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LIFETIME ASSISTANCE FOR DEVELOPMENTAL AND CHALLENGING INDIVIDUAL NEEDS
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Moving Forward

► ► ► in an Ever-Changing World

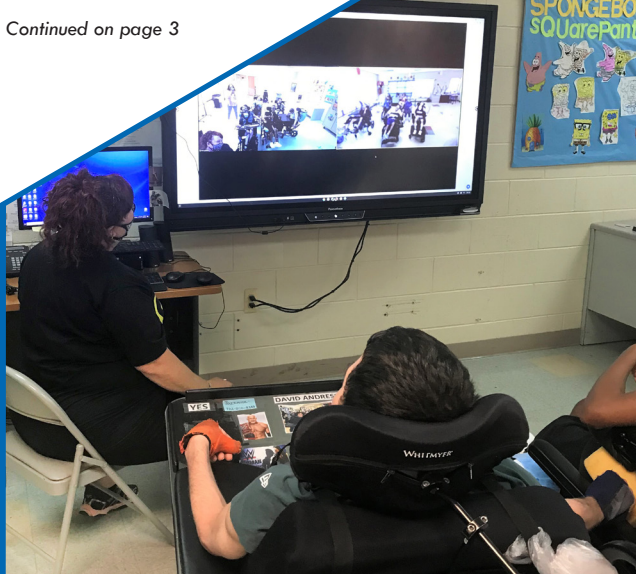
Adapting and Evolving with Innovative Technology ► ► ►

LADACIN Network is moving forward in our present world with new ways to support our families, children, and clients. Using state of the art technology and creative ingenuity, we have discovered new ways to enrich and enhance our programs and services to those we serve.

Both the Lehmann and Schroth Schools are now equipped with Swivl Robots. The Swivl Robot is a multi-purpose robotic mount for an iPad or camera. It enables teachers and therapists to move around the classroom and engage students online and in the classroom simultaneously. When an individual is unable to attend in-person classes, they can now experience the classroom and lessons online in a more natural way. Our at-home students are projected in the classroom so that everyone can see and interact with each other.

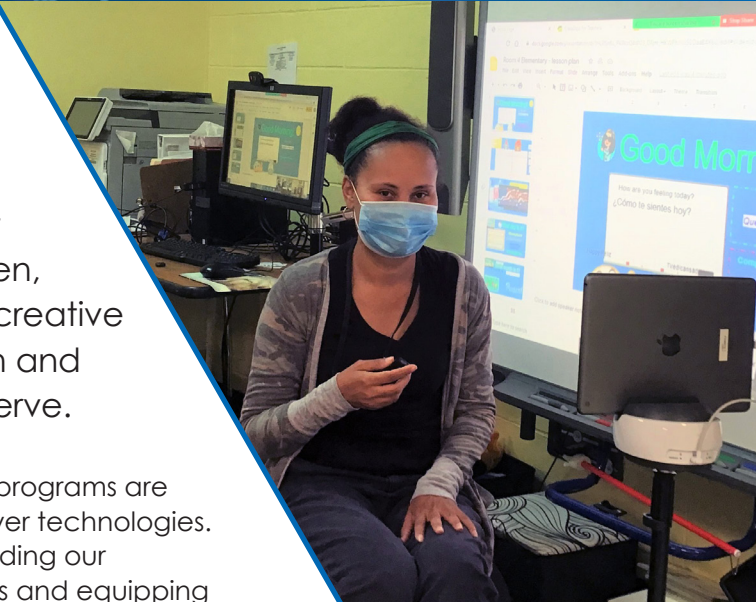
Our schools and adult programs are moving forward to newer technologies. We have begun upgrading our interactive whiteboards and equipping our classrooms with Boxlight whiteboard panels. This new digital technology inspires active learning in all teaching environments. This includes the classroom,

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▲ A teacher is able to connect with students at home through an iPad attached to a Swivl Robot mount.

▲ With the use of a whiteboard and Zoom platform, one of our Speech Therapists found a creative way to connect clients with their peers in other classrooms, creating a virtual therapy session where everyone can interact with each other.





MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Patricia Carlesimo

Despite unprecedented challenges, LADACIN remained resilient and now we are adjusting to a remote and in-person world of services for our families. We have expanded our collective ingenuity to effect innovative results for our children and adult clients in their journey toward independence. We welcomed back our Child Care, Schools, and Adult Day Programs.

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We upgraded our IT system to increase the Agency's productivity and efficiency. Brookdale Community College participated with us in online technology classes to keep our staff current on the new upgrades. We are in the process of creating an entirely new, redesigned website. The new website will be more engaging, easier to navigate, and provide more information on LADACIN and our programs and services.

