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### A Message from the President

AccessAbility, Inc. would like to wish you all happy holidays.

The core value of our organization is the belief that every person's life is significant and they deserve to be treated with dignity and respect. AccessAbility continues to be dedicated to its mission of developing person centered activities, training, employment, and resources to help individuals set and achieve their goals, whatever they may be.

AccessAbility has established the AccessAbility Endowment Fund through the Saint Paul and Minnesota Foundation. Please see the article on ways that our donors can support our organization through our Endowment Fund.

We hope you enjoy this update on what's happening at AccessAbility. Thank you so much for your support.

Happy New Year!

Michael J. Krebsbach, MBA, CPA  
President and CEO

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### AccessAbility Mission Moment

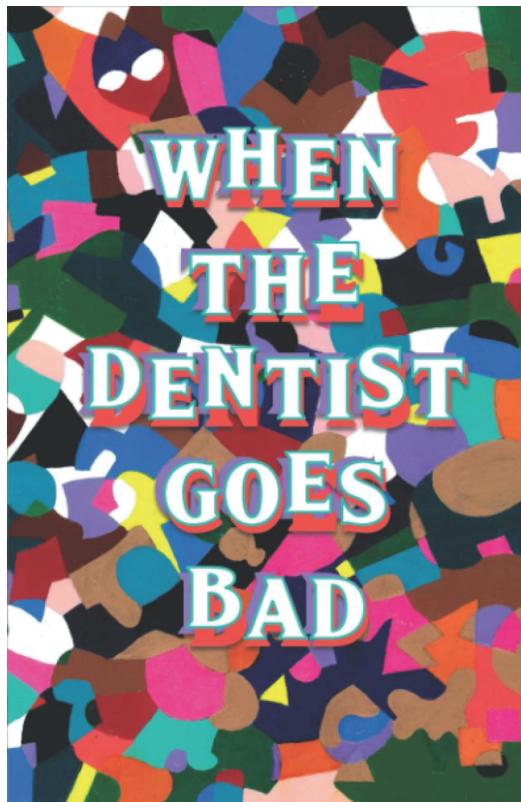
Earlier this year, Colvon Young, one of our Persons Served was chosen to do an interview with SourceAmerica to be a part of their featured success stories, "Given a chance one individual shines" by Tatiana Peralta, in their Newsroom on the SourceAmerica website. Colvon was chosen for the interview because he has overcome so much since starting at AccessAbility and is in the process of achieving one of his goals of going back to school.



Colvon is employed as a janitor at the Army Reserve in Arden Hills through AccessAbility's

federal janitorial contract. Prior to joining AccessAbility, Colvon had a difficult time maintaining employment due to his disability. With the help and support of AAI, Colvon is thriving in his job.

Please read more about Colvon Young's success story on the SourceAmerica website. Click this link: [Source America Newsroom: A day in the life Colvon Young](#)



## **Creative Writers Publish Book, "When the Dentist Goes Bad"**

AccessAbility's Life Skills program recently offered a writing course taught by Cow Tipping Press. The five week course allowed individuals with different types of disabilities to access their creative side through writing. The course covered different genres of writing including poetry, fiction, and nonfiction.

At the end of the five week course, participants chose their favorite writing. Their favorites, along with other writers taking the same course, were published into a book called, "When the Dentist Goes Bad."

Two successful book release parties



## **Evening Stars Celebrates Thanksgiving**

AccessAbility continues to offer its successful Evening Stars Recreational/Leisure program to people with disabilities in our community.

In November, the Evening Stars program hosted a Thanksgiving dinner catered by Lake Elmo Inn. Approximately 90 individuals enjoyed the wonderful turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls and dessert.

Thank you to the Lake Elmo Inn for providing the food and to all the staff and volunteers that helped to make this event a success.

## **Upcoming Evening Stars Events**

### **Theater Night**

Thursday, January 14, 2022

### **Valentine's Day Dinner**

Thursday, February 10, 2022

were held to honor the proud authors who completed their Cow Tipping creative writing course. On December 1st, Fresh Eye Gallery in Minneapolis held a reading and book release party sponsored by Cow Tipping. AccessAbility hosted a book release party on December 3rd.

Click this link, [When the Dentist Goes Bad](#), to purchase a copy of the book on Amazon for \$5.99.

The Evening Stars events are an excellent opportunity for volunteers to help out. If you would like more information about the events or are interested in volunteering, contact us at 612-331-5958.

Stay tuned for more events on the Evening Stars calendar for 2022.

## **AccessAbility's Endowment Fund through the Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation**

AccessAbility has established an Endowment Fund through the Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation. An endowment fund provides an organization with a stable income for future generations. The Endowment channels charitable gifts into a single investment fund that builds over time. AccessAbility is partnering with the Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation to help our organization make the most out of the dollars that donors have entrusted to us.

Ways for donors to support the AccessAbility Endowment Fund

- Planned gifts through a will
- Donors can establish a designated fund
- Invest in a charitable gift annuity
- Create a charitable remainder trust

To learn more about the AccessAbility Endowment Fund, contact the Philanthropic Services team at the St. Paul & Minnesota Foundation.

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### **Thank you to AccessAbility's Funding Partners**

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## Imagine Design Launches New Retail Website

AccessAbility is the parent company for our Imagine Design and Relatively Funny business segments. We offer both inspirational and humorous gift products that are distributed worldwide, both retail and wholesale. All of our products are designed and manufactured in Minnesota by the people who participate in our work and training programs.

Imagine Design is proud to announce the launch of its new retail website. Another way to support AccessAbility is to purchase our gift products which provide paid work opportunities for those we serve.

Please see our new retail website here: [www.imagine-design.org](http://www.imagine-design.org)

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