



# MORE THAN YOU SEE

The Dreamers' Summit -

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CEREBRAL PALSY  
ULTIMATE SPORTS DREAM



Since 1987, Shine Foundation has transformed the lives of close to 9,000 young people (ages 11-21) living with severe physical disabilities. Shine provides them with a customized **Shine Dream** to inspire them to reach their future goals and develop a sense of purpose that can last a lifetime.

Life-changing Shine Dreams are centered around helping young people see a **future full of possibility** and contribution, personal development, and expanding education and career opportunities while helping combat mental health challenges.

Shine strives to help young people facing unimaginable challenges **discover a world where possibilities shine brighter**, a world in which they stop seeing their disability first.

-  **9,000** SHINE DREAMS
-  **1.1M+** LIVES CHANGED
-  **38** YEARS OF IMPACT



This little light - Shine Foundation 2025



# Shine

A brighter future  
for youth with disabilities

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## A GLIMPSE AT THE IMPACT OF A DREAM

MAGGIE | AGE 19  
CEREBRAL PALSY  
RACING WHEELCHAIR

FAITH | AGE 23  
EDS  
MEET MARY LAMBERT

# A MILESTONE CELEBRATION



Shine  
Scarlette's Palette

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# MEET SCARLETTE

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SCARLETTE | AGE 13  
SEVERE VISION LOSS  
MAKEOVER

## Remember when you were young?



TAI | AGE 12  
SPINAL DISABILITY  
NYC BROADWAY EXPERIENCE

You were starting to explore your world, express yourself, and become more comfortable in your own skin. You took part in extracurricular programs that you cared about and had confidence in a future for yourself, you maybe even dreamt of a career.

*Being a young person born with a severe physical disability can be completely different.*

You may not have the same confidence to explore your emotional and creative needs like your peers. You may be impacted by the physical and financial barriers just to get around while feeling socially isolated.

Because you have to rely on others to help you through the day-to-day, you haven't had the same quality of independence as others your age.

It might even be too foreign to imagine a future without the day-to-day struggles.

DREW | AGE 16  
STAYCATION  
SPINAL CORD INJURY



## Now wrap your head around this if you can...

Imagine life as a young person, navigating school, extracurricular activities, jobs, and social calendars suddenly comes to a screeching halt.

After a traumatic experience you [suffer a debilitating spinal cord injury](#). You spend weeks, months, even years in recovery and rehabilitative therapy. Endless strenuous appointments far from home and familiar spaces consume your calendar now.

The complexities you are facing while developing your identity, is now complicated with trying to understand how to navigate life as a person with a severe physical disability.

You are now tackling barriers that never existed before. Something as simple as transportation that used to be as easy as hoping in a car or calling an Uber now monopolize your thoughts.

Watching you friends and family continue to go about their routine as before, and you can't imagine how you will adjust to your injury.

How do you Shine a light on a potential for a brighter outlook?

# DREAMERS' SUMMIT

August 3 + 4, 2026



**MORE THAN YOU SEE**

The Dreamers' Summit -  
Supported by:



*“The Dreamers’ Summit is more than just an event; it’s a catalyst for transformation and a space where potential knows no limits. It’s about fostering a community where Dreamers feel seen, valued and inspired to chase their ambitions without barriers - knowing that their dreams are truly within reach. By connecting Dreamers with mentors, resources, and each other, we’re empowering them to see the possibilities in their lives and equipping them with the tools to turn their potential into purpose. This is where Dreamers become the authors of their own stories, turning aspirations into reality and shaping their own futures”*

**- Marco & Taylor. Event Co-Chairs**



## Meet the co-Chairs

Marco is an award-winning Entrepreneur, Accessibility Consultant and Inspirational Speaker with cerebral palsy. Throughout his life, Marco has been involved with several organizations as a spokesperson, helping to spread advocacy for persons with disabilities across Canada.

As an Accessibility and Inclusion Consultant, he has worked with some of BC's biggest change-driven business leaders who are champions for more accessible, inclusive workplaces. It's through these experiences that he is helping to pave the way for all Canadians to have universal access to the programs, services and places that they live, work and play.

Taylor lives with a spinal cord injury as a result of a gymnastics accident. She is the founder and owner of Cup of Té Luxury Loose Leaf Teas, overseeing all aspects of business from product development and marketing to customer relations and strategic growth.