We equipped our schools with Swivl Robots, allowing our teachers and therapists to move around the classroom and address both the in-person students as well as the individuals at home.

Our Early Intervention and Targeted Evaluation Team (TET) practitioners quickly implemented Telehealth services to our families. Early Intervention Services are conducted virtually, in the child's home or in a sanitized, private area in our Administration building.

Our Adult Day and Residential Programs are able to access educational and therapeutic instruction, as well as recreational activities remotely at home when they are unable to attend Day Program, using iPads and laptops. Staff connects with our adult clients using interactive white boards and video conferencing. Residential Program staff have continued to adapt to the ongoing changes and remain dedicated to creating a safe and healthy environment for our clients 24 hours/7 days a week.

I would like to thank the many supporters of LADACIN who all have helped us move forward with our technology advances and enhance the services, communication, and education we provide to the infants, children and adults of LADACIN. We could not accomplish what we do without you.

Patricia Carlesimo, Executive Director

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at home and all blended learning platforms. The software and hardware solutions allow the teacher to effectively teach from anywhere, using classroom collaboration and real-time assessments, both in and outside the classroom.

As the Agency continues to adapt to the ever-changing world, and technology continues to evolve, we are determined to move forward in tandem to create the best learning, therapeutic, and healthy environment for our students and clients.

A student can participate in classroom lessons from home through an iPad attached to the Swivl Robot. This technology allows the teacher, the on-site students, and the students from home to work together, creating a more natural learning environment.



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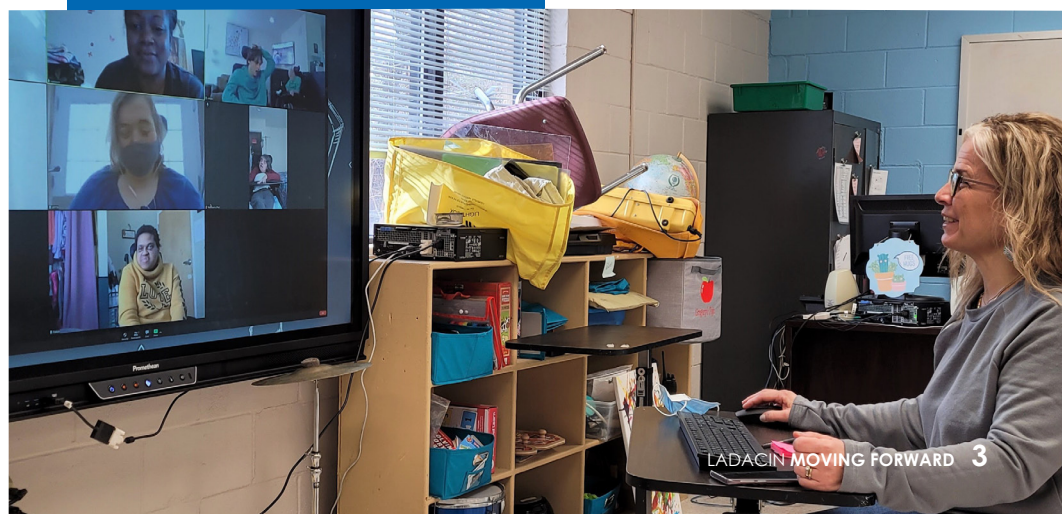
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Through video conferencing and a white board, our instructors can connect with clients in their homes, enabling them to work together on their lessons.



Helping our Babies Move Forward in their Development

LADACIN Network provides lifetime services for individuals with complex physical and developmental disabilities and delays. Beginning in a child's early years, we are here to help babies and toddlers achieve their age-appropriate developmental milestones.

The Agency's Targeted Evaluation Team (TET) provides initial evaluations to determine eligibility to receive Early Intervention (EI) Services for children birth to three years old in Monmouth County. The TET is a group of highly trained specialists consisting of Speech, Physical, Occupational Therapists and Teachers. Our evaluations are completed in person, in the child's natural environment, or at our center in Wanamassa. The team can also work with the family through Telehealth, virtually coaching them to complete specific activities with their child. Telehealth may be provided with one or both evaluators virtually present, and the families can access a virtual evaluation or EI Services using a camera equipped laptop, tablet or even a smart phone.



Pictured is a child taking part in a center-based evaluation with both evaluators and grandmother present, and the parent participating by telehealth.

Effective Early Intervention Services may reduce the need for specialized instructional support during a child's school years. LADACIN Network currently provides evaluations to approximately 120 families per month. This past year 1,331 children were evaluated in the program.



