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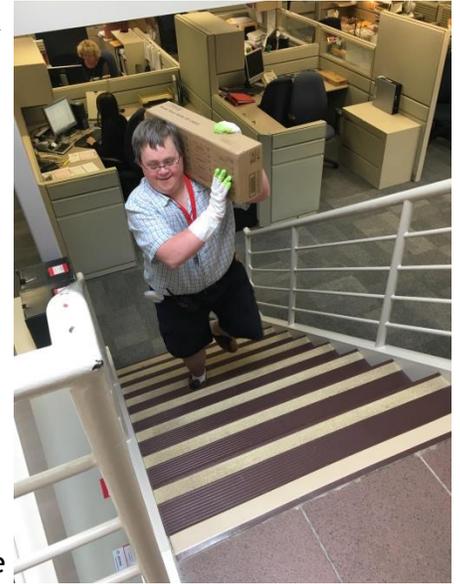
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## MY JOB AT THE YORK REGION DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD BY EVAN FAWNS



Evan signing for a Fed Ex package.

I started a new job in April at the York Region District School Board. I work every Monday and Wednesday afternoon with the custodians. Alex & Eric are my supervisors and they are really nice. They tell me that I do a good job. When I arrive at work, I sign for packages and then I deliver them. It's fun to meet everyone! Afterwards, I go around the building and collect all of the garbage and recycling and I put it in a great big bin and then take it outside to the dumpsters. I also clean the windows. My favourite task is cleaning the windows on the front doors because I get to hold the door and say hello to everyone. Most people know my name and think I'm friendly. It makes me proud.



Evan delivering a package.

## MY STUDENT PLACEMENT AT ABLE BY SOLEDAD HERRERA

My name is Soledad Herrera. I am enrolled in the Behavioural Sciences program at Seneca College. I enjoy my student placement at the ABLE Network, because I enjoy helping individuals with disabilities realize their potential to be independent. Everyone deserves an equal opportunity for success and The ABLE Network ensures that. I love getting to know all the participants and they never fail to bring a smile to my face. Thank you to the staff and participants at The ABLE Network for allowing me to gain valuable experience!



Soledad, Yasmin, and Jenna working at Richmond Hill Public Library.

## UPDATE ON THE SCOTIABANK TORONTO WATERFRONT MARATHON

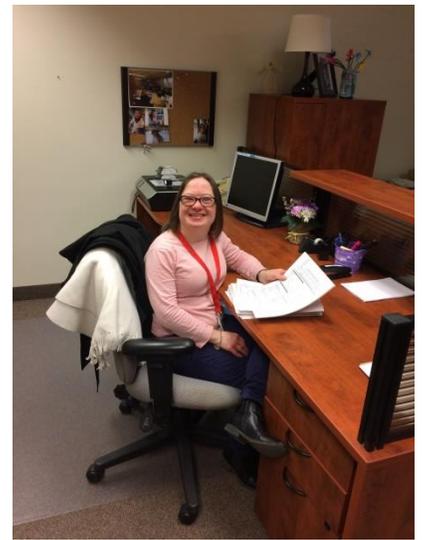
The Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon is less than three weeks away. We have already raised over \$23 000.00 which is halfway to our goal! Our participants are excited and looking forward to the big day. ABLE has been donated a bus that will leave the GO parking lot at the 404 and Wellington Street East in Aurora 6:30AM on Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. The marathon starts at 8:00AM and then the bus will drive us back to the same spot in Aurora when the walk is over. In past years we have been back before noon. We will also be providing a brown bag breakfast for people on the bus. Please let Barb know as soon as possible if you would like a seat on the bus ([barb.allan@theablenetwork.ca](mailto:barb.allan@theablenetwork.ca)). We would like everyone to have an ABLE t-shirt to wear while they are walking as it makes us much more identifiable. Please let us know if you need one. If you would like ABLE to pick up your race packet at the Direct Energy Centre, please forward Barb the email with your bib number (you should receive this email on Oct, 18<sup>th</sup>) and a note granting The ABLE Network permission to pick it up. All staff and participants look forward to seeing you there.

## MY JOB AT THE YORK REGION DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD BY GEMMA KIDD



Gemma processing the mail.

In April, I started a new job at the York Region District School Board. I work every Wednesday afternoon from 1:00-3:00PM. The past principal from the school where I volunteer also works there. My supervisors are Patti and Lori. They are very nice. They bring in a lot of treats but I try to resist them. I like working in an office. I re-stock the photocopier, water the plants, collect the garbage and recycling in my department, process the mail, do the shredding and sometimes some filing. I really like my new job and all of my tasks. I like seeing my friend Evan at work. This job makes me feel really, really, really happy and grateful for the opportunity.



Gemma at her desk.

## MY CO-OP PLACEMENT AT ABLE BY LINDSAY HALL

I am a fourth year Seneca college student pursuing an Honours Bachelor of Therapeutic Recreation Degree. Prior to my degree program, I completed a two year diploma in Recreation and Leisure Services at Seneca. Over the course of the past several years, I have volunteered at the ABLE Network, I have done student field placements, I have worked part time as needed as a relief staff, and I am currently fulfilling my co-op requirements this semester. I work Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays at the Richmond Hill location and Thursdays at the Aurora location. I'm fortunate to work with such remarkable participants and dedicated staff in both locations and I have gained very valuable skills and experience during my time at ABLE. It is truly a pleasure to be part of such an amazing program and I look forward to applying everything I have learned during my time at ABLE as I pursue my career as a Recreational Therapist.



Evan, Lindsay and Nick work as a team each week at the Clothes Closet. Together, they man the store, serving customers and sorting the incoming clothes.

## ON THE CALENDAR

**October 9<sup>th</sup>:** Thanksgiving - ABLE closed  
**October 22<sup>nd</sup>:** STWM

**Celebrating a birthday in Sept. & Oct.:**  
Rebecca, Elaine, Gemma & Barb

**Nov. 01<sup>st</sup>:** Come to the Table for ABLE  
Aurora

**Nov. 03<sup>rd</sup> & 04<sup>th</sup>:** Stouffville Home for  
Christmas Tour of Homes



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