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### Mission Statement

It is the Mission of the Eppleworth Adult Centre to continually ensure a safe and reliable environment for the growth and enjoyment of its participants.

It is the mandate of the Eppleworth Adult Centre to promote the education of its members through encouragement of sound practices in education, life skills, cooperation, family values, physical fitness and community experiences.



### Alligators and Crocodiles and Snakes! Oh My!

We had to check our fears at the door and put on our brave faces when we visited the Reptilia, the reptile zoo. Before we explored the zoo, we had an educational session with one of the staff from Reptilia. We got very up close and personal with some of the featured reptiles. We were able to learn about and touch a lizard, turtle, skink, alligator and even a boa constrictor!

One of the smaller snakes crawled into the shirt of the Reptilia staff and got so tangled she had to take her shirt off to get the snake out! Later we toured the zoo and saw the alligators being feed, and the huge crocodiles. It was an amazing trip and we won't ever forget it.



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## A Three Hour Tour!

We set sail on the Toronto Ferry, destined for Centre Island. The winds were gusting but we made it safely ashore and our island exploration began. We visited the cows and goats, and Adam's favorite, the birds. We came across two gigantic cottage chairs and managed to get ourselves seated in them - four at a time! We drove antique cars and took a train ride through the park. The island was full of interesting things to see and do.



## The Sweetest Thing



Our sweet tooth was satisfied on our tour of the Redpath Sugar factory. We learned about where sugar came from, how it's made and how the different types of sugar are created. The sugar museum had pictures of the family who started the factory and some of the old machines used to make the sugar were on display. There was also a really neat display that had a bunch of characters from the movie "Lord of the Rings" made completely out of sugar! We all love to eat the treats that are made with sugar so learning about how it's made was the perfect trip!



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## Eppleworth's Got Talent

Our original production of Eppleworth's Got Talent got a lot of laughs at this year's Annual Fundraising Gala. It was our best performance to date, and we loved showing off our talents to our family and friends. The audience applauded and even booed (but we told them too!) in response to our dance routines and the to comments of our "judges". It was great fun, but the night did not stop there.



This year's special guest performance was one to remember. Paula Griffith and Stevie Gee, both talented vocalists and musicians, entertained us with their soulful performance. A special thanks Paula and Stevie for being part of a wonderful evening.



As always Dan the Man accompanied us on the piano as we belted out some of our

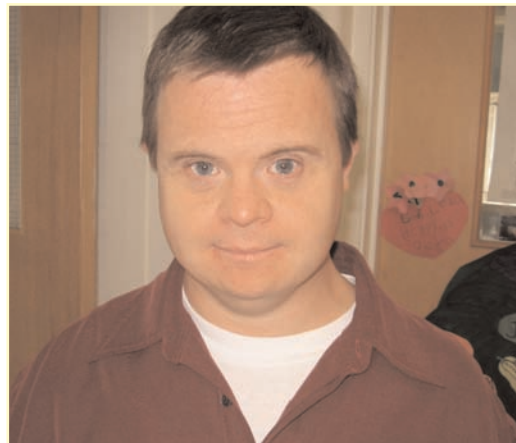
favorite songs and our "Dearest Darling Mary" was presented with the President's award for her years of dedication as an Eppleworth volunteer. We love you Mary!

Once again, we were thrilled at the number of supporters who took part in our event. We want to send a big thank you to our sponsors.



## Meet the Gang – Kevin

I come from England and Ireland. I always spend time with my family. I have loads of cousins. I like doing paperwork. I love my friends. I love the big bands. I am going to Ireland and England this summer. I go bowling every Saturday and I go to my other job on Saturday evenings at St. Rose. My family always celebrates St. Patrick's Day. My friends and I do Around the World, like England, Ireland, Scotland and Italy as well. Eppleworth is my family.



## From Jennifer's Desk

This year's Gala was a tremendous success. The participants put forth a strong effort preparing for their debut of Eppleworth's Got Talent and they had an outstanding performance. Eppleworth's supporters are growing in numbers with each passing year and Eppleworth is benefiting in so many ways. The program continues to grow stronger by offering creative and effective program activities, and the participant's are becoming more independent, confident and fulfilled. We've also had a new participant join us – a warm welcome to Andrew who has been a great complement to Eppleworth and has made many new friends. Being a part of Eppleworth is like being a part of one great big family!

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