



TVCC Ambassador ~ Rebecca Rivers

Each year, a TVCC client is chosen to represent the Centre at the Rogers Sports Celebrity Dinner and Auction. This year our speaker is Rebecca Rivers, a student at King's College.

Rebecca has been a leading member of the cancer campaign committee while at Saunders. In each year of Rebecca's involvement, she has helped Saunders raise over \$50,000.00 to help send kids to Camp Trillium. Always with a smile on her face, always giving her best, always simply wanting to make a difference for someone else.

She is a member of Ability Connections, increasing awareness on "Abilities" and "Possibilities" in the community through public speaking.

In 2008, Rebecca was chosen to work as a Peer Facilitator for Girls Helping Girls. (A Peer-Facilitated Healthy Relationships Model to Address Violence in Girls Lives).

Rebecca has participated on a number of other committees for various causes at her school including, "White Ribbon" campaign (violence against women), Gay Straight Alliance (tolerance) and the United Way. The variety of these campaigns shows how respectful Rebecca is of the various segments of her school's community.

Rebecca has been involved with a variety of different sports such as Soccer Mania and Track and Field through TVCC. She has also been involved with horseback riding, track 3 skiing and has played sledge hockey with the London Blizzards for 9 years.

Rebecca is also an active member of our new fitness centre at Thames Valley Children's Centre. Since she joined last February, the staff at TVCC has noticed her consistent efforts to have fitness and sports participation as integral parts of her life. Rebecca attends the fitness centre twice weekly and is one of the most committed clients to her personal fitness. She has become one of our ambassadors for adapted fitness and a wonderful example for others with disabilities to become active participants.

Rebecca is a true teammate in her team-based sports but also in sports that require individual dedication. Rebecca has the ability to create a positive team around her. She is encouraging to others and willing to help at all times.

Rebecca has been on the honor roll for Grades 9 through 11 and has received the Achievement Award in recognition of this accomplishment.

In grade 9 she received the French Award and in Grade 11 the Business Award.

Rebecca is a wonderful advocate for herself and others. Rebecca displays character, respectfulness of others, excellence in leadership, and true active participation in a healthy lifestyle. She inspires everyone that meets her with her passion, humor and acceptance of everyone's differences. Rebecca always has a huge smile on her face and makes us forget she has challenges to overcome.