



WITH YOU DURING COVID-19

# yes we can

STILL WORKING—STAYING SAFE—SERVING ALL WHO NEED US!

## Softball Weekend WARRIORS

Friday–Sunday  
JUNE 4–6

Our FUN-FILLED 48-hour Softball Weekend is open to teams of 12-16 players.

### Marathon Play:

Teams are matched to play according to their ability level and assigned a block of playing time. Friday and Saturday time slots available.

### Gainer-Race Memorial Tournament:

Play in a competitive double-elimination tournament. The tournament's Co-Ed Division plays on Saturday and the Men's Division plays on Sunday. The winner of each division will claim the engraved Schreiber Softball Champions trophy!

### Register:



**Questions:** [ecroce@schreiberpediatric.org](mailto:ecroce@schreiberpediatric.org)



**Harold Gainer** helped organize the original Schreiber softball fundraiser in 1982 and ran the event for more than 35 years. He was a sergeant with the East Hempfield Police Department for 28 years.



**Robert Race Jr.** was right by his side for many of those Softball Weekends, counting money or cracking jokes. Bob Race was a retired chief of the Pequea Township Police Department. He passed away Sept. 21, 10 days after his friend Harold.

Together, working with the Red Rose Lodge #16, Fraternal Order of Police, the two retired cops raised close to \$2 million for the kids of Schreiber.



Buy ducks

Win prizes

Sell ducks

33rd ANNUAL

## Rubber Duckie RACE & FESTIVAL

Sunday, September 12 | 2–5:30 p.m.

Lancaster County Central Park

SCHREIBER'S LARGEST  
COMMUNITY EVENT



ONE OF LANCASTER COUNTY'S  
FAVORITE FUNDRAISING EVENTS



NEW  
THIS  
YEAR

### Ducks & Trucks

Saturday, June 26, at Schreiber  
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

It's the first day to buy tickets to this year's Duckie Race. Grab lunch from one of our food truck friends, check out different big trucks and kick start this year's Summer of Duckie!

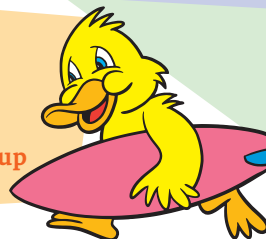
GAMES, FOOD,  
and MORE!



### Food Truck Fridays

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Friday  
July 2 to August 27

Stop by Schreiber for lunch and to pick up some Duckie tickets for this year's race.



[www.schreiberpediatric.org/events/duckies](http://www.schreiberpediatric.org/events/duckies)

## Golf Classic moves to July 13

Conestoga Country Club

11th ANNUAL

Shotgun Shamble beginning at 9 a.m.

Registration includes breakfast & lunch

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS JULY 9

All proceeds benefit the children of Schreiber

# GOLF

2021 Classic





From the Desk of James DeBord,  
Schreiber President

## Resilience in the face of uncertainty

Spring will soon give way to summer, and here at Schreiber, we're still navigating the challenges of COVID. We're not fully back to normal, yet, although if we squint we can begin to see it.

The vast majority of our staff is fully vaccinated, and we're slowly seeing more kids for in-person services. But we're not all the way back to pre-COVID levels.

**Our recreation programs are beginning to resume under all the appropriate safety protocols**, starting with a selection of summer camps (mostly outdoors), and we're hoping to bring back monthly Respite Care nights starting in September.

Our in-person fundraising events are still in limbo. We canceled our annual Gala and Schreiberpalooza for this current fiscal year, crossing our fingers that 2022 will allow those to return. In the meantime, we're going forward with outdoor events, including Softball and Golf, and experimenting with new virtual events, like Cup O' Cards.



Jalaya Cooper, Lauren Ebersole  
Elle Haines, Brooks Waller

We're gearing up for another busy Summer of Duckie, even if we're not quite sure right now what the actual Rubber Duckie Race day will look like on Sept. 12.

In spite of the uncertainty, **we're grateful to be where we are**, and that's only because of you. We held our annual Phonathon in February and March, and you donated more than \$50,000. We ran our first Cup O' Cards campaign in March, and you donated more than \$27,000. We continue to receive donations from community groups who fundraise on our behalf.

