

FUNDRAISER FOR THE ABLE NETWORK BY JOLEN MCPHEE

On Saturday July 29, 2017 the new Pita Pit in Aurora had a fundraiser for The ABLE Network on their Friends and Family Day as part of their Grand Opening weekend. Pita Pit is located at Bayview Ave. and St. John's Sideroad in Aurora. My mom works at the new Pita Pit, and she made lots of delicious pitas for all the people in the restaurant that day! I had a Chicken Caesar pita with bacon, and a strawberry banana smoothie. They were awesome! Thank you to Natasha and the awesome staff at Pita Pit Aurora! Thank you to everyone who came to Pita Pit that day to try the yummy pitas and donate to The ABLE Network! It was awesome!



Jennifer, Jolen and Natasha.



Jolen, Celine, Lindsay, Rianne, Cathy and Rachelle.



Jolen and his grandparents.

A STUDENT'S SUMMER AT ABLE AURORA BY JENNA GALLUCCIO

My name is Jenna Galluccio and I am currently working towards an Honours English Degree at Wilfrid Laurier University. Although it feels like just yesterday, I was hired as The ABLE Network's Summer Student in May, 2017. My first weeks with the welcoming organization entailed a lot of learning on my behalf, and this learning was encouragingly furthered by the helpful staff and participants here at ABLE! Over the course of the summer, I have been constantly inspired by the participants' willingness to learn, engage with their community and support others whenever possible. Whether volunteering at The Clothes Closet, fulfilling job placements, or working out at the gym, everyone at ABLE shares an optimistic attitude that has motivated me greatly. Additionally, tending to the Giving Garden and engaging participants in music with my ukulele have made for an exceptional summer work experience! As I near the end of my summer with The ABLE Network Aurora, I look forward to getting the further education necessary to work in this field in the future.



Jenna collecting the produce from the garden.

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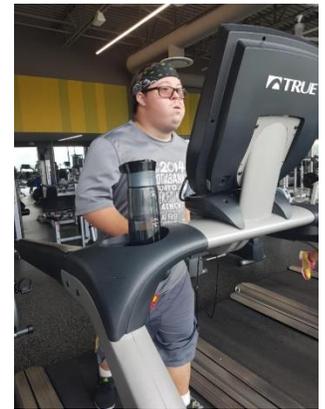
The Annual Parent Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 22nd from 7:00-8:30PM at Trinity Anglican Church, 79 Victoria Street, Aurora. The meeting will cover program highlights, a financial update, an expansion update and fundraising for 2017/2018.

WORKING OUT AT THE GYM WITH OUR VOLUNTEER BY MICHAEL BOLTON



Michael & Chris.

We had a new volunteer at ABLE Aurora this summer. His name is Chris and he was coming two days a week to work out with us at the gym. He took turns working out with us. When I worked out with him, we went on the treadmills side by side and we lifted weights together. Chris showed me good form. I like working out with him because he knows a lot about wrestling and he knows a lot about fitness and he's a nice guy and a cool guy. I work harder when I work out with a partner. I want to make people proud of me and it gives me more energy. It was fun working with Chris because I look up to him and respect him. I want to look like him and be strong like him. Chris told me it's important to be healthy and not just look good.



Michael increasing his speed & incline.

MY JOB AT AURORA HOME HARDWARE BY NICK PORTER

I have been doing my work placement at the Aurora Home Hardware store for about four years now. I really like working there because my co-workers are very friendly. The other special thing about Home Hardware is that they have a big, orange store cat named Tigger. I like to pet him. I don't have a uniform but I have many Home Hardware t-shirts and sweatshirts to wear to work. My supervisor is Sarah. She gets me to dust all of the paint cans, face the products on the shelves, sweep the showroom, the back room and in the summertime I also sweep the garden centre. There is always something to do! My favourite task is dusting the paint cans. When I went back to work after shut down, Sarah gave me some good news. She said I am going to start getting paid for my work at Home Hardware. I am so happy and proud that I am going to be earning a pay cheque. I plan to save my money so that I can buy a lamp and a TV for my new apartment. I am going to keep working hard!



Nick working in the paint aisle.



Nick working in the garden centre.

ON THE CALENDAR THIS MONTH

Character Trait for July & August: Fairness

Celebrating a birthday in July & August:

Jessica, Meredith, Jenna, Ryan M, Evan,

Important Dates to Remember:

August 07th : ABLE closed for Civic Holiday

August 22nd : Annual Parent Meeting

Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon:

Sunday, October 22nd



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