TWB will:*

- Grow the new SOMA Neurodiversity Community Network for vital community building and advocacy organizing
- Launch our "Blueprints of Belonging" initiative to provide free and low-cost accessibility tools and education to the community making our towns more inclusive and equitable.
- Expand our advocacy for disabled student's education rights in the public schools in partnership with SOMA Peer Support + Action Network for IEP
- Expand neurodiversity and anti-ableist education across the community including more school-based assemblies for kids, parent workshops, teacher trainings, and business consultations.
- Expand access to speech-language therapy with ongoing sliding scale scholarships

Maplewoodstock  
Sensory-Friendly  
Zone Volunteers



In temples and churches, sensory rooms remove barriers for neurodivergent worshippers



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A TWB's Sensory Room