



formerly Cerebral Palsy of Monmouth & Ocean Counties, Inc.

Fall/Winter 2010

Message from Executive Director Patricia Carlesimo

We're on our way! Thanks to the dedication of our staff and the generous support of our many friends from the community, our move this summer to the new Administration Building was accomplished with impressive speed.

We are looking forward to an exciting year. This winter, we will be participating in our ninth CARF survey. CARF, the Rehabilitation Accreditation Commission, is an international organization which accredits agencies such as LADACIN. We are proud to say we have received the maximum three-year accreditation each of the eight times we have participated.

The community's steadfast support of our mission continues. We are grateful for the long-standing support



of the United Ways of Monmouth and Ocean Counties. LADACIN was awarded a grant from the United Way of Monmouth County to support the hiring of a Career Developer for our Technical Education Center (TEC) program for at least one year with the potential for three years. This support will allow us to foster the aspirations of our clients wishing to work in the community. We are also proud to partner with the Monmouth County Workforce Investment Board (WIB)

and are most pleased to have been selected by the WIB to receive their Community Service Partnership Award in April 2011.

We welcome two new members to our Board of Trustees, Bernard J. Berry Jr., Esquire, of Giordano Halleran & Ciesla and Linda Camp, retired from Fort Monmouth. We look forward to the return of Bryan McMillen of International Flavors and Fragrances to the Board.

Powered by our commitment to advance the mission of the Agency and answer the needs of the people we serve, and with the tremendous support of the community, we are moving forward toward the future. In doing so, we support our students and clients on their journey in moving forward toward independence.

Move Makes Room for Classrooms

The Agency accomplished a significant milestone in its nearly 60-year history with the completion of our new Administration Building. The new building supports LADACIN Network's expanding efforts to serve people with disabilities and their families living in Monmouth and Ocean Counties.



Andrew and Cathy hard at work on the computers in the newly renovated Technology Education Center (TEC) at the Schroth Center.

Administrative staff and Family Support Services moved, seamlessly, into the new 10,000 square foot building in August. Board Member Stephan Lowy of Lowy's Moving Service secured a substantial donation of office furniture for the entire building, a significant savings for the Agency. The vacated office space at the Schroth

Center was immediately renovated to accommodate our day programs. In time for the new school year, new classrooms were created, alleviating crowded conditions throughout the Schroth Center. A new area has

been created for Access Unlimited, our in-house supported employment workshop for adults. This component of the Agency's TEC program has returned,



Clients in ACCESS Unlimited enjoying their new work space.

after 10 years, to the Schroth Center from leased space on Sunset Avenue. "The move and the renovations to the Schroth Center are complete.

It is very exciting to see that

the Agency's plans to expand programs and services are moving forward," says Patricia Carlesimo, Executive Director. "Very quickly our adult clients have filled the newly designed space and that has been most gratifying."

Moving Forward...

Following are highlights of some of the activities and events which raise funds and help LADACIN Network carry out its mission.

Golfers Tee Up to Support LADACIN

The 9th Annual RAT Rock Open Charity Golf Classic was held on Monday, October 4, 2010 at Eagle Ridge Golf Club in Lakewood. In a show of true community spirit, 70 golfers and 11 hearty volunteers braved the chilly autumn rain to show their support for



Patricia Carlesimo shares a moment with golfers. Left to right: Richard Buonomo, Jean Pierre Tetrault (tournament co-chair), and Tom Ruane.

LADACIN Network.

The enthusiastic efforts of Golf Committee Co-chairs Jean Pierre Tetrault, Richard Porter and Doug Sjonvall and all the participants made the event a great success. The Golf Classic raised \$34,000 to support our comprehensive array of lifetime services.



Team Tetrault Women with Jean Pierre getting ready to tee off.

95.9 WRAT radio personalities Carl Craft and Marty Martinez served as Masters of Ceremonies for the luncheon. The radio station and its parent company, Greater Media New Jersey, have been steadfast LADACIN supporters and Corporate Sponsors for many years.



Team T.F. Produce enjoying a luncheon following the tournament.

Buckets of Balls... and Fun... at Golf Clinic



Rocky and clients from the Lehmann Center enjoyed golfing at the Manfredi "First Swing" Golf Challenge, a golf clinic held at Eagle Ridge Golf Club on September 24th.

