Breaking down barriers and changing the lives of those around him, Robbie has been an asset to the Give and Take Child Care and Preschool Center at LADACIN Network for over a year. When Robbie mentioned that he would like a job, shredding, scanning and deliveries were ideas that were explored and considered. Because of his interest in helping others, it was decided that he would try volunteering as a playground monitor in the Child Care program.

When Robbie first began volunteering, the children were somewhat hesitant and asked a lot of questions. Today, if he is out for the day, they ask for him and wonder where he is. Robbie uses his power chair on the ramp at the playground so he can have a good view of the children as they play. He uses positive reinforcement while outside and informs the teachers of any issues that may arise. He has become a vital part of the program and a role model to the children who have come to look up to him.

Not only has Robbie enriched the experiences of the children he interacts with daily, his parents believe that his role has made a significant impact on his growth and learning. “The changes

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LADACIN has had yet another exciting and productive year! Significant change has occurred in several programs because of new funding paradigms, evolving leadership in preparation for a retiring administrator, dramatic growth in the number of families served in Early Intervention Services, and preparation for our upcoming three-year CARF (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities) survey.

LADACIN purchased an electronic health record software program to accommodate the move to a fee-for-service model in our Adult Programs. The state is transitioning to a Medicaid billing system over the next year. We are prepared and have successfully documented and billed for a small group of clients in a pilot group designated by the Division of Developmental Disabilities. See our stories about Robbie and Carl for examples of the great work in Adult Services!

The Department of Children and Families implemented a fee-for-service model for children’s Respite Services. We have made revisions to our process for Self-Directed Respite (where the family hires the Respite worker) in order to continue this much needed service for our families. Responsibility for Adult Respite Services, Time After Program and Saturday Respite were transitioned to Celeste Smith, Associate Executive Director of Adult Services.

Our Schools are happily welcoming new students following a graduating class of six at Schroth School and two at Lehmann School. Marianne Forman, Associate Executive Director of Children’s Services, is planning to retire in December 2016. The School Programs thrived under Marianne’s leadership, especially in the areas of curriculum and literacy development. Thank you, Marianne, for 17 years of dedication! Lisa Graul, who worked with Marianne for 7 years, is now the Director of Children’s Services, including the Schools and Child Care. We know she will be an excellent successor! The Eye Gaze story shows the great work going on in our schools! Marianne was also responsible for the development of our Early Intervention services...that program continues to grow annually!

Finally, we could not boast about our exemplary services and beautiful, safe facilities were it not for our community supporters. Please see the articles in our newsletter about grants and volunteers. Our grantors fill the gaps in state funding and provide critical fiscal support, while our volunteers fill the gaps in personnel and provide critical physical support. We are indebted to both!

We are proud and energized by the many changes that have occurred this year and look forward to continuing to provide a lifetime of opportunities for the infants, children and adults we serve.

Patricia Carlesimo, Executive Director
For the past four years, Carl has been training at LADACIN’s ACCESS Unlimited program to input and scan documents, a program that was initiated through a generous grant from the Kessler Foundation. When Jon Schwartz, owner of Schwartz Mazda in Shrewsbury, attended a Rotary meeting and heard that one of the jobs our clients excel in is scanning, he reached out to LADACIN for someone to join the company. From there, the rest is history!

Carl started as a volunteer at Mazda but through his hard work and dedication, Schwartz quickly offered him a part time position. He truly enjoys his job and one of his favorite parts is the people. “I enjoy the people and they like me! Working gets me out,” he remarked. According to Schwartz, Carl attends meetings and has had a few good suggestions about advertising. He has without a doubt become a valuable member of the team at Schwartz Mazda!

Eye gaze technology has given these individuals the empowerment and freedom they deserve and changed the quality of their lives forever!

In our wildest dreams, we could not have imagined that he would blossom to the point he has arrived at.”

- Robbie’s Dad

Below: Robbie enjoys a moment with four children from the Give and Take Child Care and Preschool Center.

Above: Aaron uses Eye Gaze as a learning tool.

Below: Winnie uses her eye movements to set up Eye Gaze calibration.

Above: Carl at work at Schwartz Mazda.

Below: Carl enjoys time with his boss, Schwartz Mazda owner, Jon Schwartz.
PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

SoloLift for physical therapy

Arriving at School

Painting Class at ACCESS

Learning is Fun at the SMART Board!

