



# ABLE2 Moments

May 2023



## **Evening in the Maritimes - Silent Auction is now open! Let the Bidding Begin!**

Our Silent Auction is now open to everyone for online bidding. You do not need to be an attendee at Evening in the Maritimes to get in on the bidding action. More than 100 exceptional items are available, and there is something to suit everyone. Here is a sneak peek at a few of them.

### 1 Week at Melia Las Americas, Veradero Cuba

- 5-star all-inclusive hotel
- Adults only, 18+ resort

### Moosehead Beer Fridge

- Moosehead tool chest beer fridge, dimensions 17" x 18" x 32"
- Adjustable fridge temperature

### \$250 Gift Certificate North & Navy in Ottawa

- Voted one of Canada's 100 best restaurants
- <https://northandnavy.com/>

### Ottawa Senators Signed Team Jersey

- Signed by all players on the current Ottawa Senators team

**To view all the items and start bidding - text "ABLE2" to 613-777-1951 or scan the QR Code.**



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Hello!

My name is Jessica Franklin, I am the Administrative Assistant for Communications, Engagement, and Fundraising at ABLE2. I'm thrilled to be this year's Ottawa Race Weekend ABLE2 Team Captain.

Over the last two years of working with ABLE2 I've had the opportunity to connect with many of our wonderful service users, family members, and volunteers. I hope to meet many more of you as this year's team captain.

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This event is special to me because it gives me an opportunity to support the community I live in and to help my fellow individuals with disabilities.

Join me and the rest of the ABLE2 Team to Run, Walk, or Roll or Donate on May 27 and 28.



### Adult Protective Services Investment (APSW)

Thinking of moving to your own place?

We are here to help with the planning!

Working with a Planning Facilitator, ABLE2 is offering support for individuals with a development disability who would like to move to their own home.

From now until March 2024, this program is funded by the Ontario Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services. It is available for people who are registered with [Developmental Service Ontario – Eastern Region \(DSO-ER\) office](#) for DS residential services and who have been assessed with low support needs.

You and your Planning Facilitator will create your plan and talk about factors that you will need to consider when living on your own such as finances, housing options, access to services and supports, what resources are available to help you find your new home.

Living independently is exciting and rewarding. This is a great time to talk with your Planning Facilitator about what that may be like for you and how you would like to integrate into the community.

Let's start planning today!

For more information about APSW support with ABLE2, contact [pdpf@able2.org](mailto:pdpf@able2.org) or call 613-761-9522.

To make a referral and to find out if you are eligible for this funded support, contact the Developmental Service Ontario – Eastern Region (DSO-ER) office at [dsohousing@dsoer.ca](mailto:dsohousing@dsoer.ca) or 1-855-376-3737.

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## Faces of ABLE2



## Rod Carpenter - The Inspiration for Reach Canada | ABLE2

In February of this year, Reach Canada lost one of its founding members and the inspiration for its inception, Rod Carpenter. To say Rod was an exceptional person is an understatement. Born with cerebral palsy, he was passed along through his high school classes despite less-than-stellar grades.

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## Julie's Story - A Mother's Love | ABLE2

Hello, I'd like to introduce myself, I am Julie Cashman and I am co-chair of Consumer Action Committee with ABLE2.

This is my story about me and my mom Joanne Cashman who died of ovarian cancer in October 2019.

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## Jim Kyte - Evening in the Maritimes Honorary Chair | ABLE2

Evening in the Maritimes has a new Honorary Chair at the helm: community leader and advocate for accessibility and inclusion, Jim Kyte. As Honorary Chair, Jim will help ABLE2 promote the 2023 edition of Evening in the Maritimes, scheduled for May 11, 2023, at The Westin Ottawa.

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## Rick's Story - Confessions of a Volunteer Fraud | ABLE2

I have a confession to make. People sometimes think I am such a good person for taking part in ABLE2's Matching program, and that through my "volunteering", I am making a real difference in my community. I need to get this off my chest though: I have not considered [...]