On a bright, late summer Saturday, amid a roar of engines, Agency supporters joined together for the first Motorcycle Run in Memory of Christine Montalto. Christine, an instructional assistant at the Lehmann School for 11 years, passed away in 2009. She devoted much of her time to care for children with disabilities and inspired her family and friends with her kindness. Christine's family, the owners of Gregory's Seafood Restaurant and Fish Market in Manchester, chose a special way to honor her memory by



Mr. Bentley, parent of a Lehmann client and motorcycling enthusiast, rode with 20 friends from the Leathernecks Nation Motorcycle Club.

Christine's family at Gregory's



supporting the Agency with a motorcycle run. The Run, held on September 11th, began at the Schroth Center in Wanamassa and continued on Route 35 through Monmouth and Ocean Counties on a course to Gregory's. There, the family graciously provided food and tee shirts for the participants of the run. Music was provided by 95.9 WRAT's DJ Rockin' Robyn Lane and the RAT Pack. There was a raffle for a large screen TV and a 50/50 raffle. The event raised approximately \$3,300 for the Agency.

Making a Difference.

We thank the many friends, families, sponsors, and volunteers who keep the Agency and its clients continually MOVING FORWARD.

Walk-and-Wheelers Step Up Playground Funds

Participants of the 4th Annual Ryan Bell Memorial Walk and Wheel-A-Thon enjoyed the warmth of a sparkling sunny afternoon on Sunday, September 19th as they moved along the 1.5 mile course at Brookdale Community College in Lincroft.

Refreshments, giveaways and family-friendly activities such as face painting, balloon animals and entertainment by Mr. Scott the Music Man, 95.9 WRAT radio, Sky High Entertainment and Al Pal the Clown were enjoyed by all.

The event was created in 2007 by Ryan's parents, Marlene and Stephen Bell and brother, Matt, of Marlboro, to bring together friends and family and celebrate the memory of Ryan's life. He passed away in 2006 at the age of nine. Ryan was an endearing boy who loved his family, sports, the outdoors and his school. He received education, therapy and other services at LADACIN's Schroth School five days a week, year round for seven years.

The Bell Family remains passionately committed to supporting the programs and services of LADACIN Network. Stephen is a member of the Board of Trustees and currently serves as

Treasurer. Marlene has been active in the Agency's fundraising efforts for many years.

The Walk and Wheel-A-Thon raised \$25,000 to support the Schroth Center Inclusive Specialized Playground Project.



Ryan's parents, Stephen and Marlene, brother, Matt, and family pet, Boomer, at the event.



Members of Team Ramapo were among those who walked to raise playground funds.

The current playground at the Schroth Center is in need of renovation. A playground with specialized equipment, rubberized surfaces and wide ramps is needed to enable the Schroth School students to experience the therapeutic aspects and social benefits of play. The design of the new playground allows for children of all abilities the opportunity to play together. For some families a new accessible playground will afford them the opportunity to see their child enjoying a

playground for the first time.

We thank the many generous participants of the Walk and Wheel-A-Thon for making a meaningful difference in the lives of our Schroth School students.



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The Schroth Center Inclusive Playground Project



Moving Forward...

We would like to recognize the generous support we receive from businesses, families, and others...

Verizon Supports LADACIN and Literacy

The Verizon Foundation, through its "Check Into Literacy" program, awarded LADACIN Network a \$10,000 grant to support our literacy programs for children and adults. The awards were presented at a reception on September 14th in Livingston.

The grant awards are made possible by the support of Verizon customers who donate a dollar a month to literacy programs across New Jersey by checking off a box on their phone bill.



From left to right: Donnett Barnett Verley, Verizon Director of Public Affairs & Corporate Responsibility, Luisa Vroman, LADACIN's Director of Development, Doug Schoenberger, Vice President, Public Affairs & Corporate Responsibility, at the Verizon Check into Literacy Reception on September 14th.



Clients benefit from adaptive computer equipment to increase literacy.



Borders Brings in the Books

For the second year in a row, Borders in Eatontown hosted a book drive throughout August and September to benefit LADACIN Network.

As they shopped for back to school items, Borders' patrons were asked to also purchase books for the Agency. Their support for the drive was amazing. Our students, adult clients and teachers began the new school year with hundreds of brand new books, CDs and DVDs.

The book drive also provided LADACIN with an opportunity to increase community awareness of the programs and services we provide. Borders employee, Aubriann Fox, visited the Schroth Center as a Brookdale Community College student and remembered LADACIN when coordinating the book drive for the store. We thank her for her many efforts and thoughtful support.

