

## ABLE NETWORK PARTICIPANTS IN AURORA RECEIVED THE COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD FROM THE TOWN OF AURORA



Ryan, Michael, Barb, Elaine, Meredith & Nick receiving the award.

The participants of the ABLE Network Aurora were honoured to receive the Community Leadership Award from the Town of Aurora. This award is for individuals who have enhanced the Town through their contribution, commitment and leadership in charitable giving, civic engagement and community spirit. The ABLE Network certainly fits the bill. Combined, our participants perform over 70 hours of volunteer work per week!



The award.

## MY PAID JOB AT TIM HORTON'S BY DEBBIE STECKLEY

I work at Tim Horton's at Yonge St. and Bernard Ave and now I get paid for my shifts! I had to learn how to sign in and sign out for my shifts on the computer. At work, I clean the tables and shelves in the lobby and I clean the plates, mugs, bowls, spoons, knives, and forks in the kitchen. I usually work two afternoons per week. I walk to work by myself. I wear a uniform to work. I have a Tim Horton's top, Tim Horton's pants, my name tag, and my safety shoes. My co-workers are nice people. They are happy at their jobs. It is a nice place to work!



Debbie washing and sanitizing the dishes at Tim Horton's.

## THE GIVING GARDEN BY REBECCA TYHURST

We have been very busy working on the Giving Garden which is an awesome project we are doing together with Welcoming Arms. We work on the garden during some of our literacy/life skills periods and some of our gym periods. To get the garden ready for planting, we pulled out weeds and then we shovelled 2 truckloads of new soil donated by Sam & Mary from Snowball Garden Center onto the garden. Once we got the soil spread out evenly across the whole garden, we planted tomato plants, sweet potato plants, green, red, and yellow pepper plants, and flowers. Then we planted pumpkin seeds, squash seeds, zucchini seeds, cucumber seeds and bean seeds. We will care for the garden by keeping it watered and by weeding it regularly. Once the harvest is ready, we will pick the vegetables and they will be given to the clients of Bridging the Gap. We really enjoy gardening. It's great exercise and it's fun!



Soil delivery.



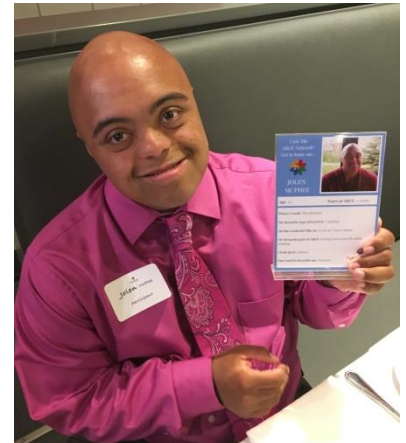
Planting the garden.

## CELEBRATING THE FIRST ANNUAL COME TO THE TABLE FOR ABLE RICHMOND HILL BY THE RICHMOND HILL PARTICIPANTS



Jenna

The first "Come To The Table For ABLE" dinner in Richmond Hill was a great success! We raised over \$20,000.00! Thank you to Piatto Vecchio Restaurant in Richmond Hill for the fantastic service, atmosphere, and delicious food. We would also like to thank our Board of Directors for their hard work planning and organizing this event. A HUGE thank you goes out to everyone who donated money, raffle prizes, auction items, and attended in support of The ABLE Network! We can't wait for next year!



Jolen



Lindsay & Theresa



Lindsay, Megan & Kirstene



Meghan & Debbie



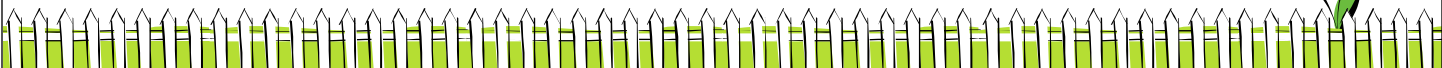
Kayla

### QUOTES FROM OUR RICHMOND HILL PARTICIPANTS BY RH PARTICIPANTS

- Yasmin - "I liked selling the raffle tickets!"
- Jessica - "The best part was laughing with Jolen!"
- Jenna - "Thank you for all of your support at the first Come To The Table For ABLE in Richmond Hill!"
- Theresa - "I liked spending quality time with my family talking about ABLE."
- Jolen - "The food was awesome!" "I like that my Mommy won prizes!"
- Megan - "The best part was when I won my new headphones!"
- Kayla - "I liked drawing the raffle tickets and reading the numbers into the microphone."
- Debbie - "I had a fun time talking at my table." "I liked helping ABLE!"

### ON THE CALENDAR THIS MONTH

- Character Traits for May & June: Respect & Optimism**
- Celebrating a birthday in May & June: Adam, Chris, Ryan, Karen, Devin, Theresa & Jenna G**
- Important Dates to Remember:**
- July 03<sup>rd</sup>:** ABLE closed for Canada Day
- Summer Shutdown:** July 17<sup>th</sup> - July 28<sup>th</sup>
- Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon:** Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>



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