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## 2023 National AccessAbility Week

This year's *National AccessAbility Week* (May 28 — June 3) will be packing an extra punch.

While the government sponsored week celebrates the contributions of Canadians with disabilities, this year's iteration coincides with the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for large federally-regulated employers to publish an accessibility plan. (Employers with 1-0–99 employees have until next year to comply.)

[\*The Accessible Canada Act\*](#) (implemented in 2019) requires employers to consult people with disabilities as they set up accessibility plans and a feedback mechanism to monitor them. The intent is to create a “barrier-free Canada” by 2040.

The Act is intended to have wide implications for employment, customer service, physical spaces, infrastructure, communication and information systems. Federal government agencies, transportation companies, banks, broadcasters, the armed forces and RCMP must all comply.

One of the first organizations to publish its accessibility plan this year was the [Privy Council Office](#), the department charged with assisting the prime minister to shepherd legislation through Parliament.

Transportation for people with disabilities continues to be challenging. In March, Auditor General Karen Hogan reported that [two-thirds of Canadians with disabilities](#) encountered barriers when travelling on trains and planes in 2019-2020. Her report noted that the Canadian Transportation Agency has only four employees to enforce hundreds of rules for 130 transportation providers. Hogan also suggested that VIA Rail and the Canadian Air Transport Security Authority study patterns in customer service data rather than just deal with individual complaints, and remedy the low participation rate of managers and executives in their mandatory accessibility training programs.

Canada's *National AccessAbility Week* was established as part of The Accessible Canada Act and includes an annual congress on disability inclusion. Although details of the 2023 congress were still not available in late April, last year's virtual congress included a career fair and a showcase of innovative projects and products.

By Frank B Edwards





**ABLE2**  
**2022 Annual General Meeting**  
 June 14, 2023, 5:00 PM to 6 PM  
 Join in person or virtually

Register



**Reach**  
**2022 Annual General Meeting**  
 June 14, 2023, 6 PM - 7 PM  
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**Virtual Dinning Social Group for Adults with FASD**

ABLE2 [Virtual Dining Social Group for Adults with FASD](#) meets every other Wednesday evening. Join us for a chat and to meet new friends online, to talk about what matters to you and to have a few laughs.

Up coming dates are Wednesday, May 10 and 24 on Zoom from 5:30 to 6:30 pm.

On June 14, we will be getting together in person at Mooney’s Bay before breaking for the summer. If you would like to learn more about the *Virtual Dining Group for Adults with FASD* come meet us and enjoy some pizza and sweet treats! Registration is required.

Contact Darlene Donnelly at [ddonnelly393@gmail.com](mailto:ddonnelly393@gmail.com) to register for May virtual or June in person gatherings.



**Reach Celebration Event**  
 Thursday September 28, 2023  
 5:30 - 8:30 PM  
[The Bayview Yards](#)  
 7 Bayview Station RD  
 Ottawa, ON K1Y 2C5

Join us on September 28 in the RBC Foundry Room at the Bayview Yards to toast and recognize Ottawa’s legal community for 42 years of providing



legal referral service for the Ottawa disability community.

This high-profile evening will feature a cocktail reception, music and a live auction with proceeds going to support equal access to justice for persons with disabilities.



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## Community Resources & Events



[Service Coordination Support](#)

[OC Transpo Travel Training Program](#)

[211 Ontario](#)

[Developmental Services Ontario: https://www.dsontario.ca/](https://www.dsontario.ca/)

[Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services: Services for adults with Developmental Disabilities](#)

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ABLE2 is pleased to receive funding from the Government of Canada's *New Horizons for Seniors Program* for a Grow Education workshop series for seniors "Healthy Ageing and Independence". This program funds projects that empower seniors in their communities and contribute to improving their health and well-being. Workshops will explore independence, support networks, mental health, and healthy ageing as well as building practical skills.

**Thank you to our funders!**



## Do you have a concern or questions about ABLE2's programs or services?

We have an external feedback and complaints resolution policy and procedure in place.

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