

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Jaclyn's Story

"I love volunteering with Burlington Green!

I say and write this a lot on social media because I am grateful for the opportunity to volunteer for a cause I believe in. I have learned and grown so much since I started.

On November 21st, 2017 after seeing a Facebook event, I purchased tickets for my mom and I to attend the David Suzuki event. Here, I met BurlingtonGreen's team member Kale Black, he was renewing his membership and I thought today is a good day to join, so I signed up and became a member. His kind-heartedness, compassionate personality and his passion for the environment convinced me.

The more I got involved and learned about the global impact through watching documentaries, attending BG outreach events and film nights; the more my awareness and perspective grew. I gained understanding from the committees I volunteer on.

I was one of those people that thought, "Oh, it's recyclable, that's good, right?" I learned even recycling has a cost. The more I learned during my experiences with BurlingtonGreen the more I saw the true cost and impact on what I do has on the environment.

My family has told me on several occasions "Ok, Jaclyn, you are taking this environment stuff too far." Giving gentle reminders about composting and reducing plastic consumption is not taking it too far.

On several occasions, I have volunteered with BurlingtonGreen at Burlington Centre and the sculpture of the cardboard earth was beautiful. I was feeling inspired by the lovely messages and interactions with people stopping by the booth to write a message to the earth on a puzzle piece. Interactions and conversations with the community is advocacy in action.

Another one of my passions is knitting, it brings me so much joy.

I now combine both passions for the environment and knitting to create hats, animals, and other exciting projects and donate them to be sold on behalf of BurlingtonGreen. It feels amazing to support an organization dedicated and passionate about the environment.

Volunteering has been moving, therapeutic, enlightening and empowering. The friends I have made during this experience have been a blessing in my life."

- Jaclyn



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