

ADVOCATES

First, we listen ...

"Each of Us Is a Person First"

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a **P**erson is a human being, not a thing or label that should be treated

Equally regardless of their race, ethnicity, background and not by their mental illness. A human being, both you or I should be treated with

Respect and regard. Everyone is

Significant, special and has something to offer. Each person wants and should be given an

Opportunity to be just themselves. No one should be judged by their appearance, sexual orientation, sex, religion and etc. But to be known for who they are. If we could learn to be

Neutral or the same to everyone, the world we be better. We must take into consideration others'

Feelings as well and not let our own biases or judgments

Interfere with getting to know the person as an individual. It's our responsibility to give

Respect to all and if we only tried to be more

Selfless and understanding we could overcome so many challenges. Remember to

Treat people how you want to be treated and treasure them for who they are. Do not label or classify them by illness, race or etc. but recognize they are people first.

"In the end antiblack, antifemale and all forms of discrimination are equivalent to the same thing- anti-humanism". – Shirley Chisholm