OUR KEY AREAS OF FOCUS

TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

CanAssist's mandate is to develop technologies where no effective commercial solution exists. Ultimately, our goal is to help as many people as possible; so if a solution we develop for one client has the potential to help many other people with similar needs, we search for partners and funding to make it widely available.

ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

To date, several thousand students from virtually every discipline have been provided with rewarding learning opportunities through their participation in CanAssist activities. Likewise, many faculty members have connected with CanAssist through research partnerships, classroom activities, and an ongoing sharing of ideas and expertise.

TEENWORK PROGRAM

Our TeenWork program helps youth with disabilities find and retain meaningful, part-time paid employment while attending high school. TeenWork was developed with the aim of filling a gap in the employment field for youth with disabilities as they near transition to adulthood.

Gabe received a camera he can operate independently.

Co-op student Nathan delivers an accessible gaming system to Tristan.

Melissa has found a terrific part-time job with help from TeenWork.

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- **Increasing independence and well-being**
- **Creating extraordinary learning opportunities**
- **Building an inclusive society**

CanAssist collaborates with the community to develop and deliver innovative customized technologies and programs that improve the quality of life of people with disabilities, while at the same time providing students and faculty at the University of Victoria with rich and meaningful opportunities for education and research.

WHO WE ARE

We are an organization at the University of Victoria with a core team of about 20 professionals, who include software developers, engineers and program coordinators.

WHO WE HELP

We assist people from across the disability spectrum, whether their challenge involves a physical, cognitive or mental health barrier. Our clients are all ages, though we have a special focus on seniors.

WHAT WE DO

We develop customized technologies and programs where there are gaps in existing services, while providing meaningful opportunities for student and faculty engagement.

OUR IMPACT

Each year, CanAssist provides technologies and programs that help hundreds of individuals increase their independence and improve their quality of life.

WHY WE DO IT

CanAssist is committed to building a truly inclusive society, where people of all ages and abilities have the opportunity to participate and contribute. We believe innovative yet practical technologies and programs are vital to creating these opportunities.

HOW WE DO IT

Being part of UVic is fundamental to our sustainability and success. UVic provides CanAssist with direct and indirect support, including the physical space where we work, as well as access to outstanding faculty, students and facilities. Day-to-day operations, including the technologies and programs provided to individuals, are funded through grants, fee-for-service agreements and donations.

Tyler's new carving brace lets him take part in stone carving more safely and comfortably. The young man, who is quadriplegic, has joined a group of stone carvers in Victoria who have their own business.

Glenda received a new software app called Speak Today that provides voice readings of her daily schedule. She also uses the app for reading out grocery lists and compiling questions she has for doctors.

Katie (seated) meets Sophie, the Countess of Wessex, during a visit to UVic. Katie has received CanAssist technologies that help her enjoy music independently and create greeting cards as part of a home business.