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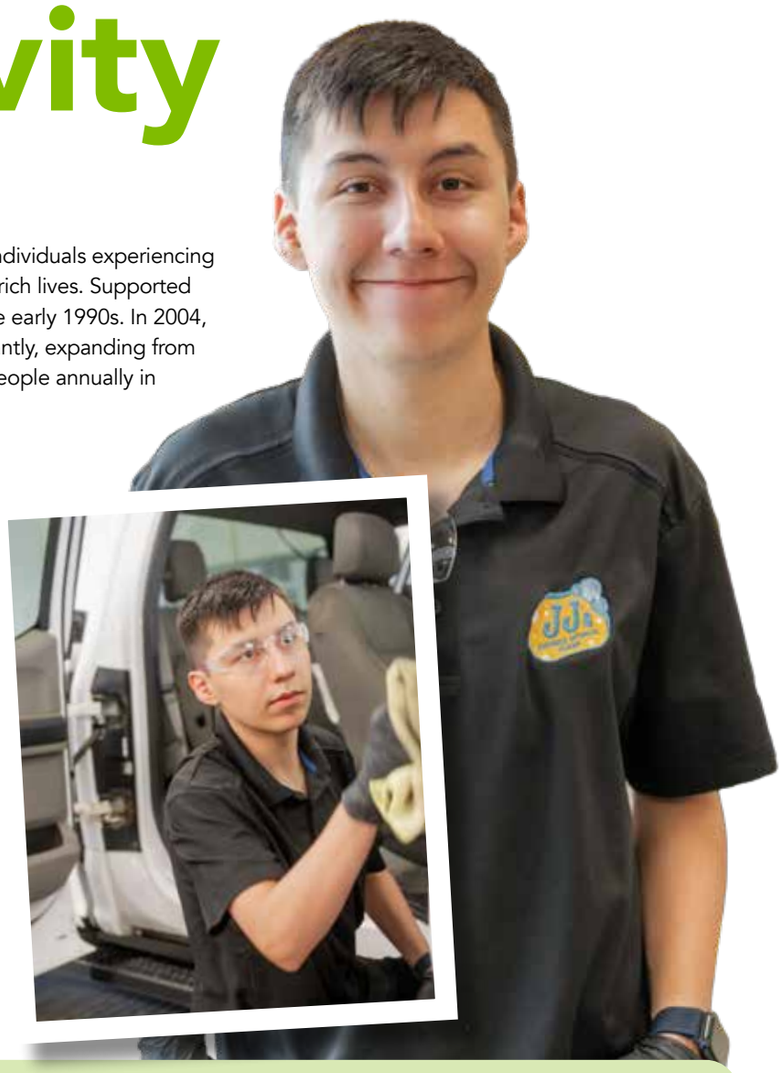
Fostering a Culture of Inclusivity



For over 75 years, SaskAbilities has dedicated itself to supporting individuals experiencing disability through a range of programs and services designed to enrich lives. Supported employment is one of these services and has been offered since the early 1990s. In 2004, SaskAbilities launched Partners in Employment which grew significantly, expanding from supporting 125 individuals in its first year to serving thousands of people annually in communities across the province.

The success of Partners in Employment is a testament to the strong desire of people experiencing disability or barriers to employment to secure meaningful and sustainable work, and the recognition by businesses of the immense value in hiring and retaining a diverse workforce. One of those businesses is JJ's Express Car Wash & Oil Change in Saskatoon.

Owned and operated by sisters Jamille and Jacoba Taylor, both are proud to be an inclusive employer that collaborates with Partners in Employment to support its hiring efforts at two locations. "From the very beginning, we knew we wanted to provide employment opportunities for individuals experiencing disability," share the sisters. "When we opened our first location on 51st Street, we reached out to Partners in Employment and worked closely with their team to offer work placements for clients. This collaboration helped us build a fantastic team, and when we opened our second location on Lorne Avenue, we were confident we could rely on them to help us find additional staff."

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Acting as a bridge, Partners in Employment works directly with employers and individuals experiencing disability or barriers to employment to create successful job opportunities. Everyone deserves the chance to earn a living, contribute their unique skills, and thrive in a supportive workplace. Your membership not only affirms your commitment to ensuring that individuals like Kale, Luciano, and Brennan have access to essential programs and services, but also conveys a meaningful message of your support for diversity in the workforce. You care, and we are so grateful you do!

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.

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Join or renew your membership and help us continue to create inclusive communities where individuals like Kale are celebrated for who they are! Your support ensures children, youth, and adults experiencing disability have access to programs and services that promote personal growth, connection, and independence. Your membership includes voting privileges at our Annual General Meeting, our newsletters, and the comfort of knowing you are making a meaningful impact on the lives and families of individuals impacted by disability across Saskatchewan.

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Owners, Jamille and Jacoba Taylor, along with the tiniest member of the JJ's team, Jacoba's daughter.

"Partners in Employment has hugely benefited our business. Some of our best employees have come through SaskAbilities..."

Jamille and Jacoba Taylor

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In 2023, Jamille and Jacoba opened their second location, collaborating closely with Partners in Employment to expand their growing team. Currently, JJ's employs 10 clients from the supported employment service at SaskAbilities, including Kale, Luciano, and Brennan, who all work at JJ's Express Interior Clean on Lorne Avenue.

"Kale has come such a long way," declares Terri Thompson, employment specialist at Partners in Employment in Saskatoon. "He can be a man of few words, but by working with the whole team at JJ's, who are so welcoming and outgoing, he has really come out of his shell and is excelling at his job." Echoing this sentiment are owners Jamille and Jacoba. "Kale has a great personality! He works so well with everyone, and he's even done a few social media posts where he shares why he likes working with the interior clean team and how he feels supported by them."

Having worked at JJ's now since 2025, Kale admits he's way more at ease amongst his coworkers, feels comfortable reaching out to management for support, and overall has found his rhythm during the busy workdays, especially in the summer when as many as 40 to 60 cars can move through the express interior service in one eight-hour shift. Reflecting on the positive experiences he's had since joining the team at JJ's, the 21 year old recalls his first holiday party. "There was a pizza party, a bouncy house, and a DJ – I didn't do any dancing though," admits Kale. "There were also some awards; everyone left with something. I won some stuff, including two movie tickets."

More than content in his role with no plans to leave, Kale is a valued member of the JJ's team, contributing to a culture of teamwork, inclusivity, and kindness. "Everyone who works at JJ's brings their own skills, abilities, and personalities, and that is what creates this unique environment, and it works! Sometimes we need to work closely with Partners in Employment to make adjustments or accommodations to adapt to an employee's needs, and we are happy to do that," admit Jamille and Jacoba. "Aside from the satisfaction we get from providing job opportunities to people in our community, Partners in Employment has hugely benefited our business. Some of our best employees have come through SaskAbilities, and as we continue to grow, we will keep utilizing their services to help us build an exceptional and diverse team."

Sincerely,

Ian Wilkinson
Executive Director

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