What all of this means is that because of all of you and your ongoing support, we are able to serve the children and the families who depend on Schreiber. We featured four of these families in our newest Schreiber Stories videos (see page 3). You can see for yourselves the impact of your generosity.

Because of you, we're able to help Jalaya Cooper, Lauren Ebersole, Elle Haines, Brooks Waller and thousands more kids like them every year live fulfilling lives and become their best selves.

For that, as always, I say *thank you!*

## 4 questions with Abby Zell



Abby Zell retired in April, ending nearly 37 years of continuous service as a speech-language pathologist at Schreiber. Her

career here is believed to be the longest in the 85-year history of the organization. She started in 1984, when the center was still affiliated with Easter Seals and Edna Schreiber still visited. When Abby started, there was one other speech therapist. Today, the organization that Edna built now employs 11 full-time "speechies."

We caught up with Abby a few days after her final day on April 2.

### What was your last day like?

It was emotional for me, saying goodbye to the kids and their families, and to the people that I work with. I was exhausted by the end of it.

### What was the biggest change you saw in your 37 years at Schreiber?

Well, the number of kids we're able to help now. When I started, we served children and adults, and there were two speech therapists – me and Lisa Christoffel (Lisa still works at Schreiber.) We scheduled our own evaluations; we did our own scheduling for therapy.

### What about the technology?

That's definitely been a big change. There are so many more options for these kids who don't have a means to communicate verbally. I'm pretty much a traditional speech therapist. I found sometimes the (devices) could be beneficial, but if I had a child that needed more in the way of technology, I usually referred them to one of the younger therapists.

### What do you think you'll miss the most?

I'll definitely miss the kids and their families. While I may have given them a voice, they gave me so much in return. And the people I worked with. It was a privilege to work at Schreiber. While I'm looking forward to this next stage, Schreiber will always have a special place in my heart.

*Abby Zell through the years: in 2000 and 2021*



Beth Shelley



Twyla Baker

## Honoring careers of service

Schreiber will host a retirement party Friday, May 21, for our three most recent retirees. We will celebrate the service of **Abby Zell**, **Beth Shelley**, who retired in 2020 after 35 years at Schreiber in the Occupational Therapy Department; and **Twyla Baker**, who retired from the Finance Department after 29 years. These women dedicated the majority of their professional working life to Schreiber, and their contributions to the organization and the families we serve were invaluable.



Lauren Ebersole's work in physical therapy has helped her enjoy activities including hiking and jumping rope.

## Four families featured in Schreiber videos

If you want to see the impact of your support and our work with the families we see, please take a few minutes to watch our four new Schreiber Stories videos. Produced by Chris Dearolf at Disciple Media and videographer Garrity Powers, the new videos feature the stories of Jalaya Cooper, Lauren Ebersole, Elle Haines and Brooks Waller. Jalaya, Elle and Brooks are Schreiber Ambassadors this year; Lauren was an Ambassador in 2014. Here's some of what the families had to say.

Kelcy Waller, Brooks' mother: *"I think it's only because of his therapists and Schreiber that it always just felt like he could accomplish anything."*

Allison Ebersole, Lauren's mother: *"(Lauren's) not only walking but running. She's able to walk up stairs. She's able to jump rope. And I account all of that to Schreiber, which is really incredible."*

Leah Haines, Elle's mother: *"To watch (Schreiber therapists) help my child achieve goals that perhaps at one point in her life I didn't think she'd be able to do is nothing short of a miracle."*

Sandra Myers, Jalaya's mother: *"Schreiber has meant so much to us. Just the hope that they gave us. And their compassion for her. ... They are truly, truly a huge part of our family."*



▶ To watch all the videos, visit the About page at [www.schreiberpediatric.org](http://www.schreiberpediatric.org).

## a special thank you...

To **Primitives by Kathy**, which created a special "There's Always a Reason to Smile" wooden box sign and is donating 100 percent of proceeds from sales to Schreiber. So far, the company has raised more than \$5,000! Thanks also to **Kelcy and Steve Waller**, who turned a piece of art by their son Brooks, a Schreiber Ambassador, into merchandise to sell. They donated \$2,000 from the sale.

