

ANNUAL 2019 REPORT

NJEDDA



North Jersey Elks
Developmental Disabilities Agency



TODDLERS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HIGH SCHOOL

ADULT PROGRAM



*Unique People Supporting Each Other
As We Meet The Challenges of Life*

Our mission is to advance the independence and enrich the quality of life of individuals with disabilities.

Executive Director's Message

2019



The North Jersey Elks Developmental Disabilities Agency celebrated another successful year of excellent special educational, therapeutic, medical, vocational and social programs.

Working together as a team, we are accomplishing our mission to be the finest educational and therapeutic agency serving children and adults with multiple disabilities in Northern New Jersey.

The Board of Trustees, staff and parents should be extremely proud of the personal growth in our students and adult clients.

We want to thank Chairman Jim Van Leuvan, his officers, committees and all of the Trustees for their leadership in overseeing the progress of our three dynamic programs. We greatly appreciate your volunteer service and expertise in all areas of budgeting, personnel and facilities. We also want to thank them for donating a new van for our Adult program.

To the Passaic County Elks Special Children's Committee under the leadership of President

Donna A. Tutuian, we offer our admiration for your ongoing 50/50 raffle sales that provided the funding for our Toddler and Adult Programs, as well as the therapy room project. Your financial support and selfless efforts make the future bright for our special children and adults.

Special thanks also to the staff for your dedication to our children and adults. You go beyond with your excellent fundraising efforts. For the Children's Benefit Fund the staff coordinated the Thanksgiving Pie Sale, Dine and Donate events, Plant Sales and other fundraisers. The funds raised help provide activities and programs at all three of our facilities.

Our agency's success is linked to our committed and productive administrative team. Their professional priorities are to meet the unique needs of our children and adults and maintain our agency's outstanding reputation.



For example, our auditors have complimented Dolores Miles, our Business Manager, and our office staff for their accurate financial reports and overall business organization.

Likewise, Child Study Teams from 40 sending districts applaud our educational and therapeutic programs under the direction of Jennifer A. Miller, Principal, and Marianne Idenden, Vice Principal from our elementary school; Mary Fischer, Supervisor of Instruction, and Nancy Fegan, Vice Principal from our high school.

In addition, our Adult Training Center under the supervision of Stephanie Richvalsky, Director of Adult Services, and Lynne Delohery, Social Worker and Assistant Director, have received praises from the Division of Developmental Disabilities for excellent programming and client care. We are thankful for the administrative team's high standards and goals of continuous agency improvement.

In closing, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of our staff, parents, and friends of our agency for your dedication and commitment to our special children and adults.

Working together, we fulfill our Agency's mission to *Support Each Other as We Face the Challenges of Life*. Let us all celebrate the successes of the past year and dedicate ourselves to greater accomplishments in the future.

Dr. William G. Weiss
Executive Director

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Unique People Supporting Each Other *As We Meet The Challenges of Life*

2019

The North Jersey Elks Developmental Disabilities Agency is celebrating its 72nd year as a pioneer in the rehabilitation field for children and adults with special needs. Our programs are fashioned to meet the needs of each individual with developmental disabilities and our goal is to help encourage their independence and improve quality of life.

The agency currently serves 260 families from over 40 municipalities in Northern New Jersey. Our elementary and high schools are approved by the New Jersey Department of Education as private non-profit schools for children with multiple disabilities.

The NJEDDA Board of Trustees operates the agency. The Board of Trustees consists of concerned citizens who meet monthly to develop policies, provide fiscal oversight and program guidance to the administrative team. The Board has guided the agency through its years of growth into a comprehensive educational and therapeutic organization.



“Our mission is to advance the independence and to enrich the quality of life of individuals with disabilities by providing opportunities to challenge themselves to learn and grow emotionally and functionally in educational, therapeutic and vocational environments within an atmosphere of acceptance.”



Absolutely the best school, the best people, everyone so invested and so sincere! Couldn't have wished better experience for my daughter! THANK YOU, ALL!

