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Perfectly Different Faces -
Duffy Health Center Publishes Children's Book Written & Illustrated by Staff

Duffy Health Center has published its own children's book, entitled *Perfectly Different Faces*. The book, by Duffy team members Melissa Payne (author) and Jeremy Wurzburg (illustrator), is about the individuals served at Duffy Health Center in Hyannis. Duffy is an integrated health care center that provides primary care, mental health, case management and substance use disorder treatment services for those who are experiencing or are at risk of homelessness here on Cape Cod.

"With all that is going on in our country and our world, *Perfectly Different Faces* is a wonderful way for parents, grandparents and caregivers to teach children about empathy and how to care for those who are vulnerable," says Heidi Nelson, CEO of Duffy Health Center. "One of my favorite lines is: 'You see, just because a person has nowhere to live / Does not mean they've done something you wouldn't forgive.'" The book includes a learning guide on Duffy's core values; concepts such as "Homelessness is unacceptable" and "Every person has the right to food, clothing, housing and health care."

Melissa Payne and Jeremy Wurzburg are Recovery Support Navigators at Duffy. They are both individuals in sustained recovery, and their job is to provide non-clinical services to people engaged in treatment for substance use disorders at Duffy and elsewhere in the community. They offer guidance in identifying recovery goals and assist individuals in obtaining appropriate social services, resources, and assistance. They work closely with Cape Cod Hospital, St. Joseph's House, the AIDS Support Group of Cape Cod, Housing Assistance Corporation, and the Community Impact Unit of the Barnstable Police Department to ensure that all systems are working effectively to wrap services around people who need them.

Over the last 12 months Duffy has served more than 3,300 patients across the 15 towns of Barnstable County; more than 30,000 visits annually. Duffy is a unique health center in that it serves a very medically complex and marginalized patient population: while 15% of patients are truly homeless – living on the street, in cars or in tents – the remaining are our seasonally-employed and under-employed neighbors living in unstable housing situations.

Perfectly Different Faces is available for sale via Kindle Direct Publishing on Amazon for \$13.99. \$10 of each sale goes directly back to Duffy Health Center to support recovery support services. Duffy Health Center hopes to have local shops and bookstores carry it, as well.

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