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MY PAID JOB AT ACS DISTRIBUTING BY DEVIN TURNER



Devin with some of the staff at ACS.

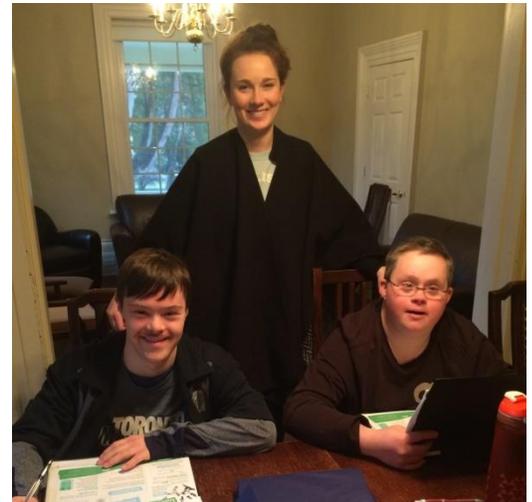
I have been working at ACS Distributing in Aurora for about five years now. ACS Distributing is a bike warehouse on Allaura Blvd. I work there on Monday and Thursday mornings. It's my job to take out the garbage and recycling, sweep the warehouse and stack the bike handles in order. I also help the ladies in the SSG Gloves office with their garbage and recycling. I work with Stu, Cathy, Dan and Terry. They are all so friendly. Cathy and Stu pay me for my work. I really like getting a pay cheque. It makes me feel proud, happy and joyful. The thing I like best about it, is that I can help and helping is in my nature.



Devin with his pay cheque.

ABLE AURORA WELCOMES A NEW STAFF MEMBER BY LAUREN BASKERVILLE

My name is Lauren Baskerville and I graduated from Wilfred Laurier with an Honours Degree in Communications and a minor in Psychology. I have recently been hired as a Program Facilitator at The Able Network Aurora to help cover a maternity leave. The program's dedication to community involvement is inspiring to me. However, I am even further impressed with the participants' desire to learn and grow, as well as the much-needed contributions they have made to the community. I was overwhelmed by the warm welcome I have received from both participants and staff. I am very excited that I have been given the opportunity to join the team and am looking forward to the months ahead.



Ryan, Lauren & Evan doing a literacy activity.

MY JOB AT L'ARCHE CANADA FOUNDATION BY THERESA CONRAD

I go to L'Arche Canada Foundation by myself on the VIVA bus. When I get to work, I call the ABLE cell phone. My boss is Marianne. She is nice just like all the people there. I like my jobs at L'Arche Canada Foundation. I help with the mail by stamping envelopes in the machine. I also shred old documents in the shredder. I sweep the floor near the shredder to keep my work space clean. I have to change the bag in the shredder too. People need to know about L'Arche and the good things they do at L'Arche. L'Arche is a very important part of the community. I really like my job at L'Arche.



Theresa at L'Arche Canada Foundation.

SPEAKING TO THE CANADIAN FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN BY MEREDITH ALLAN

On February 28th, Céline and I were invited to speak to the Canadian Federation of University women. Their meeting was held at the legion in Aurora. Mary Bastedo asked us to come and speak to the group about the ABLE Network and my life in the community. I did a power point presentation about my life and Céline talked about ABLE. There were a lot of people there but I wasn't nervous. They were really interested to learn about my life and our program. After we finished talking, the women asked us questions and there was coffee and snacks. They gave us both a mug and gave the ABLE Network a generous donation. We had a great time!



Céline, Meredith and Mary Bastedo

MY FIRST MONTH AT ABLE RICHMOND HILL BY MEGAN PRITCHARD

I take the 98 bus to able and home from ABLE by myself. When I get on the bus I tap my card to ride the bus. I like doing cleaning duties and helping keep the Dayspring clean. I like cleaning the table and kitchen the best. I enjoy going to the library and finding drawing books there. I take the VIVA Blue there. I like going to the gym in the morning with my friend Theresa. I take the bus to the gym and use my fitness binder to work out. I have lots of friends here and I like talking to them. I do the big puzzle and help people put the pieces together after lunch. I really like coming to ABLE, everyone is really nice.



Megan working out at the gym.

STUDENT PLACEMENT BY ALEXIA KHORSANDI

My name is Alexia Khorsandi and I am an education student at Queen's University, graduating this year. I am currently doing my alternative placement at the ABLE Network. I have loved working at The ABLE Network for the past two weeks. I enjoy working with all of the participants and their positive attitudes. I love how much The ABLE Network is involved in the community. I've had the opportunity to do literacy activities and volunteer work with the participants, visit them at their various work placements and go to the gym.



Nick, Alexia and Evan doing volunteer work at the Clothes Closet.

ON THE CALENDAR THIS MONTH

March 17th: St. Patrick's Day

March 20th: First Day of Spring

April 14th: Good Friday, ABLE Network Closed

April 16th: Easter Sunday

Celebrating a birthday in Mar & Apr: Mina, Michael, Andrew, Mary, Cierra & Kirstene



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