



Events start to return to normal...

## LOOKING BACK



### Softball Weekend

The 39th Annual Softball Weekend started with a tribute to Harold Gainer and Bob Race, two longtime organizers of the event who passed away last year. In their honor, more than two dozen participating teams, event sponsors and other supporters donated more than \$70,000 to Schreiber.



### Ducks & Trucks

Meanwhile, a first-time event had a successful launch. Ducks and Trucks gave a big boost to the start of sales for the Rubber Duckie Race, attracting more than 400 visitors to Schreiber to see a half-dozen big trucks, grab lunch and dessert from three food trucks, play a few Duckie games and get a head start on buying Duckies.

# yes we can

IN-PERSON EVENT RETURNS



Buy ducks

Sell ducks

Win prizes

33<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL

## Rubber Duckie RACE™ & FESTIVAL

Sunday, September 12

Lancaster County Central Park

2:00 – 5:30 pm

TOP PRIZE  
\$10,000



Order Tickets Online

Join us for  
the Summer  
of Duckie!



Food Truck  
FRIDAYS

11 am – 1 pm

Through AUGUST 27

Visit Schreiber for lunch and  
to buy some Duckie tickets.

EVERY  
FRIDAY



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



**From the Desk of James DeBord  
Schreiber President**

## Back to the drawing board for expansion

A year ago at this time, in the thick of the worst part of the pandemic, I talked with you about how Schreiber was managing.

We adjusted our business operations on the fly. We saw an outpouring of generosity from the community. And we survived.

I want to thank all of the folks who supported us through the unprecedented challenges of the past 18 months. Your donations to Phonathon, your purchase of Rubber Duckie Race tickets (the next one is next month, by the way), your gifts during the Extraordinary Give, and so many more acts of charity – they all helped us end our fiscal year in a better financial position than we could ever have imagined possible.

I also want to thank our staff. Their dedication and commitment as they came to understand the new reality for delivering our life-changing services was nothing short of miraculous. They found ways to help kids progress during telehealth sessions. They reduced in-person sessions to 30 minutes to allow time for cleaning in between – and still helped kids make progress.

### **Now, we are ready to write Schreiber's next chapter.**

We have hired all the therapists we physically have room for. Their schedules are again just about completely full. If we're going to get back to our core mission, to provide services for every child who needs them, we have a new goal ahead of us.

*"...we'll need your help more than ever."*

### **We need more space.**

After postponing our plans for more than a year, we are now ready to re-launch a capital campaign to fund what will be a \$7.5 million expansion of our main building. We are again talking to the engineers, architects and fundraising consultants who will help make this dream a reality. We want to add three stories on the end of the building facing Good Drive, with the first floor providing 7,000 square feet of new therapy space.

As we're raising the money for our work in the future, we will continue to need your help to provide dollars for operations right now. The demand for our services shows no evidence of slowing down. If anything, the pandemic has put a spotlight on the need to invest even more in a whole range of support services for children, particularly for children with special needs.

In short, we'll need your help more than ever.

So, as you enjoy the rest of your summer, the baseball, beach trips and backyard barbecues, please take a minute to think about Schreiber's place in this community and how you can be involved. Stop by on a Food Truck Friday for lunch and pick up some Duckie tickets. Look for ways to volunteer. Circle Nov. 19 on your calendar: That's the date for this year's Extra Give.

Whatever you do, know that you will make a difference in a child's life. And all of us here at Schreiber truly appreciate it.

## An Ambassador Story: Jalaya Cooper

Jalaya Cooper, who turned 11 in January, was diagnosed with hypotonia (low muscle tone) at the age of 7 months. She has received therapy to treat that and help her overcome a series of developmental delays. She receives all three therapies at Schreiber, working on fine motor skills in occupational therapy; core strength, balance and coordination in physical therapy; and improving her use of words, both in speaking and with a communication device. She lives with her parents, Alex Cooper and Sandra Myers, in Lancaster.

Watch a video about Jalaya on the About page of our website.  
<https://www.schreiberpediatric.org/about>



**Schreiber therapists have made a difference** in the lives of Jalaya and her family. At whatever amount you are comfortable, you can make a recurring gift to Schreiber that supports the work of Maddy Sova, Sarah Terry and the rest of our therapists. Go to our website at [www.schreiberpediatric.org/make-a-difference/donate](http://www.schreiberpediatric.org/make-a-difference/donate), fill out the donation form and be sure to check the recurring gift box. It's quick and easy, and your gift will benefit Jalaya and thousands more Schreiber kids throughout the year.

## Schreiber Joys

### Matthew Denlinger

This is Matthew Denlinger. He's been coming to Schreiber for years. Some of you might remember him from his time as a Schreiber Ambassador a few years back. Matthew had brain surgery in April to relieve seizures, and he's been doing physical therapy at

Schreiber to regain function on the right side of his body and relearn some mobility skills. His father Ron said the surgery at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia has eliminated the seizures, and he's making amazing progress. Matthew is one of a kind, and we hope his recovery continues.