Sanja Petrovic



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North Jersey Elks Developmental Disabilities Agency
New Name, Same Mission Since 1947

School Districts Served by NJEDDA in 2019

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| Belleville | Little Falls | Ramapo Indian Hills |
| Bergenfield | Lodi | Ridgewood |
| Clifton | Lyndhurst | Rutherford |
| East Orange | Mahwah | Saddle Brook |
| East Rutherford | Manchester | Secaucus |
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Professional Services



Adult Training Program

Adaptive Equipment
& Brace Clinics

Computer Access /
Augmentive
Communication Lab

Day Class with
Full Academic
and Functional Program

Extended School
Year Program

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Education Program

Health Education

Hearing Screenings

Job Coaching

Multidisciplinary Therapy

Music Programs

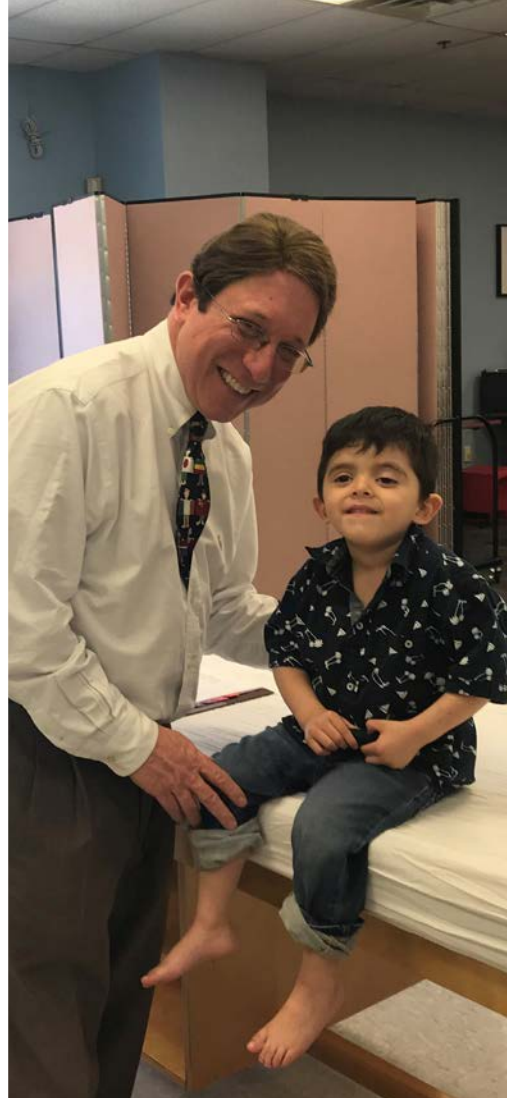


The North Jersey Elks Developmental Disabilities Agency, their administrative team, and staff are leaders in the special education in New Jersey. The Center provides outstanding educational and therapeutic services for children and adults with multiple disabilities.

The NJ Department of Education has recognized them for excellence in special needs programs and financial responsibility.

ASAH appreciates the willingness of the NJEDDA staff to mentor other school leaders and its willingness to volunteer for important government committees. They are a flagship agency and ASAH is proud to have them as a longstanding member."

Gerry Theirs, Executive Director
Association of Schools and Agencies for the Handicapped



Nursing Services

Occupational Therapy

Parent Support Group

**Pediatric Neurodevelopmental
Clinics**

Pediatric Physiatry Clinics

Physical Therapy

Pre-School Program

**Pre-Vocational /
Vocational Instruction**

Sensory Integration

Social Work Services

Speech & Language Therapy

Therapeutic Horseback Riding

Toddler Support Program

Vision Screenings

Toddler Program

Ages: 18 Month to 3 Years



Thanks to another generous donation from the Passaic County Elks Special Children's Committee and Board of Trustees, the FREE Special Toddler Playgroup began a seventh year of providing support and services to toddlers with special needs as well as their families. It is an innovative program for toddlers, ages 18 months to three years of age, who are already receiving physical therapy through NJ Early Intervention Services.

This program is a pioneer in providing a venue where parents can come to socialize and support each other through their journey of nurturing toddlers with special needs. There is no other group like this in Northern New Jersey. This playgroup is an adjunct for home-based intervention where toddlers can implement their individual goals in the form of guided play.

Activities are geared to enhance gross and fine motor skills as well as language and socialization. All children in the playgroup are eligible for the services that we provide to our students in the school programs i.e. medical clinics, equipment and bracing clinics, Parent Staff Organization and use of our Therapeutic Movement Room.

The program is staffed with a bilingual teacher, a physical therapist and speech and language therapist who consult in the program each day. A social worker provides consultation to those in need of community resources.

The Playgroup has an average enrollment of 20. The program is in session 3 mornings a week with about 8 toddlers attending each day.

