

FALL 2023

Education

Community
Integration



For almost 75 years LADACIN Network has opened the doors to possibilities for our infants, children, and adults. Through the myriad of services we provide, our children and adults are experiencing new and exciting opportunities.



Therapy
The Arts

**Opening
doors**
to
Possibilities



Life Skills
Technology

Mobility
Communication

LADACIN is a unique resource to the community because we serve people with complex physical and developmental disabilities or delays of every age group, from infants to senior citizens.

With a strong focus on services for enhancing the quality of life for both adults and children with disabilities, we are committed to providing the very best in our programs.

LADACIN's programs include Early

Intervention, Child Care Services, School Programs, Adult Day Programs, Residential Services and Family Support Services. Included in these programs are educational services, physical, occupational and speech therapy; nursing support; social work

services; specialized clinic services; lift-equipped transportation; pre-vocational training; personal assistant services; home health aide services; respite programs; assistive technology; art, music, and physical education. As we work to remove barriers we open the doors of opportunity for our infants, children, and adults, only then can clients explore their potential and open a world of new possibilities.



MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Patricia Carlesimo

Looking back on this past year, I take pride in our collective achievements. We remain committed to opening the doors of opportunity and exciting possibilities for our children and clients.

We recently received our thirteenth three-year accreditation by CARF, The Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities. CARF accreditation is the gold standard for organizations that provide rehabilitative services. The Agency also received its twenty-first accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Home Care (CAHC).

In our 2022-2023 FY we served 92 school students and 60 children in childcare. Our targeted evaluation team (TET) evaluated 3,077 children and served 947 children in our Early Intervention program. 187 clients were served in our adult programs and 85 clients reside in our residential homes and one of our clients just celebrated her 90th birthday with us.

We are completing the final renovations on our 10th barrier-free, fully accessible, supported group home for adults with disabilities. This home will provide a safe and supportive place for individuals with developmental disabilities to live comfortably in their community.

Extensive professional expertise, dedicated management and staff, a history of transdisciplinary service and a strong commitment to technology have resulted in opening doors by reducing barriers and creating new and innovative possibilities for the more than 3,500 individuals and their families which we serve.

I am pleased to report that LADACIN Network continues to deliver on our mission, thanks to the extraordinary efforts of our dedicated staff, under the vision and support of our Board of Trustees.

LADACIN Network is extremely grateful to our many donors, grantors, community partners, supporters and volunteers who help us open the doors to the many possibilities our children and adults can achieve. It is through this generosity that we continue to thrive.

Patricia Carlesimo



Mom and son working at home with therapist

CREATING BRIGHT FUTURES THROUGH EARLY INTERVENTION

“ Our EI Therapist is amazing with my daughter and is great at coaching my husband and I. She is extremely resourceful with giving us ideas of items we use regularly around the house so our child will thrive. I truly feel she is our biggest cheerleader, and she is so excited to see even the smallest victories. I'm so glad we were placed with her for my daughter's Early Intervention services. ”

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90 Years Young!

Audrey, a Lehmann adult client, recently celebrated her 90th birthday! Friends, Family, and staff got together for an all-day celebration!



Donuts for Dad, Muffins for Mom

Give and Take child care opened its doors to invite families in this spring after a long absence. Muffins for Mom celebrated Mother's day with homemade healthy muffins made by the children. We also handed out resources and recipes to help parents learn about nutrition and cooking with their children.

Donuts for Dad celebrated Father's day and Summer safety tips for dads hydration, sunscreen, car safety tips and water safety. We were so happy to have everyone back in and had a large turn out. Especially Dads!

This is part of our Strengthening Families program we incorporate with Grow NJ Kids. Give and Take is a four star rated program.

Reaching New Heights

Clients and staff attended the Abilities Expo in Edison, NJ. They attended many workshops, learning about the advancements in assistive technology, wheelchair skills, navigating health insurance and some clients even experienced the thrill of rock climbing!





Schroth adult client, Deneen, recently held an art exhibit at the Schroth Center. Deneen creates her art by painting with her teeth. After the children attended the exhibit, the children went back to class and were encouraged by the staff to try painting with their teeth.

We love opening doors to artistic creativity.



Music class is opening the doors to creativity for our students.

Lehmann and Schroth School students enjoy many benefits of music class. LADACIN's music teacher is impacting our students learning and fostering a love of music. Our music class hones many skills including speech and language, memory, and attention and even the ability to convey emotions. Music engages different parts of the brain at the same time. When the children are dancing or playing instruments, they are building their fine and gross motor skills. They are learning teamwork as they collaborate in song or musical composition. Music classes can enhance the general ability to learn all the while elevating their spirits and strengthening their self-confidence.

Art can open doors to hidden talents and is a valuable tool for children with disabilities.

