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Rehab
Center
of
Lancaster
County



...helping children turn disabilities into abilities

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Schreiber
Pediatric Rehab Center

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Restaurants Rallying for Schreiber

Schreiber Pediatric Rehab Center would like to invite you to be part of our exciting **NEW AND IMPROVED** event, Restaurants Rallying for Schreiber, formerly known as the **COFFEE DAY™** Campaign! Similar to **COFFEE DAY™**, this event is a two-week campaign that runs from **April 12-26, 2013** however; restaurants have been invited to participate in a wide variety of ways. Please see our website for complete details and help us reach our goal of \$52,000 for Schreiber!

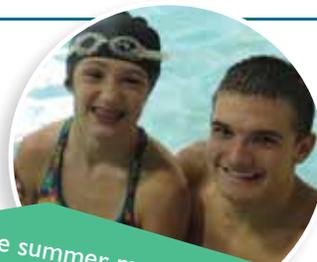
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Calling All Campers!

Camp Schreiber is a five-week program running **June 24-August 1, 2013** (no camp the week of July 4th) for children and teens with disabilities, ages 7 to 21.

- **Daily fitness activities, games, arts & crafts, music and more!**
- **Local field trips**
- **Swimming**
- **On-site Registered Nurse**
- **Camper to Staff Ratio 2:1**

For more information or to register your child, please contact Lisa Gilbert at 717-393-0425 x139 or lgilbert@schreiberpediatric.org.



Make summer memories that will last a lifetime ... **volunteer at Camp Schreiber!** If you're interested in lending a hand, please contact Volunteer Coordinator, Marie Johnston, at 717-393-0425 x129 or mjohnston@schreiberpediatric.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, **March 26 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!*

Steps Towards Independence



Thank you to the Gamber Foundation for recently donating the **Biodex Unweighing System** to Schreiber Pediatric. Because of your help, Ryan and many other children at the Center, are able to take that first step towards greater independence.

Eleven-year-old Ryan Montagna hoped undergoing extensive orthopedic surgery on his hips and legs in February 2012 would help improve his alignment, and ultimately his walking and functional mobility skills. However, the initial setback of having to rely on using his power wheelchair for independence in getting around school and home, and needing more assistance with transfers and walking, was a difficult adjustment. He was used to the independence of walking with crutches and using his power wheelchair for long distances.

Fast forward to February 2013 during a recent physical therapy treatment session and you'll find Ryan walking on the treadmill using simply sidebars to help support his weight—what amazing progress! However, it didn't come without determination and hours of hard work.

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



From the Desk of James DeBord:

GOOD THAT COMES FROM LIFE'S UNFORESEEN MOMENTS...

Schreiber was fortunate to recently have a visit from Adam Taliaferro, the former Penn State football player, who in 2000 was rendered paralyzed after breaking his neck while making a tackle in a nationally televised game. Despite press accounts that noted Adam had only been given a 3% chance of ever walking again, he noted during his talks here at Schreiber that his parents were told that he would never walk again. Adam said that until that point in his life, he always thought his life was going to take him to the NFL.

But, after nearly a year of intensive physical and occupational therapy, while Adam was never going to have the chance to play in the NFL, he did walk again. He also went on to attend law school, join a prestigious law firm, be elected to public office in his home county, be elected the youngest Trustee in Penn State history, and join the corporate executive ranks at Bristol Myers. All of these wonderful accomplishments may not have ever come about for Adam had he gone to the NFL.

Here at Schreiber we see children every day whose life plans change unexpectedly. While those changes in plans are often difficult, we work with the children and their families to make the best of the current circumstance ... because you never know what vast possibilities the future holds or where life may take you.



MEET OUR 2013 AMBASSADORS

Kind, determined and hardworking are just a few words to describe our 2013 Ambassadors. Bradley Brooks, Jack Rhodes, Bella Esposito and Sam Altdoerffer have been selected by the staff to help educate the community about living with a disability.