Ways That You Can Give to LADACIN NETWORK

- ♥ Remember a loved one with a memorial or tribute by making a donation in memory of or in honor of that special person.
- ♥ Consider donations or bequests to LADACIN Network when planning your finances and your will.
- ♥ Make a donation in lieu of favors for a special event/wedding. We will make cards for your guests upon request.
- ♥ Host a fundraiser to benefit LADACIN Network, such as a car wash, bake sale, garage sale, walkathon, or 50/50 – or come up with your own unique idea for raising money.
- ♥ Make your donation go even further by participating in a corporate matching program. Some companies will double or even triple employee donations – check your company's policy.

For more information, call the Director of Development at: 732.493.5900, or email: directorofdevelopment@ladacin.org.

TD Charitable Foundation Awards \$7,500 Grant

The TD Charitable Foundation, the charitable arm of TD Bank, has awarded LADACIN Network a \$7,500 grant to support our independent living facility for adults with disabilities. The Asbury Avenue Apartments provide affordable, barrier-free housing and special support services allowing clients to reside in their own apartments within the community. The Agency surrounds the residents with support services to enable them to achieve their highest level of independence.

Making a Difference.

...who work hard to provide grants, donations, and support for the many fundraising activities held throughout the year.

Summer Social Builds Friendships and Funds



Over 100 friends of former LADACIN employee Ginger Peters got together at The Lake House in Loch Arbour in memory of Ginger's mother, Rhoda. Over \$2,400 was raised and dedicated to LADACIN's building fund.



LADACIN Network is now participating in the NJ Clean Energy Program (NJCEP), a state program promoting green energy. New Jersey residents and businesses receive substantial environmental, public health and economic benefits from NJCEP initiatives. In 2009, the reduction in carbon dioxide emissions in New Jersey as a result of the program was equivalent to taking 95,000 cars off the road for a year.

Save the Date



Polar Bear Plunge 2011

In support of the J. Michael Hartnett Memorial Fund
Saturday, January 15, 2011
Leggett's Sand Bar & Restaurant, Manasquan

30th Annual Rosebud Gala Dinner Dance

Saturday, March 12, 2011, Sheraton Eatontown Hotel

Honoring
CWR Electronics, Inc.
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New Jersey Marathon

Sunday, May 1, 2011, Long Branch

Runners needed for the full or half marathon and team relay!

Casino Night and Auction



Friday, June 10, 2011
Eagle Oaks Golf & Country Club, Farmingdale

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LADACIN is Going Green

Direct Install, NJCEP's new initiative under the NJ SmartStart Building Programs through New Jersey Natural Gas Company's Save Green Project, makes it easy and affordable to upgrade to high efficiency equipment. Direct Install is designed to cut a facility's energy costs by providing upgrades to lighting, heating, ventilation and air conditioning with energy efficient alternatives. Eight LADACIN locations are eligible for this program. With the

assistance of Hutchinson Mechanical Services, we have completed upgrades to lighting, furnaces, boilers and cooling systems at the Lehmann Center and in several Agency residences. NJCEP pays for 80% of the cost of this equipment. In addition, LADACIN has entered into a one year contract with Constellation Energy to reduce electrical energy costs, which has potential for significant savings on our utility bills.

Moving Forward...

Through the support of sponsors, communities, volunteers and families,
and the talent and dedication of its staff,...



Hubens Honored for 10 Years of Service with BlueClaws



Jim Scavone, LADACIN's Director of Adult Services, shows Lehmann client Hubens his award. Hubens celebrated his tenth year working at the Lakewood BlueClaws stadium.

Sometimes Learning is Like a Day at the Beach



On September 22nd, the Belmar Fishing Club hosted a day at the beach for Schroth School students. Mayor Ken Pringle greeted the students at the Club. With the help of lifeguards, surfers, safety officers, and other municipal workers and community volunteers, the students spent a beautiful day at the beach. Above, John enjoys fishing off the pier. Below, Jessica enjoys a laugh with Belmar lifeguards and a police captain.

Summer Program Sizzles with Excitement

Students enjoyed an abundance of sunshine and fun-filled learning activities this summer at the Lehmann School and Schroth School Extended School Year Programs. The program is designed to ensure that each child maintains his or her acquired skills yet also has the opportunity to enjoy summertime.



Julia cools off in the pool.