Children increase their sensory input and improve their perceptual skills through art. Using different colors and materials helps with self-expression and focus. Our Lehmann and Schroth School students are benefiting from their art classes as they explore their creativity, improve their fine motor skills and experiment with various mediums.

The Schroth Adult program performed their adaptation of Disney's "The Lion King". Clients were able to show off their acting skills in the performance using assistive technology such as eye gaze systems and switches, opening the doors to their unique creative expression.



Outdoor Exercise to Stimulate the Senses

The RWJ Barnabas Field of Dreams Park in Toms River opens the doors to opportunities for Lehmann and Schroth adult clients to engage, explore and socialize together. Our clients visit the park weekly and always have a good time.

When the weather is nice, Lehmann & Schroth School students take advantage of it and have their physical education classes outdoors! Field Day is another exciting indoor/outdoor event held at Lehmann and Schroth Schools. An entire day is dedicated to having fun and enjoying physical activity.



The Guild of Creative Art in Shrewsbury has opened doors to artistic enrichment for our clients. Monmouth Access clients visit the Guild every month through their docent program. As our clients observe and evaluate the art, Dave and Barbara, co-presidents of the Guild, ask them to comment on their feelings and interpretations of the exhibitions. The creative and educational programs are truly entertaining and enlightening!

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

An Eagle Scout's Gift to Child Care



This past August, Tyler O'Connor, BSA Troop #70, Oakhurst, selected LADACIN Network's Give and Take Child Care Center & Preschool as the beneficiary of his Eagle Scout Service Project. Tyler constructed a new sand table for the children.



Volunteers Inspiring Service



Our good friends from New Jersey Natural Gas came to visit our Dewey Street Group Home. The team completed yard work, trimming, planting, and cleaning up the grounds. Our residents are so very grateful for their friendship and hard work.



Unlocking the Door to a New Home



Thanks to generous funding from the Monmouth County Freeholders and the Schroth Family Foundation, we are in the final phases of renovating our 10th group home in Wall Township, NJ. We are excited to offer another safe and supportive residence for individuals with disabilities.

A Special Thank You to Our Generous Grantors

BlueClaws Charities	The Legacy Foundation
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Ways to Give

- ♥ 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 72 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, call the Director of Development at: **732.493.5900 ext.266** or email: directorofdevelopment@ladacin.org



The 42nd Rosebud Gala was held on April 1, 2023, at the Eatontown Sheraton Hotel. 2023 Rosebud Honorees: LENNAR, Bonnie Hogan, The Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh Belmar, The Pipes and Drums of the Jersey Shore, Jonathan Berger, and Sean O'Sullivan



Our 15th Casino Night was held on October 19, 2023, at Eagle Oaks Golf and Country Club, Farmingdale.



LADACIN's 15th Plunge was held on January 14, 2023, at Manasquan Main Beach.



Our 21st 95.9 WRAT Rock Open Charity Golf Classic was held on May 22, 2023, at Jumping Brook Country Club, Neptune.



Our 16th Eat, Drink and Be Caring fundraiser at Turning Point Restaurants was held on November 5 & 6, 2022



Our 2nd Cornhole Tournament was held on July 22, 2023, at the Highline Arena, Aberdeen.

SPECIAL EVENTS

To our many supporters, donors, and volunteers, we thank you for helping us sustain and enhance the vital programs and services we provide to more than 3,500 individuals with disabilities.

Opening Doors to Independence

Therapy services are critical to LADACIN's programs.

Occupational therapists assist our students and clients in improving or maintaining the ability to perform the activities of daily living (ADLs) such as dressing, toileting and bathing. Physical therapists provide exercises to strengthen muscles, improve gait training and increase mobility. Speech therapists work on improving communication, which may include augmentative communication, developing language and managing feeding issues. Often, they will

work together, pooling and exchanging information to ensure the best possible outcome for the individual.



Innovative assistive technologies

can transform the lives of individuals with disabilities. LADACIN Network remains at the cutting edge of assistive technology that will support and unlock the doors to an individual's potential. The Agency has developed a library of assistive technology, including low-tech options such as adapted spoon handles or pens to mid and high-tech devices as in switches, adapted computer keyboards, interactive white boards, speech recognition software and eye gaze-controlled computers for students and clients who are non-verbal, opening the doors of communication to these individuals.

OUR 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.

LIFETIME ASSISTANCE FOR DEVELOPMENTAL AND CHALLENGING INDIVIDUAL NEEDS
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UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS



LADACIN Plunge
Saturday,
January 13, 2024



Cornhole Tournament
Summer 2024



Rosebud Gala
Saturday,
March 23, 2024



Casino Night
Fall 2024



**95.9 WRAT Rock Open
Charity Golf Classic**
Monday,
June 10, 2024



Eat, Drink and Be Caring
November 2024

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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