

A.B.I. Anti-Bullying Initiative



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- Background -

After the tragic death of Abigayle Kempton (Abi), her family started the A.B.I. - Anti-Bullying Initiative Program to memorialize her.

The A.B.I. Program involves awarding a \$1,000.00 scholarship each year to a graduating student at the East, West and St. Mary as well as awarding certificates and an A.B.I. t-shirt to a male and female student in grades 1 through 8 at Baltimore and Dale Road Schools where Abi attended. These awards are to acknowledge caring students for showing compassion and concern for others by taking a stand against bullying in their school and community.

We hope Abi's story and this program will inspire young people to make a difference and hope this award will become one that students will strive for and one they will be very proud to receive.

Award Winners

2009/10 Winners

ST. MARY: Nikki Wilson
CDCI WEST: Jessica Curtis
CDCI EAST: Chloe Blais

DALE ROAD SCHOOL:

Anna Ouckama, Michael Johnson,
Christian Mellows, Christina Jibb

BALTIMORE PUBLIC SCHOOL:

Emily Grycko, James Vandergaast,
Olivia Best, Reed Little, Annabell
Lewis, Tyler George, Adam Hahn,
Elizabeth King, James Armstrong-
Jones, Morgan Schultz,
Alex Johnson, Raquel Devison

2008/09 Winners

BALTIMORE PUBLIC SCHOOL:
Adam Thistlethwaite, Kirstin Schultz,
Dana Calvert, Kylie Dennis, Amy Bee,
Elizabeth King, Jocelyn Visser,
Jarred Minifie, Brooke Ritchie,
Justin Broomfield, Jessica Kernan,
Meghan Visser

"The Walk to End Bullying" Rally

On June 12, 2010 a successful rally was held at the Baltimore Recreation Centre.

There were numerous children's games, a silent auction, A.B.I. t-shirt/car decal sales, fire department activities and a free bbq.

The rally and walk was organized by the Northumberland Youth Advisory Council under its Director, Barinder Gill.

Participants were addressed by the Warden of the County, Peter Delanty, the Mayor of Hamilton Township, Mark Lovshin, Federal Member of Parliament Rick Norlock and Cst. Denis Grenon from the Port Hope Police.

In spite of all the rain, more than 350 people attended. The rally ended with a walk through adjacent streets led by the Baltimore and Harwood Fire Departments and the O.P.P.

Watch for the date of the 2011 Rally.

www.abinitiative.ca

Fund Facts

- Over 450 A.B.I. t-shirts have been sold or distributed as awards (see website).
- 300 A.B.I. lapel pins have been distributed
- Approximately 350 individuals, families, corporations and service clubs have donated to the trust fund, yard sale, bake sales, silent auction and rally.

The fund remains open for donations to allow scholarships to continue for 20 years. You can make a donation at the Scotiabank, account #15156 06054 84 or mail a cheque to 11682 County Rd 2, Colborne, ON, K0K 1S0, payable to Robert Kempton and Royston Kempton. To order a t-shirt, car decal or for more information on A.B.I., please visit the website.

Past Events

August 2009: Yard Sale and Silent Auction

November 2009: Anti-Bullying Week events at St. Mary, CDCI West and CDCI East

April 2010: Anti-Bullying Bake Sale at Baltimore and Grafton Public Schools

June 2010: "The Walk to End Bullying" Rally organized by Northumberland Youth Advisory Council (NYAC)

Media Coverage

- September 10, 2009, "Abigayle Kempton's Story" Grahame Woods, Northumberland Today
- October 16, 2009, "Anti-Bullying campaign takes off after death of local girl" Valerie MacDonald, Northumberland Today
- December 3, 2009, "Guidance staffer hopes to bring change out of bullying tragedy", Cecilia Nasmith, Northumberland Today
- April 14, 2010, "Baltimore students fight bullying" Tabitha Olliffe, Northumberland News
- May 14, 2010, "Bullying affects all" Tabitha Olliffe, Northumberland News
- May 27, 2010, "It's time to stop bullying behaviour in its tracks" Northumberland News Editorial
- May 27, 2010, "Youth must speak out against bullying" Tabitha Olliffe, Northumberland News
- June, 2010, "The Walk to End Bullying" Interviews with Barinder Gill, Director NYAC, 93.3 The Breeze
- June 11, 2010, "The Walk to End Bullying" Todd Purvis interview with Barinder Gill and Roy Kempton, CHEX TV

Abi loved to draw cartoons and a green gecko was her trademark character. Her family now use it as their logo for the Anti-Bullying Initiative.