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AND CHALLENGING INDIVIDUAL NEEDS

LADACIN

N E T W O R K



formerly Cerebral Palsy of Monmouth & Ocean Counties, Inc.

Fall/Winter 2011

Message from Executive Director Patricia Carlesimo

The key to LADACIN Network's success and longevity is and has always been people. Over the Agency's 60 year history, people working together to provide opportunity and enhance the lives of people with disabilities have brought forth transformational change.



LADACIN has grown from a small organization providing

outpatient therapy to an Agency providing a full array of lifetime services by compassionately responding to the needs of our children, adults and their families.

Through the years, the Agency benefited from the guidance of our Board of Trustees comprised of volunteers who provided hope and opportunity by sharing their time and expertise.

We extend our sincere thanks to James Klagholz, of Clayton N. Sterling Associates, Inc., who recently completed a three year term as LADACIN's Board President. Despite persistent economic challenges, Jim's leadership saw an expansion in the Agency's capacity to serve. In his 19 year tenure on the Board he also served as President from 1995-2001.

Kelly Siegfried, Vice President-Relationship Manager for OceanFirst Bank and LADACIN Network Board Vice President, graciously assumed the role of Board President in September.

Thomas Hayes, Director of Consumer and Community Relations, New Jersey Natural Gas, has served on the Board
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A 21st Century Learning Environment

Technology opens up the world for our students and clients. LADACIN strives to ensure that assistive technology is available and our services reflect the latest knowledge in the field.



This past Spring, the Lakewood Lions Club donated two iPads to the Lehmann Center and the Agency purchased two additional iPads for the Schroth School. The touch screen technology enables students with limited range of motion and fine motor skills to accomplish many everyday

activities including communication with family and friends and exploring the use of many helpful iPad apps. Students from the Lehmann School using iPads were featured in articles in the Asbury Park Press and USA Today. Reporters from Ebru TV, Somerset, also visited with our students and interviewed our staff for a segment on technology.

LADACIN's therapists and teachers,

realizing the iPad can be a valuable tool to assist our students and clients, attended a workshop on using the iPad, presented by Dr. Joan Bruno from TECHConnection at Family Resource Associates, Shrewsbury.

Investors Bank Foundation has generously granted the Agency an award for the purchase of SMART Boards for the school and adult programs at the Lehmann Center. A SMART Board is a large interactive white board. When connected to a computer, it displays an image on a large, touch-sensitive screen. The screen can be accessed by touch or a large pointer, which facilitates participation by students with limited



Technology such as SMART Boards and iPads, replaces the chalkboards and books of the "old days" at the Agency's original program site.



range of motion and fine motor skills. SMART Boards provide appropriate access and enable our students and adult clients to participate in a 21st century learning environment. One of the Agency's goals is to equip each classroom with a SMART Board. ■

New Playground Greeted with Excitement and Smiles

LADACIN Network celebrated the opening of a new accessible playground, *The Ryan Bell Playground... Ry Ry's Playground of Smiles*, at the Schroth Center on October 31st.



Above: Matt and Moises, Schroth School students, cut a ribbon to mark the opening of the new playground, which has many accessible features, very different from the playground at Dewey Street (pictured at right), the location of LADACIN's first school.

The new playground provides children attending the Schroth Center with opportunities not otherwise available to them in the community. Wide ramps, brightly-colored play panels and a rubberized surface is enabling the students to receive therapy, learn and experience the joys of play with their peers. The play panels are placed to allow children in wheelchairs to play side-by-side with typically developing children.

The playground is named in memory of Ryan Bell, a student of the Schroth School who passed away in 2006 at the age of nine. His smile inspired the name of the playground. Ryan's father, Stephen Bell (pictured right with his wife, Marlene) recalls, "The services he received and the commitment of the staff had an extraordinary impact on

Ryan's life. Despite his disabilities and the challenges he faced, he had an incredible spirit, was always quick to smile or laugh, and touched the lives of many people".

LADACIN raised \$120,500 through private donations and corporate and foundation support. Thanks to the Bell family, five annual Ryan Bell Memorial Walk and Wheel-A-Thon events were held. These proceeds, when combined with corporate, foundation and private donations made the completion of the playground possible.

