



EMPOWERING *people with disabilities*



Jacob is 19-years-old with Spastic Quadriplegia. He lives at home with his parents and brother while pursuing his degree in Political Science from the University of Calgary. He requires a power wheelchair for mobility.

His disability causes severe muscle tightness and poor balance. Given these motor difficulties, he struggles with daily living tasks like brushing his teeth and combing his hair. His lack of independence and reliance on caregivers to get him places greatly limits his activities.

Jacob has been involved with Easter Seals since the age of five. He was a youth ambassador in 2000 and attended Easter Seals Camp Horizon from 2003 and 2008. Camp gave him the opportunity to make new friends and participate in sports and activities normally unavailable to someone living with a disability. One of his favorite memories of Camp is the thrill of the giant swing and the freedom that experience provided.

Jacob's spare time is spent playing hockey attending toastmasters and enjoying time with family and friends. Currently studying Political Science at the University of Calgary, he hopes to have a career in politics once finished his degree. Improving accessibility in public places is something he wants to improve.