We continue to receive many compliments from the community, i.e. physicians, Early Intervention home-based therapists and staff from St Joseph's University Hospital and Medical Center. Most important is that we have seen significant progress and growth in the toddlers. The parents are very appreciative.

Our Special Toddler Playgroup provides valuable resources and opportunities to toddlers with special needs and their families in our community.

My daughter goes to the Toddler Program and we are hoping she goes to school there when she turns three. They are great staff and professionals. They have been so helpful and kind to us. I am always recommending the Toddler Program to other parents. The program is so beneficial to our children and their parents.

Rox Cast



Pre-School Program

Ages: 3 to 5 Years



The preschool program features an exceptional educational and therapeutic team approach that best serves young children with physical and cognitive disabilities.

This therapeutic team consists of the classroom teacher, paraprofessionals, physical therapist, nurses, occupational therapist and speech/language therapist.

Team members work together in the classroom to assist students in all academic and therapeutic areas.

Our preschool program is designed to develop pre-reading readiness skills, communication, mobility, therapeutic feeding, socialization, sensory integration, play and art. Preschoolers also participate in adapted physical education, music, special assemblies and community outings.





Goals for this population are geared towards improving mobility, developing play skills, enhancing speech and language and helping the children to be successful students.

These three to five year olds are a special part of the elementary program who attend a full-day session, Monday through Friday. The team works closely with parents, physicians, specialists, and child study teams in order to best meet the children's individual needs. When the students reach age five, they move to an elementary classroom, if appropriate, as indicated in their Individual Educational Plans.

Everyone at the school is so helpful and understanding with my son. I am happy we found a good school for him.

Mother of B. Irak

Elementary School Program

Ages: 5 to 13 Years



Our elementary school program provides instruction and therapy to students ages five through thirteen, who have a wide range of cognitive and physical disabilities. This special education program integrates academics, physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech and language therapy. Teachers and therapists work hand-in-hand to optimize our students' educational experience.

There are currently four primary groups, four primary-intermediate groups and four intermediate groups. Each class has a teacher, two teacher aides and a lunch aide. Some school districts provide 1:1 aides or nurses for a student, if indicated in his/her Individual Educational Plan. All teachers and therapists are certified by New Jersey Department of Education.

Our curriculum is aligned with the New Jersey Student Learning Standards. Teachers and therapists use the unique curriculum to develop appropriate goals and objectives for each student. Adapted physical educa-





tion, music, pre-vocational activities, family life education and inclusion for special activities with local schools, enrich our students' overall education experience.

The nurses and social worker are an integral part of the school. They assist students and their families with the many medical and social services they need. Ongoing clinics with equipment suppliers, orthotists, pediatric orthopedic surgeon, pediatric neuro-developmental

and pediatric physiatrists are also provided at regular intervals.

Some of the enrichment activities for the students include Special Olympics, monthly assemblies, Clifton library trips, class field trips, traveling farm animals, annual field day, parades and community outings. Our therapists also offer groups in ballet, karate, sign language, drama, dance, photography, equine skills, pet therapy and pre-vocational training.

High School Program

Ages: 13 to 21 Years



Our High School offers educational and therapeutic programs for multiply-challenged students, from teens to young adults. Students receive instruction in Reading, Math, Language, Arts, Science, Social Studies, Gym, Music, Pre-vocational Areas and functional activities of daily living. Instruction is focused on attaining the NJ Student Learning Standards. The high school is an approved site for the administration of state standardized testing.

Our team of talented teachers, therapists and para-professionals, all share a strong sense of caring for students in a disciplined and achievement-oriented environment. Students at all levels are challenged and encouraged to achieve their personal best.

The Life Skills Program is an innovative program where students venture into the community utilizing the skills they have been practicing





in their classroom and therapy sessions. Students visit malls, grocery stores, laundromats, beauty salons, museums and movie theaters. They take public transportation whenever possible. Communication, money management, problem solving and community mobility are integrated into each trip.

In the Computer Access and Augmentative Communication Lab, we evaluate the technological needs of our students and provide accessible means for them to benefit from the technology. Using a variety of software, hardware, augmentative communication devices

and environmental control units, students develop written and verbal communication skills, problem-solving skills, access objects in their surroundings and for entertainment.

The Job Quest Program provides a community-based work experience. Students receive ongoing training with a job coach at community sites such as: CVS Pharmacy, Clifton Public Library, Clifton Recycling Center, Shop Rite Supermarket and K-Mart in Botany Village. The goal of the program is to provide students with realistic vocational training which assist them in making career choices in the future.

