

# A.B.I. Anti-Bullying Initiative



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

## 2011 A.B.I. AWARDS

### Grade School Certificates

**Baltimore:** Seth Calvert, Zoe Bergeron, Jack Deremo, Lauren St. John, Ethan Marriott, Paige Knoche, Andrew Foster, Gemma Varty, Josh Barss, Amy Bee, Owen Kernan, Jocelyn Visser

**Dale Road:** Hayden Leonard, Katelyn Downes, Brandon Wood, Kaile Ward

Special thanks this year to **Lena LeFave**, Vice Principal of **Dr. Hawkins School**, Port Hope for introducing our grade school certificate program at her school.

### \$1,000 High School Awards

**C.D.C.I. West :** Emmalee Lazar

**St. Mary:** Lindsay Bovay

**C.D.C.I. East:** Bruce Courtin



## Anti-Bullying Week Highlights

Nov. 14-18, 2011

The A.B.I. program was a big part of the anti-bullying activities at St. Mary Secondary School, C.D.C.I. West, Dale Road School, Baltimore School, Grafton School and Dr. Hawkins School.

A powerful video, prepared by Abi's Aunt Dawn, was shown in a number of local schools to highlight the tragic consequences of bullying.

A.B.I. bracelets introduced this year were a hit with students.



Both St. Mary and the West High Schools ended week long anti-bullying programs with outdoor shows of support.

The East High School had a number of anti-bullying activities over several months. This will continue throughout the school year.

Once again, thanks to Shelley Ferguson for her efforts at Grafton School in support of A.B.I.

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## A.B.I. ACTIVITIES

- June 18, 2011: The Second Walk to End Bullying Rally was held at Victoria Park, Cobourg. It was organized by the NYAC under the direction of Jamie Simmons. Participants were addressed by Gil Brocanier, Mayor of Cobourg, Mark Lovshin, County Warden, a representative for MP Rick Norlock and Terry Stanley, Cobourg Police. Janet Irvine read from her novel about teenage bullying and entertainment was supplied by The Mark Hanson Band.
- Sunday, June 19, 2011: A church service was led by Rev. Ed Musson at Old St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Colborne on the subject of bullying. Go to <http://www.cramahe-now.com> for photo and article. (Search "Kempton")
- Canada Day, Brighton: At the invitation of Ruth Kerr, Community Events Committee Chair, the Kempton family set up a booth to promote A.B.I.
- July 18–22: Special thanks to Julia Snoek, Program Coordinator, Dept. of Parks, Recreation and Culture, Port Hope for incorporating A.B.I. into her summer day camp program.
- Summer 2011: A local ladies lob ball team used A.B.I. t-shirts as their uniform and changed the team name to "A.B.I. Team".
- July 30, 2011: A youth volleyball tournament at Jubilee Beach Park, Wicklow was organized by Jean & Larry Cooper and Dot & Don Burshaw to promote a local non-profit cause. They chose the A.B.I. program.
- October 1–2, 2011: Roseneath Fall Fair: An indoor display booth was set up at the fair to promote A.B.I.

## Abi's family at the Rally



**FUND FACTS:** Approximately 1000 A.B.I. T-shirts, 350 A.B.I. pins, 350 A.B.I. car decals and over 1000 A.B.I. bracelets have been sold or distributed as awards!

A.B.I. fund donations can be made at Scotiabank Account # 15156 06054 84 or mail a cheque to 11682 County Road 2, Colborne, ON, K0K 1S0 payable to Robert Kempton and Royston Kempton.