**And thanks to many other community fundraisers**, large and small, including this month's **Clark Foundation Derby Day**, **Wanderlust Coffees'** Schreiber-branded coffee sales and **Weis Markets' Round Up for Charity** effort in April. This kind of fundraising amounts to more than \$250,000 a year for Schreiber, and every dollar makes a difference.

To start your Schreiber fundraiser, contact Erica Croce at 717-393-0425 ext. 105.



The members of Edna's Angels, Schreiber's women's giving circle, held their annual meeting in February to decide which projects to support with this year's member dues. **The group raised nearly \$10,000 and supported 11 projects**, including \$1,400 worth of sensory equipment and games for Occupational Therapy and another \$1,400 for supplies for the courtyard garden. We're grateful for the members' generous support.

# Summer camps RETURN

Behavioral Health will offer two summer experiences for kids ages 7-12.

## Board Games and Outdoor Games

Social Skills Group

June 16 — August 11

Wednesdays: 9-10:30 a.m.

\$200

## LEGO Building

Social Skills Group

June 18 — August 13

Fridays: 9-10:30 a.m.

\$200

For details or to register, contact Missy Ressler at 717-393-0425 ext. 110 or [mressler@schreiberpediatric.org](mailto:mressler@schreiberpediatric.org).

Our Social Services Department has a new offering for kids ages 6-8.

## Sensory Explorer Camp

July 13-15 & July 20-22

1-3:30 p.m.

\$200

For details or to register, contact Jen Bachman at 717-393-0425 ext. 158 or [jbachman@schreiberpediatric.org](mailto:jbachman@schreiberpediatric.org).

## Stay tuned

for details on the return of in-person Camp Schreiber! Dates, times and price will be announced soon.

## Business friends: Support Schreiber through EITC program

Schreiber remains approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development to receive contributions from the state's Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program.

Your gifts can support Schreiber's summer camps and respite program that provide educational opportunities for high school-age volunteers and camp counselors. Or they could provide subsidies for families with children enrolled in our high-quality early education programs.

### Note these application start dates—

**MAY 17**

For businesses already in the EITC program who have fulfilled their 2-year commitment and wish to reapply for 2021-22, or who wish to complete the second of their 2-year commitment

**JULY 1**

All other businesses, including first-time applicants

Details on how to donate to Schreiber through the EITC program at:  
[www.schreiberpediatric.org/make-a-difference/eitc](http://www.schreiberpediatric.org/make-a-difference/eitc)



The first Cup O' Cards campaign was a resounding success, raising more than \$27,000 from sponsorships and ticket sales. We had seven sponsored coffee cups and filled each of them with hundreds of dollars in gift cards to local businesses. We sold more than \$17,000 in raffle tickets, and seven lucky winners claimed the cups. Thank you to everyone who supported this new event.

Our annual Phonathon campaign ran through February and March, and the pledge forms are still coming in. To date, we have raised more than \$57,000, further proof of the generosity of our supporters. Every dollar goes directly to the services that we provide to Schreiber kids and their families. Thank you.

### PEOPLE NEWS

## Staff Recognition

*We have six new faces around the building.*



**Anna Aument**  
hired as therapy aid.



**Taylor Callaway**  
hired as accounting assistant in the Finance Dept.



**Autumn Pickel**  
hired as an infant room teacher for Circle of Friends.



**Doreen Pitera**  
hired as preschool room teacher for Circle of Friends



**Beth Tetreault**  
hired as preschool room teacher for Circle of Friends



**Amanda Wintersteen**  
hired as preschool room teacher for Circle of Friends

**yes**

## I want to make a difference in a child's life!

Visit [www.schreiberpediatric.org/make-a-difference/donate](http://www.schreiberpediatric.org/make-a-difference/donate) to GIVE online.



We have a new scholarship fund at Penn State to help a graduate student in speech therapy.



Your gift is tax-deductible as allowed by law.

### HERE'S HOW TO GIVE TO THE FUND:

- ➡ Send a check payable to Schreiber with 'PS Scholarship Fund' in the memo line

—OR—

- ➡ Go to [www.schreiberpediatric.org](http://www.schreiberpediatric.org) and click on: PENN STATE SPEECH SCHOLARSHIP FUND