Five-year-old **Bradley Brooks** will capture your heart the moment you meet him! He is a social little guy who always has a smile on his face and a hug to brighten your day. Bradley initially began coming to the Center to learn to walk when he was about two and a half years old; he now receives physical, occupational and speech-language therapy and attends the S.T.A.R.S. Preschool. Bradley has cerebral palsy as a result of shaken baby syndrome at the age of 4 weeks. Schreiber Pediatric has given Bradley's family peace of mind and more importantly, trust in others for his very best care. They credit the Center for Bradley's many successes and say it truly is his favorite place to go.



Six-year-old **Jack Rhodes** is described by his family as kind and funny and like any young boy, he loves pretending to be a superhero and playing with monster trucks! At the age of just 18 months, Jack began experiencing moderate hearing loss and within a year was deaf. During this time, he worked closely with a Schreiber speech therapist to continue to communicate using sign language. Around the age of 3, Jack received bilateral cochlear implants and with his new access to sound, began to speak. Today, Jack is enrolled in mainstream kindergarten and testing similarly to his hearing peers—an amazing accomplishment in such a short period of time! His parents praise his therapist for educating and advocating them, as well as being an amazing cheerleader to help Jack get where he is today.

Bella Esposito is a sweet six-year-old with a happy disposition and an adorable giggle. She loves girl scouts, dance class, her older siblings and the color pink! Although she was born with cerebral palsy, Bella has a 'can do' attitude that has helped her make tremendous strides and participate in a wide variety of activities just like her peers. Bella has been coming to Schreiber Pediatric since she was just a few months old and receives physical, occupational and aquatic therapy to help her strengthen her muscles for balance and walking and works on fine motor skills for self care. Bella's family describes Schreiber as a place where there are no disabilities—only abilities; a loving environment that continues to help their little girl thrive.



Nine-year-old **Sam Altdoerffer** always arrives for therapy with a smile and truly brightens each and every one of his therapists' day! His family describes him as friendly, caring and smart and we couldn't agree more. Born with cerebral palsy, Sam receives physical, occupational and speech-language therapy at the Center twice a week. He is currently strengthening his muscles to sit up, stand and walk; practicing his consonant sounds for speech; learning skills for daily living and practicing with an iPad. Sam enjoys reading and would like to be a librarian when he grows up, as well as help others—what an inspirational little guy!

Our four Ambassadors will attend Schreiber Pediatric's 2013 special events. Be sure to say 'hello' when you see them!



Thank you, Coventry HealthAmerica!



We are pleased to announce a wonderful and generous new **Rubber Duckie Race™** presenting sponsor, Coventry HealthAmerica. We enjoyed hosting Daniel Day, Vice President of Sales and Marketing, for a tour of the Center in February and look forward to working together to make this year's duck race a success. Please save the date for our family-friendly festival on **Sunday, July 28, 2013!**

Inspired Elementary School

Seven-year-old Rylee Henry has been described as a 'wriggle of excitement from her toes to her halo of blond curls' but it's her story of survival and overcoming tremendous odds that inspired a local elementary school to collect over six large boxes

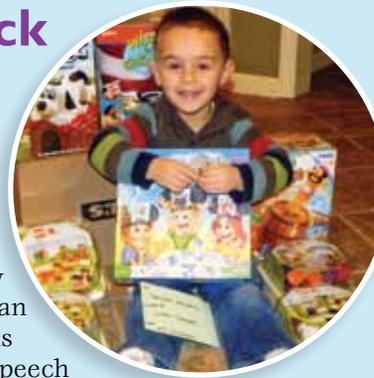


of therapy supplies for the Center. Rylee's mother, Carrie Anne, teaches second grade at Denver Elementary and recently brought Schreiber's We're All Special™ disability awareness program to the school

to help educate the students about developing positive and accepting attitudes towards others with disabilities. Having her daughter, Rylee, participate in the educational program, Carrie Anne was able to share their family's personal journey and ended up making quite an impact. We're so thankful for the Henry family's generosity!