She has dedicated her career to entrepreneurship, advocacy, and public speaking with a focus on accessibility and inclusion – specifically as an award winning TikTok and Instagram influencer on these topics.



TAYLOR | AGE 19  
SPINAL CORD INJURY  
MEET RYAN SEACREST



MARCO | AGE 7  
CEREBRAL PALSY  
DISNEYLAND TRIP



## MORE THAN YOU SEE - THE DREAMERS' SUMMIT SUPPORTED BY RBC

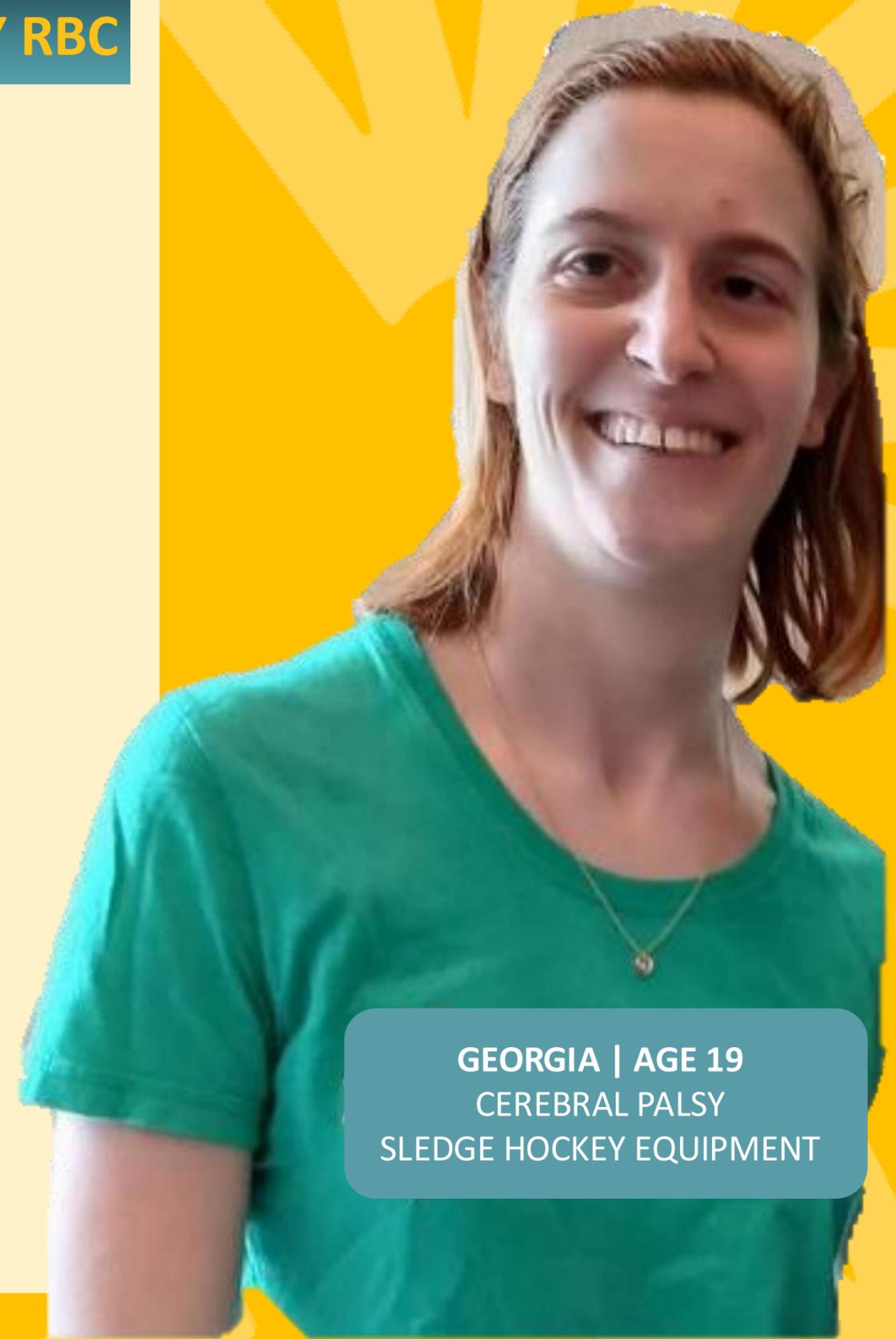
**More Than You See - The Dreamers' Summit** will be a motivational and empowering event organized by Shine Foundation to support young people living with severe physical disabilities in achieving their dreams.

