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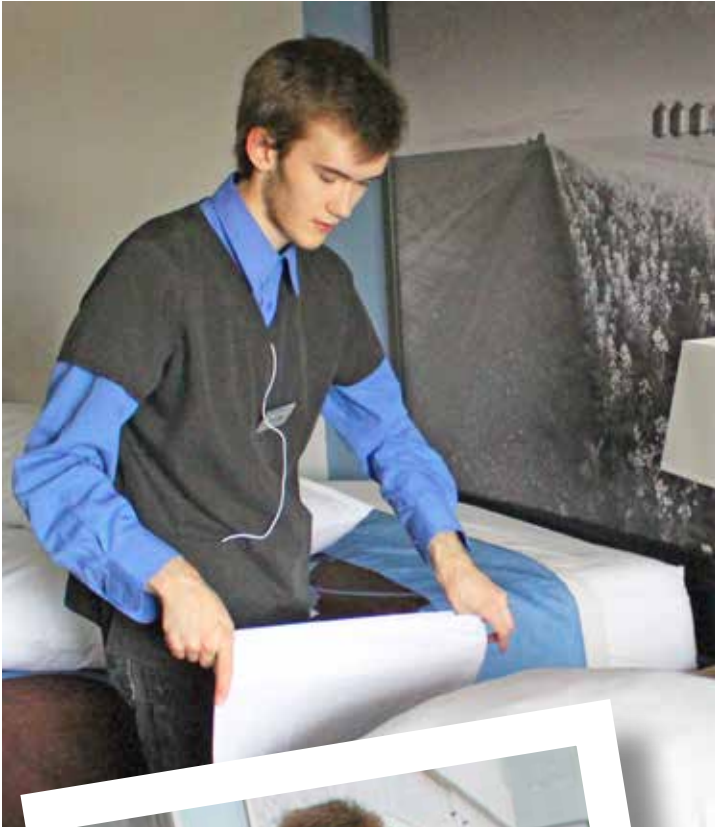
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Everyone Deserves a Chance to Succeed

In our previous letter, we introduced you to 17-year-old Tristian Gillert, a new Swift Current resident who benefits from SaskAbilities' Partners in Employment services. We also shared how your support plays a vital role in empowering young people experiencing disability or barriers to employment throughout Saskatchewan. Everyone deserves the opportunity to earn a living, contribute their unique skills, and thrive in a supportive workplace. We believe everyone should have the chance to succeed — don't you?

When Tristian first accessed Partners in Employment in Swift Current, he was quiet and reserved but very motivated to work towards finding a job that suited him. Paired with Community Connector, Dillon Currie, the two worked closely to identify Tristian's strengths, skills, and interests. "Working with Tristian has been inspiring! His initiative and follow-through as a young job seeker speaks volumes about his maturity. From day one of connecting with us, he was motivated to work towards finding a suitable position. As someone new to a community with no formal work experience, making connections and finding work can be difficult. Still, Tristian's drive and commitment to the process set him up for success," shares Dillon, reflecting on Tristian's hard work and dedication from day one.

Leveraging new virtual reality technology and CareerLabsVR simulation software at Partners in Employment, Tristian was able to explore potential jobs in a safe and supportive environment, helping him understand his interests and identify where his strengths could best be applied. "This technology allows job seekers like Tristian to try out realistic, interactive, and immersive career simulations essentially risk-free. There is also an educational component of learning about the roles and expectations of those careers. This helps to inform job seekers better in their career decision-making processes based on their experiences and insights gathered through CareerLabsVR and additional career information resources provided by the program," explains Dillon, also noting that the technology paired with Partners in Employment in-person services provides a well-rounded career exploration experience for their clients in southwest Saskatchewan.



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Donna McFadden,
Housekeeping Supervisor
Super 8 Hotel, Swift Current

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Since 1950, SaskAbilities has been dedicated to providing people experiencing disability with programs and services to enhance their lives. SaskAbilities' Partners in Employment services in Swift Current is a vital community hub linking job seekers experiencing disability or barriers to employment with local employers. Join us as a member and make a powerful statement: individuals like Tristian have the right to access vital supported employment services in their community!

Giving monthly is a simple way to become a member leader. Member Leaders are an important part of helping SaskAbilities fulfill its mission of supporting people experiencing disability with programs and services to enhance their lives.

A membership year runs from October 1 through to September 30. If this is your first year as a Member Leader, please note that we must receive \$150 in total contributions before September 30 to be eligible within the current year.

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Your support changes lives! Everyone, including Tristian, deserves the opportunity to gain meaningful employment, showcase their talents, and thrive in a nurturing work environment. Your membership makes that a reality for individuals experiencing disability or barriers to employment by ensuring access to essential programs and services like Partners in Employment. Together, through your membership, we can continue to build inclusive communities for people of all abilities.



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Deciding between two potential job options, Tristian was able to explore a simulated experience of both before ultimately deciding to pursue a room attendant position. "The technology was very immersive, which was helpful for me in making my decision," shares Tristian. "I got a clear understanding of what would be expected of me in that role through the simulation. The room attendant was a better fit for me, and that's the one I chose."

Since then, Tristian has secured a work placement at the Super 8 Hotel, which has evolved into a part-time position in the housekeeping department. Tristian's dedication to securing employment has contributed significantly to his success and motivation on the job. "This isn't an easy job. There's a lot to do and limited time to do it," shares Housekeeping Supervisor Donna McFadden, "Tristian's strength is in the quality of his work in cleaning the rooms. He's getting quicker, remembering everything that needs to be done, and seems more comfortable around the staff. People come and go in this type of job, but we hope Tristian stays."

Tristian is thriving in his new position and gaining confidence in his abilities. His once quiet and reserved demeanour has shifted to show a more self-assured, personable, and clever young man. On the job, Tristian is methodical in figuring out ways to improve

processes and thus become more efficient at tasks without cutting corners on quality. "Tristian shows great care in his work, demonstrating a high attention to detail and work ethic. In addition to these important soft skills, he is highly intelligent and a natural learner who would benefit any employer," insists Dillon, who could not be prouder of Tristian's success in securing and maintaining employment.

The power of creating employment opportunities for people experiencing disability or barriers to employment far exceeds a paycheck. Together, we can reduce social isolation, build confidence, increase financial stability, and enhance personal fulfillment. Become a member or renew your membership today to help us create more opportunities for individuals like Tristian. Your membership includes voting privileges at our Annual General Meeting, our newsletters, and the comfort of knowing you are improving the lives of individuals and families impacted by disability or barriers to employment.

Sincerely,



Ian Wilkinson
Executive Director

Your support is needed now more than ever! With a gift of \$25, \$50, \$75, or a leadership gift of \$150, you can make a lasting impact today. To express our appreciation, donors who contribute \$150 or more will be recognized as Member Leaders in our Annual Report — a provincial publication showcasing our achievements and progress.

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Please donate today and make a difference in our community. Together, we can build a more inclusive future!