Other recent generous contributors to the playground project include: the Christopher & Dana Reeve



Foundation, Nordstrom, Inc.-Eastern Region, the Columbiettes of Union #4504, Hospital for Special Surgery, and students from the Perrineville Jewish Center. Marturano Recreation Co. also provided a matching grant of \$42,500 for playground equipment.

Kyle Keel, Coordinator of Therapy Services, said, "The playground's components offer our students therapeutic opportunities incorporated with just plain fun! The students love it!"



Early Intervention in Natural Environments

LADACIN Network's Early Intervention services are designed to enhance the development of children from birth to age three who have developmental delays or disabilities. The Agency's fully certified therapists, educators, social workers and nutritionist provide an average of over 100 hours of services per day every month in Monmouth and Ocean Counties. Providers ensure that each family plays a major role in how Early Intervention services are planned, put into action and evaluated.

Services are provided in the child's natural surroundings where children and family members live, work and play. In addition to the child's home, child care, parks, or even the beach can serve as a setting for Early Intervention services. The children also have access to LADACIN's specialized diagnostic clinics.



Top: Jacob receives Early Intervention services in a natural environment. Bottom: A more traditional learning environment in the early days of the Agency.

LADACIN Clinics... Then and Now

We've seen dramatic changes through the 60 years of service LADACIN Network is now celebrating. However, what has remained constant through years of change and growth has been a commitment to provide comprehensive and caring service and assist each individual to reach their greatest potential.

The clinic program was the Agency's seminal program and endures because it is vital to the success of the children and adults we serve. The program ensures that our children and adults have access to specialists who are expert in treating the complex medical needs of people with disabilities. We provide our clients with neurology, psychiatry, dental, and nutrition services on-site throughout the year. The Agency also arranges for on-site orthotics and wheelchair clinics. Despite continuing economic concerns and shortages in



*Above: Scott receives a dental check-up by Dr. Tratenberg, assisted by Alex Francois, at Schroth Center's Dental Clinic.
Below: Agency nurses in the 1960's.*



governmental funding, these services are provided at no cost to families.

Access to specialized care for people with disabilities is a perennial challenge. LADACIN's on-site clinics fill an important role. Each year the need for clinic services is great.

The Agency's therapists and nurses take the time to advocate for clients to ensure they receive the proper treatment and equipment.

Once again in response to the needs of our students and clients, we would like to

expand our array of clinic services to include dysphagia services. Dysphagia is characterized by difficulty with swallowing sometimes caused by an underlying neurological condition.

The Agency's unchanging commitment to provide quality clinic services will assist our students and clients into the future. ■

Multi-sensory Room Heightens the Senses

The new Multi-sensory Room at the Schroth Center will help students and clients to advance their therapy and educational goals. Blue walls, a beanbag chair and chimes create a calming environment while the projectors, bubble tube, mirrors and light curtain are stimulating and improve visual attention, tracking skills and environmental awareness. The beneficial effects of the bubble tube are enhanced by large acrylic mirrors provided by funding from the Fund for the New Jersey Blind. ■



Above: Jacob and his nurse enjoy time in the new multi-sensory room.

Below: A student uses an audiometer for speech therapy.



LADACIN Programs Highlighted on WABC-TV



L to R: Luisa Vroman, Director of Development; Joseph Walker, family member and longtime supporter; and Patricia Carlesimo, Executive Director discussed LADACIN's programs and participation in the NJ Marathon on "New Jersey ViewPoint" with Ken Rosato that aired on August 7th .

Raising the Stakes at Casino Night

Guests tried their luck and showed their support for LADACIN Network at the Casino Night and Gift Auction at Eagle Oaks Golf & Country Club, Farmingdale, on June 10th.

The fun-filled event raised over \$24,000 to support LADACIN's educational, therapeutic, social, residential and support services. The gaming excitement was provided by Tumbling Dice Entertainment and featured a



thrilling Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament. Guests also took chances to win a 50/50 raffle, a treasure chest of gifts, and beautiful gift auction items.