The Summit will provide an opportunity for past and present Dreamers to **connect** with peers, be inspired by **motivational speakers**, and engage with **employers** showcasing Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility initiatives. **Post-secondary educational institutions** will be present, offering resources for academic and career aspirations, and **accessible sport** will be showcased to highlight the power of physical activity.

This event will foster a sense of community, inspire hope, and provide authentic pathways for all participants to pursue their goals.

Each Dreamer will leave with a **toolkit** that will be invaluable asset for their future potential.

A unique feature to the Summit is a **separate Workshop stream for caregivers** to assist them on this journey. Dreamers will experience their independence during the event while still having the support of a caregiver close by, as they will be creating their own toolkits separately!



GEORGIA | AGE 19  
CEREBRAL PALSY  
SLEDGE HOCKEY EQUIPMENT

## SUMMIT PLANS

**DATE:** August 3 & 4, 2026

**LOCATION:** Hotel X,  
111 Princes' Blvd, Toronto, ON

**GUESTS:** 200

Dreamers'-past and present, age 17+ and their caregivers

**COST:** Free

**FEATURED ACTIVITIES:**

- 2 days of motivational speakers, workshops, and networking
- Vendors from:
  - Educational institutions
  - DEI & Accessibility-forward employers
  - Accessible sports, clothing, gear, and
  - Technology companies
- Networking meals and evening entertainment
- Separate caregiver workshops



**SARAH | AGE 14**  
SPINAL CORD INJURY  
TV SET TO MEET HERO



## DREAMER WORKSHOP TOPICS

- **Day ONE Panel Discussion:** DEI AND Accessibility in the workplace
- **Day TWO Panel Discussion:** Transitioning from Pediatric to Primary Care
- **The Power of Parasport**
- **Navigating Post Secondary with Accessibility Needs**
- **Are you Workforce Ready? OR Do you have an Entrepreneurial Mindset?**
- **Finding Your Voice – Advocate & Influencer**

LAKSHMI | AGE 17  
SEVERE VISION LOSS  
PARLIAMENT HILL EXPERIENCE



**ANNEKA | AGE 19**  
ANONYMOUS CONDITION  
BASKETBALL WHEELCHAIR

Rise \ Defy



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# THE POWER OF PARASPORT



**AVEN | AGE 19**  
SPINAL CORD INJURY  
BOWHEAD REACH BIKE

# A Shared IDEA: Empower the youth for the jobs of today and tomorrow

## RBC Purpose Framework - Powering Ideas for People and Planet™



A recent study indicated that enabling a diverse and future-ready workforce is critical to a thriving society in 2030.

It is incumbent on all Canadians to recognize that we have an under-utilized segment of the population that can and want to do more.

**Shine Dreams & the Dreamers' Summit are actively acting on this gap.**

We are changing lives by working to empower young people in the disability sector.

We help them gain confidence, experience equity, diversity, and inclusion with a brighter future outlook.

**Shine helps lay the foundation to change the trajectory of their life.**



## CAREGIVER WORKSHOP TOPICS

- **Protecting yourself with PPE for your mind** - Relieving anxiety & stress for those who keep everyone else healthy & safe
- **Silent Victims: Vicarious Trauma** - Understanding how other people's trauma can impact you
- **Securing funding**
- **Navigating your workplace policies around caregiver needs**
- **Building Your Support Networks**

HAILEY | AGE 20  
SPINAL CORD INJURY  
ACCESSIBLE DRIVING EQUIPMENT



## Why should YOU become a Sponsor?

### *Why become a Shine Sponsor?*

*1 in 4 people will experience a disability in their lifetime. The United Nations describes people with disabilities as “the worlds largest minority”. This is the one “minority group” that you can possibly join at anytime in your life.*

Partnering with Shine Foundation is more than a sponsorship, it's a statement of values.

It's a commitment to inclusion, empowerment, and creating a Canada where every young person—*regardless of physical ability*—can dream without limits.



