

Schreiber Pediatric Rehab Center of Lancaster County

...helping children turn disabilities into abilities



# Yes We Can

A not-for-profit United Way Agency

## This Spring at Schreiber Pediatric...

Please find these and other events listed at [www.schreiberpediatric.org](http://www.schreiberpediatric.org)



### Award Winning Service at Schreiber!

CARF International recently awarded Schreiber Pediatric a one-year accreditation for its outpatient medical rehabilitation pediatric specialty program. This accreditation decision is awarded to organizations that demonstrate that the persons served are benefiting from its services. An organization receiving this accreditation has put itself through a rigorous peer review process and has demonstrated to a team of surveyors during an on-site visit that it is committed to conforming to CARF's accreditation conditions and standards. For more information about our accreditation, please visit [www.carf.org](http://www.carf.org).

## Free Easter Egg Hunt

Meet the Easter bunny and fill your basket with lots of colorful eggs at Schreiber Pediatric's Annual Easter Egg Hunt on **Tuesday, April 3 at 5:30 p.m. on the Church of the Apostles field** (next door to Schreiber Pediatric). This event is free to the public and wheelchair accessible but kindly pre-register with the front office. All ages welcome!



## COFFEE DAY™

### Campaign kicks-off on Friday, April 13!



\$1 and \$10 COFFEE DAY™ Cards are available for purchase at participating restaurants, Susquehanna Bank branches and the front desk at Schreiber Pediatric during this two week event through Friday, April 27. **Redeem these cards on COFFEE DAY™, April 27, for a free cup of coffee**, or equivalent beverage (up to the restaurants discretion). \$10 Gold Star Card offers 'extra perks' at some participating restaurants. See our website for a complete listing.

## Give 20 Night at Iron Hill Brewery

Iron Hill Brewery located on Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster, is hosting a fundraiser for Schreiber Pediatric. Join us for good food, friends and fun on **Wednesday, May 2**. 20% of your total food purchase that day (including take-out) will be donated to Schreiber Pediatric to help support our therapies, educational and recreational programs and family services.



Download the benefit coupon at [www.schreiberpediatric.org/community](http://www.schreiberpediatric.org/community) or stop by the front desk at Schreiber Pediatric to pick one up.



## Hit a homerun at our 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Softball Weekend

Sign up now for Schreiber Pediatric's 30th Annual Softball Weekend, **June 1-3!** For more information and to register a team, go to [www.schreiberpediatric.org/softball](http://www.schreiberpediatric.org/softball) or email Morgan Kister at [mkister@schreiberpediatric.org](mailto:mkister@schreiberpediatric.org).

## Calling All Campers!

Camp Schreiber is a five-week program for children and teens with disabilities, ages 8 to 21. The camp offers daily fitness activities, sports, games, arts and crafts, music, field trips and more! Contact Lisa Gilbert at 717-393-0425 x139 or [lgilbert@schreiberpediatric.org](mailto:lgilbert@schreiberpediatric.org) for more information or to register your child.

June 25–August 2 (no camp the week of July 4)

Monday–Thursday • 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Cost per child: \$175/week



For up-to-the-minute information about Schreiber's services, programs, special events, giveaways and more, friend us on Facebook! [www.facebook.com/schreiberpediatric](http://www.facebook.com/schreiberpediatric)



## From the Desk of Mr. J:

### State Budget and Disabilities

Are those with the weakest voice affected the most? In review of Governor Corbett's proposed 2012 budget that seems to be the case. Although it states that overall state spending is only being reduced by 0.1% from 2011, a per line query reveals that there will be major cuts to Human Services. Many of the services will be completely expunged from the budget so that federal grants will now control which services may or may not be available to Pennsylvania families.

