

MY NEW JOB WORKING AT L'ARCHE DAYBREAK BY MINA HANNA

I have a great new job. I work at L'Arche Daybreak. I collect the garbage and recycling. I work on Friday mornings from 9:30AM -11:30AM. I pick up the garbage and recycling from six different buildings at L'Arche. I wear gloves to protect my hands and use a big cart to do my job. I get the cart from the barn beside the Woodery.

I really like my job because I like to help out. I feel good about my job. I am so proud of myself! I get a pay cheque for my work and that makes me happy. For now, I am putting my pay cheque in the bank and saving my money. Sometimes during literacy Lindsay and Kirstene teach us how to budget our money.



Meredith working on the computer at Town Hall.

BACK AT THE ABLE NETWORK BY AMANDA BREININGER

Hello everyone! I am very excited to be back at ABLE from my maternity leave. I missed everyone dearly. I have really enjoyed learning about each individual participant and hearing about their successes over this past year. I am excited to be part of the ABLE team once again and am looking forward to working with my amazing co-workers at both the Aurora and Richmond Hill locations. My year off was very busy, fun and rewarding, but I am eager to get back into the routine of working life. I would like to say thank you to each participant and staff member for welcoming me back with open arms. I am happy to see what the year 2016 brings and to watch all ABLE participants change and grow.



Brent, Nick, Andrew, Adam Meredith & Amanda

WORKING WITH OUR VOLUNTEER LOREN BY JOLEN MCPHEE

Every Tuesday Loren Porter volunteers with our literacy program. She brings games like Quick Cups and Build It. They are awesome! I like to play Justin Bieber after I work on my reading and writing. During our breaks we walk around the pond and count ducks. We talk about swimming and Loren thinks the pond is a yucky place to swim. After lunch we go to the gym. Tuesdays are a good day for Loren and me.



Loren & Jolen.

HERE WE GROW AGAIN!

The ABLE Network Richmond Hill is very happy to welcome another new participant. Jenna will be joining the group in early January, bringing the number of participants at this location up to five. She will attend three days per week initially and then increase to five days in the spring. Welcome Jenna!

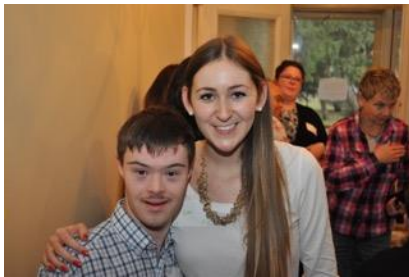
THE ABLE NETWORK HELD THEIR 8TH ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE BY ELAINE HURST



Jolen, Loren, Theresa & Debbie at the Open House.



Debbie & Elaine working at the bake sale table.



Ryan & Sam.



Meredith & Lindsay.

On December 21st we held our 8th annual Christmas Open House. We invited our families, friends, work place supervisors and community partners. Many people came. We served hot apple cider and a lot of Christmas treats that we had baked. We also held a bake sale to raise money for Welcoming Arms. On the Friday before the Open House, we decorated gingerbread cookie trees with Katie and her mom Joyce. We wrapped them in Christmas bags and put them in the sale. We raised \$388.00 for Welcoming Arms! It was fun to have all of our friends here. We had a full house!

CONGRATULATIONS TO JOLEN, EVAN, BRENT & MEREDITH

Congratulations to Jolen, Evan, Brent and Meredith for winning the character award for the random acts of kindness challenge for the month of December. Each day an act of kindness was revealed on our calendar of care and the participants were very motivated to carry them out. Well done!!!

ON THE CALENDAR THIS MONTH

- Character Trait of the Month: Respect**
- January 01: New Year's Day**
- January 15: Farewell Luncheon for Katie**
- Celebrating a birthday this month: Brent & Nick**



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