

Hope for the Future

*H*ope. For many families with children with special needs, that is exactly what they receive once they enter the halls of KidsAbility — hope that their children will reach their full potential.

For prospective employees walking through the doors for the first time, it is that atmosphere of optimism that strikes them deeply. Such was the case for a young Lisa Talbot, who was applying for a job at KidsAbility Foundation 17 years ago: “Living in Guelph at the time, I had never heard of the organization. Yet when I walked through the doors for the first time for my interview, I knew there was something special happening at KidsAbility and I wanted to be part of it.”

Lisa began in an entry level role, taking on additional responsibilities over the years before assuming her current position as Executive Director.

Her impact cannot be understated. “It is incredible to look back and see how far we’ve come as an organization thanks to the dedicated efforts of staff, volunteers and board members who have shared their passion to make a difference in children’s lives.”

A great deal of the Foundation’s success can also be attributed to the support of the community. “Without the long-standing support of our community, KidsAbility would look very different today. We are so grateful for the investments that our donors continue to make to empower our children and youth.”

As for Lisa’s vision for the future, she states, “My wish is that all children and youth will one day have all of the supports and interventions they need to realize their potential and that our society embraces the abilities in everyone.”

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