AUSTIN | DREAM AGE 16  
SPASTIC PARAPLEGIA  
RACING WHEELCHAIR

# SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**SUPPORTING @\$100K**

**SOLD** 

**GOLD @\$50K (x4 opportunities)**

- Networking Meals (x3)
- Alumni Program

**MENTOR @\$10K (x25 opportunities)**

- Host 4 Alumni with a caregiver

**EXHIBITORS @\$3K (x10)**

- Post secondary
- IDEA Employers - Job Fair
- Accessible clothing, sport, gear, or technology



**AINSLEY | AGE 17**  
SPINAL CORD INJURY  
TECH FOR SCHOOL



CHADD | AGE 11  
SPINA BIFFIDA  
TEAM CANADA PARA ICE  
HOCKEY EXPERIENCE

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### SILVER @\$10K (x14 opportunities)

#### Option A) Workshops

- Alumni (X4 opportunities)
- Caregiver (X4 opportunities)

#### Option B) Function Spaces X3

- Change area
- Calming space
- Wheelchair repair **SOLD**

#### Option C) Speakers

- Keynote **SOLD - Opening**
- DEI & A Panel
- Care Panel

## Sponsor the Dreamers' Summit

Every partnership is unique, just like the Dreamers who imagine their Dream!

Let's have a conversation to find what suits your goals and vision.

- **Exclusive Naming rights**
- **Tickets to "Evening Celebration"**
- **Company logo featured on:**
  - Website & Community Report
- **Speaking Opportunities**
  - Main Stage address &/or Mentions
- **Access to "In support of Shine" logo use in corporate communications**
- **Opportunity to provide:**
  - Company branded items for all participants
  - On-site company activation
- **Collaboration on integrated communications plan to amplify partnership**
- **Company logo/name featured prominently in media (if applicable)**
- **Company logo/name featured in Print & Digital**
  - Event swag (T-shirt/bags/lanyards/etc.)
  - On-Site Signage
  - Program Ad/Message
  - Welcome Video
  - Social Media Posts
- **OTHER Opportunities:**
  - Host formal cheque presentations
  - Receive Dreamer video
  - Invitation to a Shine Dream Reveal
  - Volunteer opportunities



STEVEN | AGE 7  
BRAIN CONDITION  
MEET HERO AT AEW

# As a Shine Sponsor, your company will

## *Align with a Trusted National Brand*

- Shine has a long-standing reputation for integrity, transparency, and life-changing impact.
- Support a mission that resonates with Canadians coast to coast.

## *Demonstrate Authentic Corporate Social Responsibility*

- Show your customers, employees, and stakeholders that your brand stands for accessibility, equity, and hope.
- Join the movement toward more inclusive communities and workplaces.

## *Reach a Passionate, Engaged Audience*

- Connect with thousands of families, donors, volunteers, and disability advocates through events, digital campaigns, and national media.
- Customized recognition opportunities across social, digital, and in-person platforms.

## *Support Youth with Severe Physical Disabilities*

- Help grant life-changing Dreams that promote purpose, belonging, and joy.
- Invest directly in Canada's most underrepresented youth—future leaders, creators, and changemakers.

## *Leverage Powerful Storytelling*

- Gain access to inspiring stories of resilience, talent, and transformation—perfect for internal communications or brand campaigns.
- Many of Shine's Dreamers are influencers, musicians, athletes, artists, and creators—natural storytellers ready to amplify your message with purpose.

## *Co-Create Meaningful Impact*

- Opportunities for employee engagement, custom Dream experiences, and cross-promotional campaigns.



COOPER | AGE 19  
CEREBRAL PALSY  
TORONTO ADVENTURE



**ANDREW | AGE 17**  
MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY  
ALL TERRAIN CHAIR

## THE TIME IS NOW

An investment in Shine Foundation is an investment that will pay a lifetime of dividends for the many more young people that will have access to our program, thanks to our generous supporters.

It is imperative that NOW, during their most critical stage of development, they see their future as one full of opportunities and possibilities, rather than one of ongoing barriers and challenges.

In addition to the fulfillment of a cherished Shine Dream, they have improved mental health and well-being that lasts far beyond, and that empowers many program participants to face their future with greater confidence, determination and grit.

The time is NOW to take steps to level the playing field, to build a world that is truly accessible and inclusive, so that everyone – regardless of physical disability – has the chance to SHINE.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Thank you for seeing my boys the way I do.  
Thank you for being part of our community.  
Thank you for giving them space to shine  
through your generous support.

With a full heart,  
Niza



SHAY & CIARAN | AGE 17  
CEREBRAL PALSY  
RACING CHAIR & SERVICE DOG



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