

THE FALL LINE



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TOM MARTIN - ADDS MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Like many 32-year-old men, Tom Martin enjoys being active and spending time with friends. He loves riding his bike, ATV and snowmobile. Out on the water, he likes to drive boats, kayak and swim. When he's not outside, Tom also enjoys playing video games, creating art and hanging out with his long-time girlfriend.

Tom also happens to have Down Syndrome. While he has many abilities, those close to Tom need to oversee much of what happens in his life. It would be difficult for him to live on his own, pay bills and work full-time. It frustrates him that he cannot be independent.

After learning skiing with Track 3 for eight years, Tom joined ADDS in 2008 and never looked back. As an activity he can do without his parents, ADDS has given Tom

the independence he craves. During the ski season, each Friday night, he gathers his gear and makes his lunch for the following day. Then he gets himself up and ready on Saturday morning, bright and early, to take the bus up to the hill with his peers and friendly volunteers. He loves belonging to and doing all the same activities with the group: Skiing, eating lunch in the clubhouse, and having an apres-ski beer with other members.





It's been 12 years, and Tom still enjoys every day of skiing with ADDS. He loves being away from his parents for the day, being with and helping other skiers, loves the camaraderie; and loves hosting the annual ADDS barbecue on his family's farm.

The club and its members have become even more important to him as he has

watched his brothers grow up, leave home, find life partners, buy houses and have children.

So, when you see Tom cry at the annual banquet, be assured that those tears indeed are tears of happiness. He realizes how lucky he is to be a member of this outstanding group and is deeply grateful to the dedicated volunteers who make it

possible. His parents are also thankful that ADDS embraces Tom and helps him enjoy his independence in a safe, kind and supportive environment.

A Message from the President

With fall colors at their peak, it's time once again to look forward to another winter on the slopes. First and foremost, I would like to thank our devoted volunteers and hosts at Mansfield Ski Club.

With global pandemic measures in place, the 2021 ski season is shaping up to be the most challenging in memory. I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to our donors who steadfastly support our cause and make our program possible during these unprecedented times.

As many of you know, we are the first and only adaptive ski club in Canada that caters uniquely to disabled participants nineteen years of age and older; a demographic that all too often falls through the cracks as it pertains to adaptive sport and organized opportunities for physical and social recreation. For many, this will be the only such opportunity in the coming months.

On that same note, I would like to thank Fred Gaby, our Chairman of Fundraising for spreading awareness about our cause

and making our membership fees financially attainable for all our participants.

As we are an organization solely comprised of volunteer staff, if you or someone you know is interested in helping out in any capacity, please contact me directly at ski.adds@cadstontario.ca

Best wishes to you and yours. Stay safe and hope to see you on the slopes!

Gabor Takacs,