# Summer at the Center

## Camp Schreiber returns

A year after COVID forced its cancellation, Camp Schreiber returned in person, albeit with fewer participants and special COVID policies and procedures. That didn't spoil the fun, though, as all five weeks were filled with many familiar faces. We also brought back our Sensory Explorer Camp and Food Discovery Camp.



## Behavioral Health launches new camps

Our Behavioral Health program introduced two new social experiences for kids this summer. The LEGO Social Skills Group and the Board Game Social Skills Camp each brought about a dozen kids together to work on following directions, teamwork and problem solving, with lots of fun mixed in.



## Food Truck Fridays are back



More than a dozen food truck partners are taking turns visiting Schreiber every Friday in July and August to provide their tasty menu options for lunch and help us sell tickets for this year's Rubber Duckie Race. The fun continues through Aug. 27!

# save the date



## RESPITE NIGHTS

**Respite Care program returns**

**WHEN:** Sept. 24, Oct. 22 and Nov. 12

**TO REGISTER:** Call Jen Bachman at 717-393-0425 ext. 158



## CHOCOLATE WALK

**A sweet community fundraiser is back to support Schreiber**

**WHEN:** Oct. 9

**WHERE:** The streets of Lititz

**FOR DETAILS AND TICKETS:** [www.lititzchocolatewalk.com](http://www.lititzchocolatewalk.com)

# a special thank you...

**... to the Weis Markets stores in the Harrisburg-Lancaster region.** They picked Schreiber as their nonprofit to support with a round-up campaign in April. Customers rounded up to give to Schreiber throughout the month, allowing Weis to donate more than \$24,000.

**... to Will Powers and Lindsay Filling.** Will and Lindsay were married in June, and before the wedding they held a golf outing for guests and asked for donations to Schreiber and another nonprofit. The couple ended up donating \$1,000.



**... to Lancaster attorney Jaime Jackson.** Jaime opened a new law office this year, and he has pledged to donate 5 percent of his annual profits to Schreiber. He's challenging other businesses in the region to undertake philanthropic efforts, too.

**... to the many volunteers who are supporting us this year as Rubber Duckie sellers.** These folks play an important role in helping us sell Duckies every year, and their enthusiastic support is even more important this year. Do you want to sell Duckies? Contact Dan Fink at 717-393-0425 ext. 108.



# THE EXTRA GIVE<sup>TM</sup> ORDINARY

NOVEMBER 19, 2021



COMMUNITY



Rodgers & Associates



HIGH FOUNDATION

**NEW DATE:** Nov. 19

Sponsor one of our Schreiber staff videos and earn recognition for your Business Match.

**CONTACT:** Dan Fink at 717-393-0425 ext. 108.



## FALL RECREATION

**Details on new in-person events coming soon.**

*Stay tuned*



## Four questions with Lisa Christoffel

Lisa Christoffel retired in June, ending a career at Schreiber and Easter Seals that dated back to the 1970s, with a break in the early '80s to raise her children. She became interested in speech language pathology as a teenager because of a friend. She would

go on to get a master's degree in speech therapy from West Chester University, and her second stint at Easter Seals and then Schreiber would continue for more than three decades.

We talked to Lisa recently about her many years of service to Schreiber.

### Where did the idea to pursue a career in speech-language pathology come from?

I had a really good friend who had done the Peach Festival, a benefit event for the Cleft Palate Clinic. This was when I was a teenager. You found out a lot about the clients who went to the Cleft Palate Clinic. (After that), I really wanted to go into the Peace Corps. I really wanted to help people. But you're not going to make a whole lot of money in the Peace Corps. And you had no idea where you would go. But I wanted a career to help people.

### What do you remember about the early days?

There were two therapists in each department, speech, OT and PT. I used to see a lot of preschoolers. The preschool kids had a diagnosis. We had a ton of kids with spina bifida, Down syndrome. We had outpatient clients, too, but the majority were kids who came for preschool.

### Why retire now?

I had been there long enough, (trying) to keep up with the technology was overwhelming for me. I'm realistic about it. The 20-some year olds I worked with can do teletherapy and use apps and devices, and I can't do that. My back and my ability to stay focused on technology forced me to say, "OK, you've done this for 42 years, you need to do something else." It was hard, but there were too many things nudging me (to retire).

### What do you think you'll miss about Schreiber?

I'll definitely miss the families and the kids. And certainly the staff. Everybody is so supportive of each other. Schreiber really is a unique place to work. It is a family, and that's what was really hard for me to leave.

## Staff Recognition



**Anna Aument, therapy aide**, was recognized with a Schreiber Extra Mile award, given to an employee who goes above and beyond their normal work. This is a new employee recognition program, and Anna is the first recipient.

## Board of Directors

**Drake Nicholas**, left, a partner at the Barley Snyder law firm, will become chairman of Schreiber's board of directors. **Dr. Michael Younes**, center, a doctor with Martin Foot & Ankle, will become the first vice chairman. And one new member will join the board. **Mark Simms**, right, is principal at Southeast Middle School for the School District of



Lancaster. He has previously served on the boards of several area nonprofits, including the S. June Smith Center, the Lancaster YMCA Center City and the Back2Basics Foundation.

## 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

A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the PA Department of State by calling toll free, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

