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**Breaking the Ice** Conference is a Canadian conference created for people of all ages who are not able to speak clearly due to a disability. Their communication will be via Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC): methods which include picture and symbol boards, letter and word boards, personalized communication books, gestures and sign language, computers with speech output for talking and specialized software for reading and writing. Breaking the Ice is a conference that adds to each participant's skills and interests by offering important strategies for developing Independence, inclusion in their Community and Empowerment (ICE) to break down barriers and become equal members of society. For all participants, Breaking the Ice is about LIFE: a focus that makes it unique and worthwhile.

The 5th bi-annual Conference will be held in June of 2011. All conference committee members recognize the limited financial situation that many people who use AAC encounter. Committee members are working hard to ensure that as many individuals and families who wish to attend the conference may do so. Perhaps you know someone who uses AAC and who would like to be part of Breaking the Ice 2011? Would you be willing to help them attend the conference? Would you like them to represent your AAC centre or business at the conference? A small donation from all the people you work with could make this possible.

When you decide to help someone attend the conference please contact Anne Warrick at [awarrick@rogers.com](mailto:awarrick@rogers.com) . You will receive:

- Information/publicity material about the conference
- Budget – items and development
- Registration, accommodation, travel guidelines
- Management of your representative's special needs
- Ongoing contact with the Breaking the Ice committee members

I hope you or someone you know will become a sponsor. I look forward to hearing from you and working with you between now and June 2011. The more participants we can bring to the conference the more successful it will be. Hopefully, after you have worked so hard to support someone's attendance, you will join us too. We welcome anyone with an interest in augmentative communication!

Thank you,

Anne W.

