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In our previous letter, we shared the inspiring story of Julie Kozun, Paralympian and Rehabilitation Services client at SaskAbilities. Her remarkable achievements remind us that, with the right support and encouragement from others, anything is possible. In this letter, our final in the series, we continue our theme of celebrating clients by spotlighting Jenita Dickie, who is proudly marking 30 years with SaskAbilities!



Celebrating SaskAbilities Is a Celebration of Clients

PART 3



Sitting at a table surrounded by her peers in the recreational shed at Camp Easter Seal, Jenita recites the years of her first time attending SaskAbilities programming in Swift Current and Camp. "In 2026, it will be 30 years at the Swift Current Branch. I came to Camp for the first time in 1997, so I'll be celebrating 30 years here in 2027," she shares proudly. "I've met a lot of my friends at SaskAbilities!"

Jenita has been an essential part of the Swift Current Branch, both as a program participant and staff member, for 30 years. Known for her "gift of gab," Jenita is not only a welcoming presence for new clients but also a trusted fact-checking source for staff members when it comes to anything related to the branch over the past three decades.

"Jenita loves to talk! She's so welcoming and is always checking in with people to see how they are doing when she's here. She has a great sense of humour. One of her most remarkable qualities is her excellent memory; she remembers everything! This has its perks - unless, of course, you've had an embarrassing moment you'd prefer to forget. In that case, Jenita is likely the one who will playfully remind you of it, always with good intentions and a smile," shares Melissa Smart, Program Services Coordinator at the Swift Current Branch, who admits she's experienced such reminders.

With her many talents and abilities, Jenita has dedicated a significant portion of her 30 years at SaskAbilities to the Commercial Sewing

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For over 75 years, SaskAbilities has been dedicated to supporting people experiencing disability with programs and services to enhance their lives. By supporting SaskAbilities you are empowering individuals like Jenita who have discovered purpose, friendships, and a sense of belonging both at the branch and Camp Easter Seal. When you become a Member of SaskAbilities, or renew your membership, you ensure that individuals like Jenita have access to more than just programs and services. You are providing opportunities and experiences that enrich lives in ways words cannot fully express.

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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department. She has become an invaluable member of the team, so much so that after a recent surgery, her colleagues were eagerly inquiring about her return. "It felt different being away during my surgery. I was gone for almost a month, and I missed coming to SaskAbilities, going to work, and seeing everyone. I think they really missed me in sewing, too," laughs Jenita. "When I returned,

my manager was asking me, "So, are you ready to come back yet?" I love sewing, and it feels nice to be missed, to know that people want me around."

Taking her time easing back into work, Jenita is spending more time attending SaskAbilities' programming, volunteering, and enjoying her favourite activity – socializing! "I'm at SaskAbilities most days except Monday. Every Thursday we go out for supper. That's a good time. Then Friday, when I get to the branch in the morning, I wait for everyone to arrive and then we go for coffee. When we get back we have lunch and watch a movie in the afternoon. That's probably my favourite day here," shares Jenita of her schedule lately.

Reflecting on her three decades with SaskAbilities, Jenita admits a lot has changed since she first arrived in 1996. "So much has changed since I first came here – staff, people, even the building where things are located," admits Jenita. But it isn't just SaskAbilities that has seen changes. "Jenita has grown and evolved alongside SaskAbilities. "Over the years, I have witnessed Jenita's confidence grow, her independence increase, and her strengthened ability to advocate for herself," says Melissa. "She's an example to her peers and colleagues because when you speak up and say what you need and want, things can change. In many ways, the Swift Current Branch has evolved because of Jenita. We are truly fortunate to have her. Jenita has every right to take pride in her years at SaskAbilities, and I believe she will continue to feel that pride as she adds even more years to her journey both here and at Camp."



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**Melissa Smart,
Program
Services
Coordinator
at the Swift
Current Branch**

Sincerely,

Ian Wilkinson
Executive Director

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