Lehmann School Prom

Schroth School Graduation

Therapy Dogs Visit LADACIN

Eric LeGrand with ACCESS Clients

Early Intervention

“A Lifetime of Opportunities”
On October 14, 2016, 302 members of the community came out to Casino Night at Eagle Oaks Golf & Country Club. Attendees had fun all night and the event raised more than $40,200.

The 35th Annual Rosebud Gala was held on March 12, 2016 at the Sheraton Eatontown Hotel. The Gala raised more than $167,300. Honorees were TD Bank and TD Charitable Foundation, The Bright and Beautiful Therapy Dogs Inc., The Kennedy E. Kowalski Charitable Foundation and Red Bank Catholic High School.

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Team LADACIN runners raised more than $45,200 at the annual NJ Marathon in Long Branch on May 1, 2016.

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“Take me out to the ball game...” On May 20, 2016 and June 3, 2016 members from the local community attended the BlueClaws games and helped to raise more than $450.

On June 20, 2016, the annual WRAT Rock Open Charity Golf Classic was held at Eagle Ridge Golf Club in Lakewood. A total of 105 golfers participated. The tournament raised over $40,000.
COMMUNITY SUPPORT

A gracious “thank you” to our corporate donors! From facilities improvements to state-of-the-art learning tools and therapy equipment, our infants, children and adults benefit immeasureably from your generous giving.

**United Way of Ocean County** - $28,000 for Nursing Services

**United Way of Monmouth County** - $25,000 for Career Developer

**The Grainger Foundation** - $15,000 for Eye Gaze Device

**OceanFirst Foundation** - $13,400 for Group Home Generator (Photo top right)

**TD Charitable Foundation** - $9,000 for Learning Together Childcare Initiative

**Gannett Foundation** - $6,200 for Toddler Playground (Photo right)

**The Kennedy E. Kowalski Charitable Foundation** - $5,000 for Smart Boards (Photo right)

**Nordstrom** - $5,000 for Learning Together Childcare Initiative

**Kearny Foundation** - $4,900 for Eye Gaze and Other Adapted Switches

**Legacy Foundation** - $4,890 for Pedal Wheelchair (Photo bottom right)

**Monmouth Park Charity Fund** - $3,000 for Therapy Services

**BlueClaws Charities** - $1,500 for Shredder, Monmouth ACCESS

**Providence Bank Foundation** - $2,500 for Specialized Clinics

"A Lifetime of Opportunities"
LADACIN Network salutes our volunteers for making a difference in the lives of the infants, children, and adults served.

CohnReznick employees volunteer at the Adult Program barbeque

United Way volunteers (Day of Giving) after finishing landscaping work at Singer House

Adult clients enjoy a day of beauty at the Monmouth County Career Center

Anthony and John Zammetti, Store Manager, (Wegmans Ocean) at Schroth School

Volunteers from Lunch Break and clients play ball

Cheerleaders from Red Bank Catholic High School lend a hand at Schroth Carnival

Ocean Township High School volunteers at Schroth Sports Day

Lehmann student at Renaissance Fair

National Honor Society students from Brick Memorial High School volunteer at the NJ Marathon

Lakewood Lions Club presents a donation to Lehmann Center

“A Lifetime of Opportunities”
Mark Your Calendars...

✓ LADACIN Plunge
   Saturday, January 14, 2017
   Legget’s & Main Beach, Manasquan

✓ NJ Marathon
   Sunday, April 30, 2017
   Oceanport/Long Branch

✓ Rat Rock Open Charity Golf Classic
   Monday, June 19, 2017
   Eagle Ridge Golf Club, Lakewood

For more information on LADACIN Network’s Special Events, contact Community Relations at 732-493-5900 ext. 263 or email CommunityRelations@LADACIN.org.

Saturday, March 25, 2017
Rosebud Gala Dinner Dance
Sheraton Eatontown Hotel
Eatontown, New Jersey

We are pleased to announce the Honorees for the 2017 Rosebud Gala...

Corporate Honoree
Wells Fargo

Humanitarian Honorees
Mike and Maryanne Cohen
Jersey Mike’s

Young Leaders’ Award
Point Pleasant Borough High School

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