Moving Forward Towards a Healthier Lifestyle – Through LADACIN's Specialized Clinic Program

LADACIN Network's Specialized Clinic Program offers access to specialists who address the unique needs of our population by providing on-site diagnostic clinic services. This program is a vital part of the comprehensive services we provide to maximize an individual's ability to function. LADACIN is one of the only organizations that provides this unique service in our community.

Many of the students and clients face transportation and communication problems when trying to access healthcare. By providing on-site clinic services at no cost, we will eliminate these obstacles, as well as any financial burden.

We offer on-site physiatry, vision,

orthotics, durable medical equipment (DME), and nutrition clinics throughout the year. The clinics are also a great support to families in the process of obtaining necessary DME. Agency staff, including therapists, expedite the ordering and procurement process by working closely with physicians and writing letters of necessity, thereby streamlining communication between physicians, families and vendors.

LADACIN's Specialized Clinic Program eliminates the difficulty our children and adult clients have in accessing medical care. It is one of the many services we provide to ensure the health and well-being of those we serve.



LADACIN Network's residential staff provide a wide range of fun and creative activities for clients when they are home, always focusing on their individual interests. A few of their favorite pastimes include gardening, cooking, socialization opportunities and holiday celebrations.



COMMUNITY SUPPORT POWER OF ONE



A Gift from the Heart for Child Care

A very special little girl recently had her 4th birthday party. In honor of her birthday, guests were asked to bring a gift for LADACIN's Give and Take Child Care and Preschool program. Such thoughtfulness in such a young lady is heartwarming. She is already making a positive difference in the lives of others. Her birthday celebration resulted in cartloads of toys for our children.



In celebration of Nicole Hogan's 30th birthday, her parents hosted a ColeyPalooza Extravaganza! For a small fee, friends and family joined together for an afternoon of great music, food, and friendship. The celebratory event raised over \$15,000 and all the proceeds were donated to LADACIN.

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- ♥ 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.
- ♥ Create a Facebook fundraiser for LADACIN. Notify LADACIN's Community Relations Department.
- ♥ Make a donation in lieu of favors for a special event/wedding. We will make cards for your guests upon request.
- ♥ Make your donation go even further by initiating or participating in a matching gift program. You can challenge donors to give by promising to match up to a certain amount. Some companies will double or triple employee donations – check your company's policy.
- ♥ Become an Annual Corporate Sponsor. The Corporate Sponsor is given premier recognition at three major fundraising events and complimentary seats/players for these events, as well as year-round recognition.
- ♥ If you are 70 ½ years of age or older and are taking Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) from your IRA or other qualified retirement account, a direct distribution of your RMD to LADACIN Network can result in a tax-free rollover as a qualified charitable distribution.

For more information,
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SPECIAL EVENTS

Many thanks to our donors, committee members and volunteers for helping to make this year's fundraising events so successful! You truly make a difference in so many lives!

LADACIN's **Plunge** took place virtually between January 16, 2021 and January 30, 2021. The event was a huge success, raising over \$45,000! We thoroughly enjoyed seeing the new and creative ways people kept up our longstanding tradition of Plunging.



Team LADACIN went virtual between October 15, 2021 and November 1, 2021. Participants of all abilities joined in and were running, walking, wheeling and moving to support LADACIN Network. This year was extra special as our schools and adult programs joined our **2021 Virtual Run, Walk and Wheel!**

Our Annual **95.9 WRAT Rock Open Charity Golf Classic** was held on May 10, 2021 at Jumping Brook Country Club. The event was sold out and raised \$57,854 for LADACIN.



The **40th Anniversary Rosebud Gala** was held on July 31, 2021 at the Eatontown Sheraton Hotel. It was an in-person event with a shortened program and cocktail hour on the outside patio. The highly successful event raised \$155,378.

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LADACIN'S MISSION

The mission of LADACIN Network, a non-profit Agency, is to provide a continuum of care, including educational, therapeutic, social, residential and support services to infants, children and adults with complex physical and developmental disabilities or delays.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



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J. Michael Hartnett Memorial

LADACIN Plunge

Saturday, January 15, 2022

Leggett's and Manasquan Main Beach



TURNING POINT breakfast, brunch & lunch®

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Saturday, February 5, 2022

Sunday, February 6, 2022

Long Branch, Little Silver, Holmdel,
Manalapan, Sea Girt, Brick and Toms River

Rosebud Gala 2022



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Saturday, April 9, 2022

Sheraton Eatontown Hotel



95.9 WRAT Rock Open

Charity Golf Classic

Monday, June 13, 2022

Jumping Brook Country Club, Neptune



"Every Step Counts"

Team LADACIN

Date to be scheduled

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



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