Co-chairs Bonnie Hogan, Neptune, and Marlene Bell, Marlboro, led a committee of enthusiastic volunteers from the Agency and the community. Robyn Lane of 95.9 WRAT and Tripp Rogers of Magic 100.1 called the winning tickets for the evening's Auction. ■

Ryan Bell Memorial Walk-and-Wheel-A-Thon Reaches the Finish Line

The 5th annual Ryan Bell Memorial Walk and Wheel-A-Thon was held on September 18th at Brookdale Community College, Lincroft.

Participants enjoyed abundant



sunshine and entertainment by 95.9 WRAT, Lake Como; Mr. Scott The Music Man, Allenwood; Skyhigh Entertainment, Hamilton; Al Pal Clown, Morristown; and The Bright and Beautiful Therapy Dogs, Inc., Morris Plains.

In 2007, Ryan's parents, Marlene and Stephen Bell and brother, Matt, of Marlboro, (pictured right) created the event to bring together friends and family and celebrate the memory of Ryan's life. The proceeds from the walk and wheel-a-thons,



which totalled approximately \$102,000, contributed to the installation of the new playground at the Schroth Center which opened this Fall.

Although this year's event was the final Ryan Bell Memorial Walk and Wheel-A-Thon, the Bell Family remains passionately committed to supporting LADACIN Network. Stephen currently serves as Treasurer

of the Board of Trustees and Marlene is active in the Agency's fundraising efforts. We are grateful for the support of the Bell Family. Their generosity of spirit will make a positive difference in the lives of the children served at the Schroth Center. ■



Above: Teachers on roller skates and students in wheelchairs in a "Walk and Wheel-A-Thon" of their own.

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, walk-a-thon, 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 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.

The Golf Classic is a Class Act

Players enjoyed a crisp early autumn round of golf in support of LADACIN Network at the 10th Annual RAT Rock Open Charity Golf Classic at Eagle Ridge Golf Club in Lakewood on October 3rd. They were also treated to a



Back L to R: Steve, Jean Pierre, Drew, and Richard (Team Robertet) with Patricia, Executive Director, LADACIN

continental breakfast, a platinum buffet lunch and received a golfer's gift bag.

95.9 WRAT morning show hosts, Carl and Marty, served as masters of ceremony for the luncheon which featured awards, raffles and a gift auction. Team Robertet, led by longtime Agency supporter, Jean Pierre Tetrault, of Robertet, Inc., won the Classic.

Doug Sjonvall, Howell, Director of Marketing for 95.9 WRAT and Magic 100.1, and Darrin Singleton, Jackson, TD Bank Vice President, co-chaired the 2011 Golf Classic Committee. This year the event raised over \$24,000. Over ten years, funds raised from the Classic have significantly enhanced the quality of life for our infants, children and adults. ■



Above: L to R: Doug, Bob, Ryan, and Mike (Team WRAT) on the 11th hole.

Executive Director's Message

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since 2000 and as Board Secretary for the last ten years. He will now serve as Board Vice President.

Bryan McMillen, Division Controller, International Flavors & Fragrances, will serve as Board Secretary and Stephen Bell, CPA, Hospital for Special Surgery, will remain Treasurer.

We welcomed the return of Joan Kreizman, former Schroth School Principal, to the Agency as a Board Member in January 2011.

After 19 years of dedicated service, Kathy Vivona resigned her position with the Board in September. The Agency is fortunate to have welcomed her husband, Dr. Vincent J. Vivona, Brick Cardiovascular Specialists, P.A. as our newest Board Member.

There are some instances when the more things change, the more they stay the same. The compassion and dedication exemplified by our Board of Trustees has guided the Agency throughout the last 60 years. I am confident that this tradition will continue well into the future. ■

Motorcycles Run for the 2nd Year

The 2nd Annual Motorcycle Run in Memory of Christine Montalto was held on October 15th. Christine worked at the Lehmann Center for 11 years and had a special place in her heart for the children she cared for. To honor her memory and support the Lehmann Center, Christine's family,



owners of Gregory's Seafood Restaurant in Manchester, created a motorcycle run event.

Participants revved up and set out from the Schroth Center in Wanamassa, heading south along the ocean to Gregory's. They were joined by riders from the Jersey Shore Hogs, Leathernecks Nation and Sons of Anarchy.