Schreiber Kids Give Back Birthday Presents for the Center

Lucas Campbell's parents can remember the exact date he began to hear thanks to a cochlear implant and celebrated his 4th 'hearing' birthday on January 9th—what a joyous occasion! They can also recite off hand that Lucas has had 54 months of weekly playdates with his favorite Schreiber speech therapist, Dorlas Riley. It goes without saying that Lucas and Miss Dorlas have a very special relationship. So in lieu of birthday gifts at his 5th birthday party, Lucas asked his friends and family to purchase new games and toys for the Speech Therapy Department "for all that Miss Dorlas has done for me to help me listen and speak just like my friends without cochlear implants." Thank you for your generous spirit, Lucas! We know the other children who come to the Center will be excited to play with the new games and toys!



Gift of Sight in Zambia

There is a collection for eyeglasses in Schreiber Pediatric's lobby that was started by a six-year-old who came to Schreiber, a little boy who wanted to pay it forward and make a difference in the lives of others. Frank Cullen is now a fifteen-years-old freshman in the IB/Honors program at McCaskey High School and still committed to making an impact in Zambia eleven years later. The eyeglasses are donated to an organization who distributes them through vision clinics. Last year, Frank collected over 1,000 glasses and his goal for 2013 is to reach 2,000! All eyeglasses and sunglasses are welcome, even if they are broken or you only have the lenses. Thank you!



Schreiber takes used eyeglasses and sunglasses

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Steps Towards Independence

Ryan has been attending therapy sessions twice a week with physical therapists, Kristie Poley and Laurie Miller, since his surgery; first, he had to work towards just standing, then taking small steps with the use of the Biodex Unweighing System, a harness that supports body weight and can be adjusted as the person gets stronger, and more recently walking with crutches but now, thanks to the surgery, with better alignment and improved posture. Going forward, Ryan will continue to work on everyday tasks like going up steps and getting dressed, progress that will enable him the independence he wants and deserves.





3rd Annual Caffeineista!

February 15th to April 26th, 2013

In support of our mission, Fine Living Lancaster (FLL) created a barista challenge – Caffeineista! Participating coffee shops are making a specialty ‘Schreiber Drink’ that is **on sale now until April 26**. 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 Caffeineista to benefit Schreiber! Details are listed below and included in the February issue of FLL.

- Café One Eight** – Amish Mun Latte
- Lucky Duck Bar & Grille** – Coffee and Donuts (incl. alcohol)
- Folklore Coffee & Company** – Papa Bear
- Frozen Yo Cafe** – Affogato
- New Holland Coffee Co.** – The Turtle Latte
- Rachel’s Café & Creperie** – Salted Caramel Nutella Mocha
- Tomato Pie Cafe** – Lavender White Mocha
- Tropical Smoothie Café (both Lancaster locations!)** – Mocha Madness
- Herd of Turtles Café** – Turtle Sundae Latte
- Grand Central Bagel Café** – The Schreiber Caramel Kiss

In participation with the Caffeineista, **Gerhart Coffee** will be donating \$1 to Schreiber for every 12 oz. bag of Mocha Java Blend purchased during the campaign! \$6.50 per bag

Award Winning Service at Schreiber!



CARF International recently awarded Schreiber Pediatric a three-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.

Making a Splash!

Schreiber’s therapeutic pool recently got a face lift! The pool deck was epoxied and the bottom of the pool was resurfaced for easier grip and better traction. In addition, volunteer Jackieraye Barr added some coral and sea grass to our existing Finding Nemo pool mural! Here she is pictured with some of our preschoolers ready to make a splash during our Swim Buddies program! Thanks Jackieraye!



For information on swimming lessons, therapeutic open swim, pool parties and more, please contact our rec therapist, Lisa Gilbert, at 717-393-0425 x139.

YES!

I want to help Schreiber Pediatric turn children’s disabilities into abilities.

\$500 \$100 or \$ _____ Any other amount you care to give to the children at Schreiber Pediatric Rehab Center of Lancaster County

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Address _____

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

Your gift is tax-deductible as allowed by law. You will receive a receipt as proof of your generosity.



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