

Don't Discriminate

Directions: Read each of the following scenarios. Then answer the questions that follow.

Michelle Oaks is thankful she beat cancer. But her medicine left her almost deaf and short for her age. Classmates at her New Hampshire high school bullied her for these things and even said she faked her illness. She responded to the mean teasing by talking about her experience. She hopes doing so will help her classmates understand childhood cancer.

a. Who is being discriminated against in this situation? Why?

b. Who stood up against this discrimination and how did he/she/they do it?

Abby Brammer was happy that a restaurant in her New York town was going to hire her to work after school. But the manager changed his mind when he met her in person and saw that she was African American. Friends held signs outside the restaurant in protest. Many from the town refused to eat there. After Abby sued the restaurant, the owner agreed to be fair when hiring workers.

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When Rochelle Hamilton began high school in Northern California, students and adults bullied her for being a lesbian. They said mean things to her. They also would not let her in the girls' locker room. Rochelle's mother met with school officials for months, but nothing changed. Rochelle and her mother then turned to a group that helps protect people's rights. When the group pointed out that the school was breaking the law, the school finally agreed to make things better.

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