After the ride, festivities were held at Gregory's, including music provided by 95.9 WRAT. The event raised over \$1,700 this year. ■

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For more information on this program, contact the Director of Development at 732.493.5900

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LADACIN Works with Community Partners To Achieve Success

For several years, clients in the Lehmann Center's vocational programs have benefited from a money skills class provided by managers from Investors Bank in Lakewood. That tradition continues with Tino Fontes, Branch Manager, and Joann Parisi, Assistant Branch Manager (pictured below with Dave Nicola, Technical Education Center Manager, on the left.)

Investors Bank hired Amanda, a LADACIN TEC client, two years ago. In addition to her duties as a greeter, Amanda also assists with Investors' financial literacy program for our clients in both Monmouth and Ocean

Counties. Mr. Fontes says, "Amanda is a great asset to Investors and a great team player of the Lakewood Branch..."

Amanda is always in high spirits and our customers love her...I look forward to seeing Amanda's development at Investors and I know she is ready for the challenge."

Investors has been so pleased with Amanda's work that they have offered employment to Kathy, another LADACIN TEC client, as a greeter at

a Freehold branch of the bank. As with Amanda and Kathy, LADACIN is also hard at work developing community partnerships that will lead to employment opportunities for our adult clients.

Our community partners are making a difference by enabling our clients to achieve success in the workforce.■



United Way of Monmouth County Renews Grant

United Way of Monmouth County recently renewed LADACIN's Community Impact Program grant to support a Career Developer position for a second year.■



Awards Grant for Scanner Program

We are pleased to announce a new partnership with the Kessler Foundation of West Orange. The Kessler Foundation has awarded LADACIN a \$40,000 grant for the purchase of scanning equipment for our expanding Access Unlimited Document Management Program, bringing new opportunities for meaningful employment to our clients.■

Radio Personality Visits Schroth



Lou Russo, of 94.3 The Point's "Lou and Liz In the Morning", poses with Christine while visiting the Schroth Center.

BlueClaws + LADACIN = Charity Partners



Left: James Klagholz, former LADACIN Board President and Patricia Carlesimo, Executive Director, get a hug from Buster, the BlueClaws mascot.



Right: Billy, with dad Bill, throws out the first pitch.

TD Charitable Foundation

Awards Grant for Op LIFE

The TD Charitable Foundation generously awarded LADACIN a \$5,000 grant to support Operation LIFE, our independent living program in Long Branch. The program provides affordable, barrier-free housing and special support services allowing clients to reside in their own apartments.

Below, Marlo Byrne, TD Bank Assistant Vice President, presented the award to Patricia Carlesimo and clients at the Schroth Center. ■



Brick PAL Recognizes ACCESS



Above: Michele receives an award from Adele Coppola of the Brick PAL. The Brick PAL has been a valued Access Unlimited customer for many years. Our clients at the Lehmann Annex package snacks for PAL youth programs.

ACCESS Unlimited is an in-house program which provides services such as bulk mailing, assembly and packaging, fulfillment, or scanning. These low cost, quality services are provided by clients at LADACIN. For more information, call the Coordinator of Vocational Programs at 732.493.5900 Ext. 255.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" in Belmar

Right: Carl, along with 40 adults and students from the Schroth Center, attended the Midsummer Night's Dream party in Belmar.



Photo courtesy of Asbury Park Press



Mayor Matt Doherty (pictured left with LADACIN teacher Paddi Golden-Gartner), was among those in

attendance. Mike Campbell, Belmar Recreation Director, coordinated the event which included refreshments, face painting, games, and a DJ, all provided by local vendors and volunteers. Belmar donated the Taylor Pavillion for the party.

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Front L to R: Schroth School graduates Stephanie, Derek and John with Assemblywoman Mary Pat Angelini and Patricia Carlesimo, Executive Director.



Above: Cynthia enjoys sand art at the Schroth School Carnival in August.



Back Row, Right and second from right: Harry Smith, Exalted Ruler and Roberta Lerner, Americanism Chairperson, of the Asbury Park-Wall Elks #128, presented American flags to Team 5 of the Schroth School.



Anthony promotes recycling with a "Think Green" campaign at the Lehmann School.

Save the Date!

Polar Bear Plunge

January 14, 2012

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