

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 information
and events listed at
www.schreiberpediatric.org



COFFEE DAY™ Campaign kicks-off on Friday, April 11!

\$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 25. Redeem these cards on COFFEE DAY™, April 25, 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 and more details. Help us reach our goal of \$43,000 for Schreiber! www.schreiberpediatric.org/coffeeday.

Redeem these cards
on COFFEE DAY™,
APRIL 25!

Calling All Campers!

Camp Schreiber is a five-week day camp running Monday through Thursday, June 23-July 31, 2014 (no camp June 30 through July 3) 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

For more information or to register your child, please contact Jay Graver at 717-393-0425 x116 or jgraver@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 Egg Hunt on **Monday, April 14 at 5:45 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!

Rain date: Thursday, April 17

Hit a Home Run at Our 32nd Annual Softball Weekend!

Sign up now for Schreiber Pediatric's 32nd Annual Softball Weekend, June 6-8, at Lancaster County Central Park and Froelich Park, Mountville! For more information and to register a team, go to www.schreiberpediatric.org/softball or email Sarah Darling at sdarling@schreiberpediatric.org.



Discounted Tickets to Dutch Wonderland!

Purchase discounted tickets (a \$10 saving off the regular ticket price!) to the 2014 season at Dutch Wonderland through Schreiber! Tickets can be purchased online at www.schreiberpediatric.org/dw or by contacting Jay Graver at 717-393-0425 x116 or jgraver@schreiberpediatric.org. All orders must be received by Friday, April 11. Tickets will be ready for pick-up at the Center on Wednesday, April 30. Thank you!

From the Desk of James DeBord:



WINTER WEATHER Impacts Schreiber's Bottom Line

As I write this article, the weather forecasters are calling for yet another round of snow storms this week. I imagine most of you feel the same way we do at the Center -- enough is enough already!

Schreiber faces financial challenges every day; the reimbursement rates from Medical Assistance (MA) fall, on average, \$40 below our costs to provide therapy services. And almost 90% of the children we see are covered by MA. But those financial challenges become even more inflated when the Center is forced to announce a delay or close for the day because of weather conditions. In those circumstances, the loss climbs to \$80 to \$100 or more per child.

This winter season we have witnessed revenue loss due to snowstorms in December, January and February adding up to nearly \$50,000. Ironically, that's the same substantial amount of money I'm trying to currently raise for a governmentally mandated information technology upgrade this spring.

In better news, after experiencing a \$500,000 operating loss last fiscal year, Schreiber's overall financial health is moving in the right direction. The first six months of this fiscal year shows the Center being on track for a break even budget.

Despite ups and downs (and snow days!), myself, and the entire staff at Schreiber, are committed to staying true to our mission of serving every child in need and continuing to expand our services and fundraising efforts to support our work in the community. I thank you for your continued generosity to the Center and ALL the amazing children we see each and every day.



President

Meet our 2014 Ambassadors

- Lauren Ebersole**, age 5
- Lucas Campbell**, age 6
- Eden Grosh**, age 8
- Sammy Stover**, age 10

To learn more about this year's Ambassadors, please visit www.schreiberpediatric.org/ambassadors.

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Treatment of Torticollis: One Mother's Story

Heidi Franz was not expecting the news she received at her daughter Pavarti's 4 month check-up – a diagnosis of torticollis, an abnormal, asymmetrical head or neck position, which may be due to a variety of causes; in her case, from being in a breech position during labor and delivery.

Heidi's pediatrician referred her to Schreiber for physical therapy for Pavarti. Like any mother, Heidi was scared, "I didn't know what to expect. Something's wrong with my child? I was so nervous walking through the doors of the Center." But Heidi was greeted with a warm welcome and immediately felt at ease.

Pavarti started coming to therapy once a week to stretch the muscles in her neck and build strength for head control. The Franz family would carryover the treatment at home working on the same floor exercises despite Pavarti's dislike for them.

Within a few months, therapy was only every other week and in December Pavarti was discharged. "Words cannot express how thankful we are for you helping our baby with her physical therapy," commented Heidi. "You guys truly are amazing! Thank you!"



Volunteer Spotlight

Richard Khuu first came to us as a volunteer at Camp Schreiber, our summer program for kids ages 7 – 21. He loved working with that very special population of children so much that he offered to help out in our therapy departments on a weekly basis during the school year. One staff member recently said, "Richard is willing and able to do anything that is asked of him and ALWAYS with a smile and great enthusiasm! Richard is our knight in shining armor! He is so friendly to all the clients and therapists."

Richard has also volunteered at many of Schreiber's special events ranging from the Fall Craft Show to the Rubber Duckie Race™ to the Holiday Open House. He notes that he has learned much from the Schreiber kids and hopes to take those lessons with him as he furthers his education.





NEW Social-Sense-abilities Program at Schreiber

In October 2013, Schreiber began a brand-new program titled "Social Sense-Abilities" based on Michelle Garcia Winner's national award-winning Social Thinking® Program. The program was designed to improve the life of children with social cognitive deficits, such as High Functioning Autism, Asperger's Syndrome, Verbal or Nonverbal Learning Disabilities, ADHD, Social Anxiety or those with no specific diagnosis but who struggle with social interactions.

