Disabled community is meaningful, featuring Keri Gray

Keri Gray, founder and CEO of Keri Gray Group, advises young professionals, businesses, and organizations on issues around race, gender, disability, and intersectionality. In this video interview, she elaborates on the ways in which her identity as a black, disabled woman connects her to a community and a culture.

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     [percussion and piano music]

KERI GRAY: I am a young-adult black woman, sitting in a chair. On my right leg is a prosthetic limb, and I am wearing a red romper with a black head wrap.

My name is Keri Gray. Keri Gray is a black, disabled woman, and there’s power behind that.

Disability, I think, first just describes my reality in which I live, the ways in which it impacts my body and my experience, but I think even more than that, disability to me is about a connection to a community and a culture.

And that’s what I’ve found over my journey over the last so many years. I’m connected to over 50 million people here in the United States that have some type of disability, whether that’s visible or invisible. That sense of community is, like, powerful and meaningful.

VOICE-OVER: Where are you in your Journey to Inclusion? For more information, go to DisabilityPhilanthropy.org, and promote using the hashtag DisabilityInclusion. Brought to you by the Presidents’ Council on Disability Inclusion in Philanthropy.

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