

Our General Board & Committee Members respond to: What does TAF - year 6 mean to you:

Fran A: My word is REWARDING I was very nervous when I started that I wouldn't be able to fulfill my commitment because of the time with everything else going on in my life. I found that I made the time and it was well worth it. Being part of the TAF has been so rewarding. I have made such amazing friends and seeing each one of these project to fruition has been wonderful!

Lori K: The challenges of Year 6 for me were impactful personally and as a member of this great organization. Dealing with both hip and knee replacements forced me to find different ways to keep going with everything I wanted to do, while still not going overboard.

Heather Z: The Aubrey Foundation brought me a sense of stability amongst the chaos of 2020. When your manager shows up at your doorstep with your rollie chair, you know it is going to be a hectic year. The Foundation has become my calm amongst this crazy storm and my sense of normalcy in a very abnormal environment; with working from home, virtual schooling and watching an active 3 year old. My world and routine were turned upside down but one constant was the never ending support of The Aubrey Foundation and its' members. The show must go on ... and this year The Aubrey Foundation pushed through and made it happen!

Maria M: I will always remember Year 6 of TAF as the year of *resilience, flexibility and adaptability*. Our team was united in a way unlike ever before as we shifted our way of thinking and doing in so many ways, gracefully, to be successful in a virtual world. I am grateful for the bond we share with each other and the gift of love we give others, which continues to center us in the amazing work that we do. Year 6 has certainly taught me that *anything is possible* and proven that **team work** really does make the dream work!

Stephanie R: TAF year 6 was a year of confidence galore. Not necessarily an in-your-face, over-the-top confidence that usually comes to mind when you hear the word. But rather a BOLD, somewhat quiet, but still very powerful confidence. Year 6 challenged The Aubrey Foundation in ways we could have never anticipated. Global events put pressure on our foundation to think differently and changed what the personal lives of all of our members and supporters look like. With confidence though, we were able to rise to the occasion with a "we got this" mindset. It was truly a blessing to be on the midst of positive people with high energy, especially this past year. GO US!"

Laureen R: The year of the PIVOT! This year I learned that you can't always follow the carefully laid out plans, meticulously timed out schedules, and follow the "what has always been." Growth requires change, flexibility, understanding, and grace. TAF this year really proved how even though we thought we were that "well oiled machine" happily speeding ahead on cruise control sometimes you have to be knocked off the tracks to really know what you're capable of.

Christina R: 2020/year 6 of TAF can reflect hope. Even in the midst of a pandemic, babies were born, schools were in session, and our foundation never stopped working towards doing good. At the end of the day, the soul of this foundation is out stretching our arms to help those in need and even though we're still 6 years young I think we continued to give back as a foundation. Even when doubts or uncertainties crept in we never let it change our drive. We never lost hope!

Emily A: Year 6 taught me what working together really means- being able to adjust, being humble, and embracing change. It has brought a new meaning to resilience, patience, and understanding. Overall this year taught me to PIVOT!

Nicole: Year 6 to me means continued collaboration with a strong team to Foster our mission in our quest to live like Aubrey

Elizabeth: *The deep sorrow we felt after Aubrey's death awakened a strong commitment to build an organization that would honor her and support her ideals. When confronted with obstacles and challenges the positive energy generated as one commits to a new enterprise often diminishes. Being a part of this organization has showed me the power of hard work woven with ribbons of love. Challenges and obstacles have empowered us, igniting creativity and a deeper commitment to our cause. Personally: Simply said, my commitment to the Aubrey Foundation has brought love and smiles to my grieving heart.*

Megan R: Learning how to be flexible and creative. Flexible to adapt to all of the changes '2020' brought but also creative so that we could still be together even when we couldn't physically be together.

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Derek: To me, TAF year 6 was a test. For the foundation, it was a test of commitment, level of adaptation, and planning. With the outbreak of COVID-19, we were forced to act quickly and determine what operations we can continue from past years and what had to change in response to the outbreak.

Arnie: The Aubrey Foundation is made up of a group of great people...all on the same page. There is always a feeling how life may take me in different directions but when we come together I am back to where I was when I first started. This year our overall adaptability of the group was a highlight ... thinking back to in the spring when we said "let's talk again in 2 weeks" to supporting each other and not skipping a beat. I'm just happy to be here.

Megan K: *2019 was a great year for me - I had some amazing things happen. As everyone else had thought 2020 would be even better. Obviously, we were all wrong. Prior to the pandemic, I was already struggling with the loss of both my grandparents. Then, the pandemic hit. As I watched the world crumble & noticed that other people were struggling even more than I was. It gave me a new appreciation for my family, my health, & my job. This year, reading the submitted scholarship essays of students in North Brunswick only reinforced that appreciation & as it does each year also reinforced to me what great things the Aubrey Foundation does. With the world falling a part around us, The Aubrey Foundation was still able to give back in various ways! 2020 to me was about appreciating all that you have & giving back as much as you can. I am honored to be a part of an organization that does both of those things.*

Ipsika K: As I'm a new member of TAF this year, I have had the opportunity to learn a lot about the dynamics of the organization as well as experience working alongside the marketing committee. I am a North Brunswick Linwood Middle School alum and had the absolute pleasure of having Mrs. Pappas for three years. Therefore, I feel as if I have a special connection to this organization because it is allowing me to give back to the person that gave me the most, such as my passion for writing and reading. TAF this year has been the highlight of it and I can't wait to participate and be more of an asset to the team and family next year. In conclusion, TAF is the start of something amazing and an opportunity to learn and give back.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS LOVED AND SUPPORTED TAF THE PAST 6 YEARS!