

CLAY CLASSES AT PINE TREE POTTERS' GUILD BY JENNA CAPPUCCITTI

In September and October some of my friends from ABLE and I went to clay class. Our teacher Carol Teal applied for and received a grant from the Ontario Arts Council to have clay classes. We went on Monday afternoons. My friends from ABLE in Richmond Hill and I took the VIVA Blue bus to Aurora. We ate our lunch with our friends at ABLE in Aurora, then we walked to the Pine Tree Potter's Guild at Aurora Public Library for clay class. Carol was our teacher. She taught us how to make lots of stuff. We made vases, plates, animals, and picture frames. After Carol fired our projects in the kiln, we got to paint them. I loved having fun with my friends. It felt great to learn how to make so many things!



Jenna working on her vase.



Some of the completed projects.



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COME TO THE TABLE FOR ABLE VIII BY REBECCA TYHURST



Rebecca making the welcome toast.

We held our eighth annual "Come to the Table for ABLE" on Wednesday October 26th. It took place at Joia restaurant. I gave the toast to welcome the guests. I made a short speech and I wasn't nervous. I had a lot of fun at the dinner and the food was good! After we ate, the other participants and I got to draw the winning tickets for the raffle prizes. Come to the Table for ABLE raised \$31,000 for The ABLE Network.



Our founding Directors,
Joan & Barb.

MY FIELD PLACEMENT BY KRISTIN ELDER

My name is Kristin Elder and I attend Georgian College for Social Service Work. I was given the opportunity to complete my field placement at The Able Network in Aurora on Mondays and Tuesdays. I have taken part in many activities such as working at the Clothes Closet, job visits, literacy, and the gym. I have learned so much in my time here and I am so grateful for that. Every person from staff to participants has helped me to become a better person and future social worker. December 13th will be my last day with ABLE and I wanted to say thank you to everyone who from the moment I walked in the door made me feel welcome. Thank you for allowing me to learn as much as I could in a short amount of time. I will miss everyone and wish you all nothing but the best.



Kristin working with Evan & Nick.

HIGH SCHOOL CO-OP FIELD PLACEMENT BY ANDREW CASEY

My name is Andrew Casey. I am a Grade 12 Student at Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School. This semester, I am doing a Co-operative Education Placement at The ABLE Network- Aurora. So far I have had the opportunity to help run literacy activities, work out alongside participants at the gym, and help to meal plan and shop for Friday lunch. I've also been able to do a lot of volunteer work with participants through activities such as Clothes Closet, Pews & Bread, as well as setting up for the weekly Welcome Table community dinner. Looking ahead to post-secondary, I plan to attend Fleming College in Lindsey, Ontario for their Outdoor Adventure Education program. I hope to one day work as a Tour Guide at Banff National Park in Alberta; however I would also very much like to return to The ABLE Network as a staff member when I finish college. I am so grateful to have been given the opportunity to do my co-op placement with The ABLE Network! At ABLE, there is such a sense of community and a willingness to accept new people! All of the participants have really made me feel welcome in their community. I am also very lucky to have the opportunity to work alongside such amazing co-workers as Céline, Amanda, and Karen! They have really made me feel like part of the team!! Thank you ABLE for providing me with this incredible learning experience!



Rebecca & Andrew at clay class.

“HOME FOR CHRISTMAS” TOUR BY MICHAEL BOLTON

After Able on Friday, November 04th Barb, Céline, Doug and I went out for dinner and then we headed to the Willow Springs Winery in Stouffville. Our job for the evening was to greet and serve the guests who had gone on the “Home for Christmas Tour” which is a fundraiser for The ABLE Network and one other charity. The room looked nice because it was decorated for Christmas and they were playing Christmas music. There were a lot of people there so we had to be careful not to spill the trays. I really liked working as a server. We worked for about three and half hours until all of the food was served. It was a fun evening and a successful fundraiser!



Douglas & Michael serving appetizers at the winery.

A BIG THANK YOU TO APPLE STORAGE BY DOUG SOOLEY

On behalf of ABLE, I would like to thank Apple Self Storage. They generously donated \$10 to ABLE for every unit that was rented in October & November. \$13, 400.00 was raised!! Thank you.



Scott Allan, Jeff Allan, Doug & Phil Allan with the cheque for ABLE.

ON THE CALENDAR THIS MONTH

November 11: Remembrance Day

December 20: Christmas Open House, Aurora

December 21: Christmas Open House, Richmond Hill
Celebrating a birthday in Nov. & Dec.: Doug, Celine, Lindsay

Christmas Shutdown: December 22nd - January 02nd inclusive



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