

Frequently Asked Questions

What should I say About Ability Online/Ability Gives?

Ability Online is a supportive online community for kids, teens and young adults with all kinds of disabilities or chronic illnesses to connect for friendship, support and skill development opportunities. We also have a separate section for parents and professionals. Membership is free and the online experience is safe, secure and monitored. There are just under 6000 members currently registered with Ability Online.

Ability Gives is a new grant program contributing to *life changing experiences* in children and youth with disabilities by helping families acquire necessary equipment/aids. Ability Gives is part of the charity Ability Online.



How are gifts made?

In addition to donations and sponsorship from our large corporate and foundation partners, we also have a wonderful support group of individuals - parents, youth members, well wishers, and fellow believers - who help keep us alive and able to provide support for our members. Every little bit helps.

Our believers:

- make online donations
- participate at Ability Online events
- plan their own events (in fact one of our youth members planned a raffle as part of a music event and raised \$500 for Ability Online!)

What kind of events can you plan?

Whether at home, at school or at work, there are lots of ways you can FUNdraise:

- Lemonade stands
- Garage sale
- Bowl-a-thon
- Car washes
- Tea Party
- Live auction
- Raffles
- Online challenges - like "Feed the Deed" - but ours is "Give the Gift" (we can provide you with personalized donation pages and donors get an immediate tax receipt)
- Social media campaigns
- Sponsor a child
- School Fundraisers could be directed to Ability Online/Ability Gives
- Golf Tournaments
- "100 Women \$100"
- Wine and Cheese
- Fishing Derby
- Charity BBQ
- Galas/Dinners

What do you need to plan an Event?

All you need is a little creativity, an idea, and a positive attitude. Put the **FUN** in **FUNdraising** and put a smile not only on your face, but on the faces of the many children & families we support.

We are also here to help. Please call (416-650-6207 or toll free 1-866-650-6207) or email our office (information@abilityonline.org) to chat about your idea and we'll do our best to get you started!

What can Ability Online offer for your event once approved?

- Event planning advice
- Brochures
- Banner (depending on availability)
- Give-aways (depending on availability)
- personalized online donation pages
- video
- children profiles
- Support letter from Ability Online that validates the authenticity of the event
- Event listing on the Ability Online events page
- Attendance of an Ability Online representative, when appropriate and available
- If applicable use of the Ability Online logo (with approval)
- If applicable, issue tax receipts according to Canada Revenue Agency Guidelines

What is Ability Online unable to offer?

- Funding or reimbursements for event expenses
- Access to our donor or member lists
- Promotion or advertising of your event other than on our event page
- Guaranteed attendance of Ability Online staff or volunteers at your event.
- Application for gaming or liquor licenses
- Assistance with ticket sales or sponsorship
- Prizes and auction items
- Access to celebrities or other community VIPs