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I was really young when I found out that I had a learning disability. Right after I found out the school put me in learning assistance classes for everything. I would get my work and they would send me into another room. It was hard because that is when everyone started treating me differently. I was not included in the regular classes. It sucked because I would try so hard, but I just could not get good grades. I felt so disappointed and thought what is the point. No matter how hard I tried I was still producing work that was below average. When I was in fifth grade I would go to school an hour early



help, I was able to access resources that took my life into a positive direction. I have now successfully completed a program in cosmetology. With hard work and determination I graduated with distinction as one of the top students!
Learning new stuff for me is never easy, but when you are interested in what you are learning, you find the motivation to work harder.



I now have goals that I know I can reach. With continuing support, I am able to face life's challenges.

just to get the help I needed from my learning assistance teacher to do my homework, since I struggled at home by myself. School was always hard. I left in Grade 11 because I basically got lost in the system. I had received help my whole life and now I did not know what I was going to do. That is when I came to ALDA. They helped me to increase my confidence and pushed me to realize that I was capable of more than I thought. Through ALDA's



I wanted to be a mentor at ALDA to help others who feel like I once did. Life has a way of working itself out and if you never give up, you have already won!

Shana



Helping people with unique learning needs develop greater independence!

Helping people work with learning disabilities!



SPECIAL THANKS!

ALDA was proud to have its Twentieth Annual General Meeting on March 28th and just to make it extra special we decided to throw a party at the Terminal City Club as a big thank-you to all the people who have volunteered and contributed over the past two decades to help get us where we are!

Founding Member Sylvia Minch was honored with a special gift in recognition of her twenty continuous years of service on our Board of Directors. Founding member Harald Mathes was on hand to present Sylvia with a strand of freshwater pearls for her dedication. Everyone who attended had a marvelous time with the exquisite food buffet and dancing to live entertainment. The nights activities was very generously sponsored by ALDA Board member Craig Schneider!

It is these members, volunteers, contributors and mentors that have helped us reach out to the community at large and provide a better understanding of learning disabilities and the people who live with them. Thank you all and here's to many more!

Dave McNea
CEO/Director of Operations



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