Some examples of pending changes for Schreiber Pediatric families are as follows:

- An article in Lancaster Newspaper in February announced Red Rose Transit Authority will be discontinuing all medical transportation. This will affect seven children who come to Schreiber for services. Although that number seems small, it has now created an almost insurmountable obstacle for those families to get their children to therapy.
- Families whose children are covered by Medical Assistance (MA) will be subject to a financial assessment as to whether they can monetarily contribute to their child's health services. Those whose yearly income is greater than 200% over the poverty level will now have to pay a co-pay for every medical service. This will greatly impact a large number of families who seek therapy treatment at the Center. Currently, 95% of our families have MA.
- Daycare Funding will be reduced. Schreiber Pediatric, and other local daycares, will have to raise their rates to offset the loss. Unfortunately, this will make our program less affordable for some families.

## Meet our 2012 Ambassadors

Brave, determined and hardworking are just a few words to describe our 2012 Ambassadors. Brandon Hess, Rylee Henry, Ashlyn Shaffer and Ryan Duh have been selected by the staff to help educate the community about living with a disability.



Four-year-old **Brandon Hess** will capture your heart the moment you meet him! He always has a big smile on his face and can't wait to explore and try new things just like other little boys his age. Brandon has been coming to the Center since he was about ten months old. Clinically diagnosed with cerebral palsy, Brandon receives physical, occupational and speech-language therapy and currently attends the S.T.A.R.S. Preschool. Right now he is working on communicating with an iPad and strengthening his legs to stand and walk.

His parents credit Schreiber Pediatric for his successes and say it truly is his favorite place to go.

Six-year-old **Rylee Henry** has been described as a 'wriggle of excitement from her toes to her halo of blond curls.' Born with congenital deafness, hip dysplasia, congenital anomalies and the diagnosis of failure to thrive, she has defied all odds and has blossomed into an enthusiastic and loving little girl. She is currently learning to listen with the help of a cochlear implant, communicating with voice and sign language, and strengthening her muscles for balance and walking. Rylee loves coming to the Center for preschool, as well as seeing her classmates and therapists.



**Ashlyn Shaffer** is a spunky eleven-year-old who loves to dance. Her sweet face and happy disposition are an inspiration to everyone. Born with Down syndrome, Ashlyn has been coming to Schreiber Pediatric since she was just a few weeks old. She is currently receiving speech therapy to work on communicating with her peers and occupational therapy to help with self care. Ashlyn's family can't imagine life without the Center and credits their daughter's amazing progress to its staff.

Fourteen-year-old **Ryan Duh** enjoys playing baseball and basketball just like other teens his age. Described by his parents as strong willed and determined, Ryan refuses to let his disabilities stand in the way of leading an independent life. As a baby, Ryan suffered from a stroke and now receives occupational and speech therapy at Schreiber to help with everyday tasks and communication. Ryan would like to be a coach or teacher when he grows up, and we couldn't think of a better person for the job!



Our four Ambassadors will attend Schreiber Pediatric's 2012 special events. Be sure to say 'hello' when you see them!

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- Outpatient Medical Assistance funding is proposed to be decreased by 21.5%.  
If approved, these changes to the state budget will mean changes at Schreiber. It will mean that our families, staff and supporters must work together to continue to offer the best possible care to children with special needs in our community. But rest assured we are dedicated to our mission and committed to the cause.



# CAFFEINEISTA

In support of our mission and the Coffee Day™ campaign, Fine Living Lancaster (FLL) has created a barista challenge - Caffeineista! Participating coffee shops have created a specialty 'Schreiber Drink' that is on sale now until April 28. For each drink purchased, \$1 will be donated to the Center. The coffee shop that raises the most funds will be named the winner!

If you're a coffee lover, or someone you know is, tell them about the Caffeineista Challenge to benefit Schreiber! Details are listed below and included in the February issue of FLL.