Social Sense-abilities kicked off an exciting eight weeks with seven boys, ranging in age from seven to nine, eager to become great 'Social Detectives' and was led by the Social Services Director, Jen Bachman, and two of the Center's speech-pathologists, Karen Thomsen and Laurie Campbell.

The first week was focused on getting to know one another and how to distinguish the difference between 'school smarts' and 'social smarts.' In the following weeks, the children learned how to listen with their eyes and entire body; differences between expected and unexpected behaviors and how that affects how others perceive us;



and finally, how certain behaviors affect others. At the end of the eight weeks, each child put all of the tools he had learned into his very own 'Social Detective Tool Kit' prepared to use each lesson learned in the real world.

Schreiber is looking to launch Social Sense-abilities I & II as a camp program this upcoming summer. If your family would like to learn more, please contact Jen Bachman at 717-393-0425 x136 or jbachman@schreiberpediatric.org.

Ms. Wheelchair Pennsylvania 2013 Inspires Others with her Visit to the Center

Schreiber Pediatric Rehab Center welcomed Katie Smith, Ms. Wheelchair Pennsylvania 2013, for the day on Tuesday, February 18. Katie took a tour of the Center and visited with the students, staff and patients of Schreiber. She also spent some time in the daycare and preschool classrooms answering questions, reading books, and coloring. Katie talks about one of the highlights of her visit, "Patient and staff hand prints line the walls of the Center. Mine has joined them which is quite the honor!"

In 2007, Katie sustained a spinal cord injury in a car accident and her life changed instantly. "With my family, friends, and community rallying around me, I was able to face the challenge head on. I took that challenge and quickly turned it into an opportunity to learn and grow as an individual," said Katie. In 2012, she received a bachelor's degree in psychology and certifications in elementary and special education. "Outside of the classroom I am a member of the Pittsburgh Steelwheelers Quadriplegic Rugby team," said Katie, "I am very driven and passionate about life and I love connecting with others in order to teach, share, and learn."

During her reign as Ms. Wheelchair Pennsylvania 2013, Katie has travelled throughout the state participating in community education, public speaking, conferences, and various events and programs. Katie discusses her mission and platform as Ms. Wheelchair Pennsylvania, "My mission

is to empower others to face their challenges head on and to share their stories. Everyone has something unique and valuable to share that may broaden someone's perspective.

"I am very driven and passionate about life and I love connecting with others in order to teach, share, and learn."

Take every opportunity, share, and enjoy being you."

"There are things in life that you have to be prepared to ask for help with, and one of those things is putting on pantyhose," said Katie. Katie has experienced many ups and downs in recent years, but her sense of humor and her passion for life and adventure continue to shine through. Her visit to Schreiber will be remembered by many as her handprint will remain on the wall and her message will remain in our hearts.

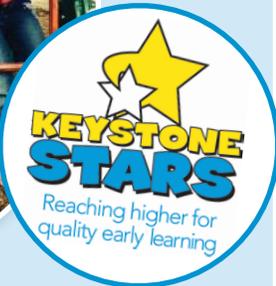


Thank you to our guest columnist, Carissa Slawecki, for writing this piece. Carissa is interning in the Financial Development Office at Schreiber this spring and will graduate from Millersville University in May with a degree in communications.

Parents: WE WANT YOU!

Parent Advisory Team

Schreiber Pediatric has started a new group, the Parent Advisory Team, in an effort to help us better serve our families. The next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 26 from 6-7PM** at the Center. ALL parents are welcome; we hope you'll join us! Childcare available that evening by calling Jen Bachman in advance at 717-393-0425 x136. Please find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SPRCParents to learn more.



Open Enrollment in Daycare!

Our daycare facility offers high-quality care for children of ALL abilities ages 15 months to 5 years.

- ✓ Great location
- ✓ Friendly staff
- ✓ Keystone Stars Accredited
- ✓ The Creative Curriculum® for Preschool
- ✓ CCIS accepted

For more information or to schedule a tour, contact Daycare Services Coordinator, Christina Kalyan, at 717-393-0425 x158.

Save the Date(s) for Spring Respite!

UPCOMING DATES:

March 21 & April 25 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Schreiber's Respite Care Program provides parents with an opportunity for a break in the ongoing care of their child with special needs. The program is available for children with disabilities and their siblings (\$10 per child per evening, \$5 for siblings). For more information or to register your child, please contact Jen Bachman at 717-393-0425 x136 or jbachman@schreiberpediatric.org.



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

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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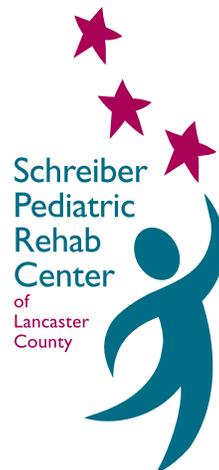
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