

Hello,

My name is Adelle Larmour-DeLong and I am here today as a representative for the Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury.

I came to know Matthew and his family when they graciously welcomed me into their home to interview and write an article about his learning disability and his journey to rise up and meet those personal challenges.

Matthew's willingness to share his story is fueled by a passion to help others. He does this with gentleness, kindness and a witty sense of humour. It is this same passion that has led him to be an unflinching supporter of the Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury, demonstrated in his volunteer efforts as a guest speaker, honorary chair, technical resource, and the list goes on. His openness is not only courageous but refreshing in a world that may not always embrace learning differences.

Without further adieu, I am very pleased to present the 2016 Champions for Children award to Matthew Turcotte.