During the summer program, LADACIN Network introduced school students to the Unique Learning Curriculum. The system is a standard-based curriculum program designed specifically for students with disabilities and is aligned with the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards.

Each school chose a theme for the summer. At the Lehmann School,

students participated in a number of "Wild West" themed activities including panning for gold, square dancing and a Chili Bake-off. They also enjoyed swimming, ice skating and trips to the movies and an insectology museum.

Schroth School chose a "Going on Vacation" theme. The children studied such destinations as the beach, Yellowstone National Park, Alaska, Hawaii, Philadelphia, New York and the Smoky Mountains. The students learned about activities and animals that are most popular in those areas. They also enjoyed swimming, Beach Bingo, a Hawaiian Luau Party and many field trips including Six Flags Safari and the Monmouth Museum.



Anthony checks out the bean bag toss tunnel during the Luau.



Making a Difference.

...LADACIN Network continues to MAKE A DIFFERENCE
in the lives of so many, in so many ways.

Students in Motion Find Fun and Friendship on the Ice

In a generous show of community support, two local ice skating facilities, Winding River Skating Center in Toms River and Gold Coast Arena in Farmingdale, have provided our schools with ice time. Lehmann School students and Schroth School students now have a chance to exercise and have fun with their peers by ice skating.



Jennifer enjoys her time on the ice.

The ice skating program provides supports and removes physical barriers to recreation for the students and their families. Craig Lyons, Manager of Winding River Skating Center and John Cunningham, the owner of Gold Coast Arena, have been providing personnel and complete use of the ice for hour-long weekday sessions for over a year. The schools provide the teachers, therapists, adaptive equipment and transportation to the sessions. Physical therapists ensure that the children are positioned safely before they go on the ice. Once on the ice, students are free to experience the exhilaration of gliding across the ice, playing hockey and most of all racing. Schroth School Adapted Physical Education Teacher, Lynn Poggioli, says, "We have found the students enjoy racing the most. The

faster we go, the more they like it!" Some



Edward takes a shot on goal during a hockey lesson.

parents have also had the opportunity to participate and witness, with amazement, their child skating for the first time.

Lehmann School Principal, Dennis Rose says, "The

children have a fantastic time. When they return from a trip, they all have such big smiles on their faces... They love it!"

The Traveling Wheels Move Forward to Independence

The Agency provides services to assist our clients to maximize their independence and participate fully in all the community has to offer.

When Amanda, who receives services from the Lehmann Center Adult Program, was out enjoying a movie with two of her friends, she thought it would be a nice idea to start a social group with her friends from LADACIN. A group of clients working at the Lehmann Annex Supported Workshop also wanted to see each other socially and explore the community as independently as possible.

"The Traveling Wheels" group was initiated when Amanda, Crystal, Debbie, Amanda C., Melissa, Sean, Ernie, Felicia and Kristina met in September 2009 at the Mill Creek Group Home. They planned their first outing to the Toms River Elks Club Halloween Party. They

have gone to numerous places since then, including the movies, a Lakewood BlueClaws baseball game and an "After the Reign" band concert at the Strand Theater. "After the Reign" performed last year at the client's holiday party at the PNC Arts Center.

The Traveling Wheels members feel that participating in the community also



The Traveling Wheels group supported Lisa's fundraising effort in the Ryan Bell Walk-and-Wheel-A-Thon.

includes "giving back activities". The group raised funds for the 4th Annual Ryan Bell Memorial Walk and Wheel-A-Thon in September and look forward to participating again next year.

The clients hold meetings at the Lehmann Annex and staff offer guidance when they are planning their outings. The clients arrange for their own transportation through their families or Access Link, a New Jersey Transit para-transit service. Coordinating meetings, arranging accommodations and securing appropriate transportation can be challenging. Amanda hopes that as the group expands its numbers and activities, the number of volunteers will also grow. "It's a lot of fun. It's not always easy organizing everyone together, but it's worth it!"



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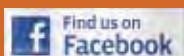
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Moving Forward... Making a Difference.



Early Intervention physical therapist, Katie, shows Mom and Dad how to position Jacob in their home.



David and Larry, 4-H Club members, proudly display their blue ribbons awarded for their artwork at the Monmouth County Fair.



Edgar and Jennifer root for their favorite teams during the NFL Health and Wellness Day.



Randall enjoys a dip in the pool this summer.



Brandon creates a work of art at the Lehmann School.



Left: Rebecca working and playing with Devon, Early Intervention physical therapist.

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