- **Rachel's Café & Creperie**  
*Nutella Peanut Butter Cup*
- **The Shoppes at 301 North Queen**  
*Red Velvet Cupcake Latte/Frappuccino*
- **Café Chocolate**  
*The Johnny Depp Special*
- **New Holland Coffee Co.**  
*Cocoa-Nut*
- **Prince Street Cafe**  
*Red Eye Chai Latte*
- **The Coffee Company**  
*The Michael Jackson*
- **Tomato Pie Cafe**  
*Fresh Ginger & Cardamom Latte*
- **The Flour Child**  
*Tandy Chill*
- **Grand Central Bagel Café**  
*Irish Mocha Latte*
- **Chestnut Hill Cafe**  
*Hot Tamale Cappuccino*
- **Main Street Cafe**  
*The Midnight Star*
- **Brick House Cafe**  
*Toasted S'More*

**FineLiving**  
LANCASTER.com



## One for the Birds!

During the warmer seasons, sixteen-year-old David can typically be found tending to the Sensory Garden at Schreiber. Winter keeps him confined to indoor therapy tasks, away from the things he loves like planting flowers and the fresh outdoor air. So when his occupational therapist, Bernie Hershey, surprised him with a batch of homemade birdseed ornaments to decorate the barren landscape around the Center, he was ecstatic (and the birds were too)! Keeping the exercise therapy-focused, David, a young man with Down syndrome, carefully identified the various ornament



shapes and used his fine motor skills to gently place the ribboned feeder around tree branches and shrubs. *Thanks for taking care of some of our fine-feathered friends, Bernie and David!*



## Current Volunteer Opportunities

### Easter Bunny's Helper

Schreiber Pediatric will host its annual Easter Egg hunt for the Center's families and friends on **Tuesday, April 3**. We need volunteers to help set up carnival games and hide hundreds of eggs.

### TOPSoccer

Have a love for soccer and heart for kids? Here's a wonderful opportunity to assist with a national adaptive training program. **Mondays, April 9–May 16** (6-week session), 4:15–6 p.m. Volunteers must be able to commit to all six Mondays.

### Preschool and Daycare Swim Buddies

All you need is a suit, a towel and a smile!  
**Tuesday, April 17 and Wednesday, April 18,**  
10:15–11 a.m. and 2:15–3 p.m.

### Camp Schreiber

Bring your energy and enthusiasm for fun in the sun! Camp Schreiber offers fitness activities, sports, games, arts and crafts, music, field trips and more for children and teens with disabilities ages 8 to 21. **June 25–August 2** (no camp the week of July 4). Monday through Thursday.

Interested parties should contact Volunteer Coordinator, Marie Johnston, at 717-393-0425 x129 or [mjohnston@schreiberpediatric.org](mailto:mjohnston@schreiberpediatric.org).



# Volunteer Spotlight!



**NAME:**  
Olivia Orth  
**AGE:** 23  
**HOMETOWN:**  
York, PA

*How did you learn about volunteer opportunities at Schreiber?*

I searched online for local volunteer opportunities that benefit children.

*Why do you volunteer at Schreiber?*

Some of my favorite college experiences were spent volunteering. I enjoy working for organizations that help children and organizing and planning fundraisers. Volunteering in the Financial Development Office at the Center is a perfect fit!

*What is your favorite thing about volunteering at Schreiber?*

My favorite part is being a part of the special event planning process and knowing I'm making a difference in the community.

## Planning Ahead: My Child Will Be 18-Years-Old

### Will your child be reaching a birthday milestone in 2012?

At the age of 18, children in Pennsylvania are considered legal adults and presumed capable to make their own medical, financial and educational decisions. Plan ahead and look into important matters such as legal guardianship and power of attorney. Our Social Services Department can offer additional information on work programs, group housing and more.

## Changes to Medical Assistance (MA)

Department of Public Welfare is planning to implement co-pays to MA clients in September of 2012 following a 30-day advanced notice. Schreiber Pediatric will be responsible for collecting these co-pays when you visit the Center.

Families are encouraged to write directly to DPW with concerns about these changes to MA. Letters should be sent to:

Leesa Allen, Director  
Bureau of Policy, Analysis and Planning  
Office of Medical Assistance Programs  
Department of Public Welfare  
P.O. Box 2675, Harrisburg, PA 17105

# YES! I want to help Schreiber Pediatric turn children's disabilities into abilities.

\$50    \$100 or    \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Any other amount you care to give to the children at Schreiber Pediatric Rehab Center of Lancaster County

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Please mail this completed form with your gift to address below or use the return envelope provided:

**Schreiber Pediatric Rehab Center, 625 Community Way, Lancaster, PA 17603**

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