Adult Training Program

Ages: 21 to 55+ Years

The Adult Training Center Program incorporates independent living skills and socialization with work skills for employment training.

The Adult Program funded by the Department of Developmental Disabilities and Medicaid, provides a day program which includes work activities, nursing care, social services, physical, occupational and speech therapies, sensory integration, employment and volunteer opportunities and continuing adult education programs.

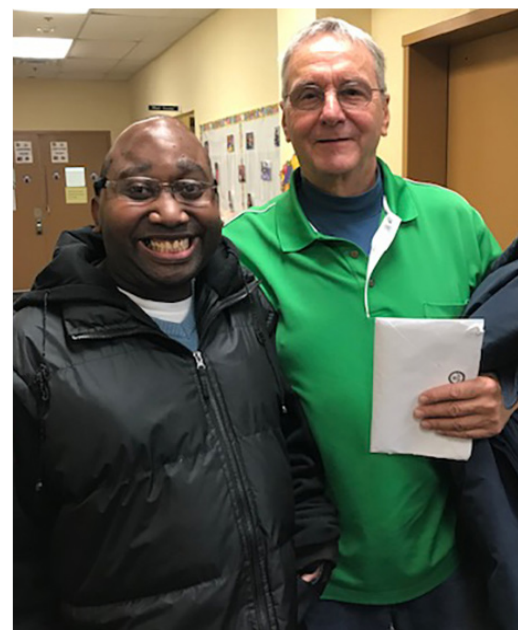
The goal is to focus on the abilities of the adult participants to maximize independent functioning. The Division of Developmental Disabilities (D.D.D.) and Support Coordinators provide referrals for prospective participants.

My daughter went the high school and has been at the adult center for about 25 years. I don't think you will ever find a better program. The people who work here are truly loving and caring. They give their best efforts to everyone. My daughter loves the staff and program.

They are truly loving people, each and every one. If you ever have a problem or need to talk they are always there for the parents, too.... I love NJEDDA and everyone who works there.

Betty Barman, Adult Center Parent





Therapy Services

The North Jersey Elks Developmental Disabilities Agency

offers a wide range of therapy services including physical, occupational and speech and language therapy as well as assistive technology.

Physical Therapy

Physical Therapists assist students and adults in achieving their highest level of independent mobility. Through proper positioning and weight-bearing activities, they promote normal development of bones and muscles. Physical therapists utilize exercises, sensory activities, ambulation training, and adaptive equipment to help enable students and adults to reach their highest physical potential.

Occupational Therapy

Occupational Therapy describes such skills as play, self-care and being a successful student. Occupational therapists help each client to achieve optimal functional skills within their range of abilities to promote his/her highest level of functional independence. Occupational therapists are specialists in sensory integration hand function and vision/perception.



Speech and Language Therapy

Speech and Language Pathologists are responsible for diagnosis and therapeutic intervention in all areas of communication and feeding skills. Speech and Language Pathologists utilize many methods of augmentative communication including sign language communication boards, and many forms of high and low technology. Screening procedures are also conducted for audiology and tympanometry.



Assistive Technology

Therapists and teachers, in a team approach, utilize many new and innovative forms of assistive technology. These include computers, adaptive switches, augmentative communication devices, feeding devices and power wheelchairs.



Teamwork Makes the Difference



The North Jersey Elks Developmental Disabilities Agency is proud of our staff and our multidisciplinary spirit. For over seventy years, the Board of Trustees and Elks Special Children's Committee donated their time, energy and financial resources to help our agency to succeed. Working together, we are making a critical difference in the lives of our special children, adults and their families.



NJEDDA Celebrates Our Outstanding Staff

Arati Thakor, Adult Center Staff Member of the Year

ASAH Private School Award Nominees:

Neuris Rivas, Paraprofessional of the Year

Lisa Woodard, M.S., Therapist of the Year

Wendy Kuiper-Alleyne, B.A., Educator of the Year

Chairperson's Message

2019

Dear Friends of the North Jersey Elks Developmental Disabilities Agency... It has been a great honor to serve as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees this past year...

As a team, we worked hard and together we were able to complete several important improvements to our facilities.

The high school has been painted, the parking lots resurfaced, and we completed the construction of our new playground for the children. This could not have been accomplished without everyone's hard work and dedication.

As the headline says on page 20, at NJEDDA, Teamwork Makes the Difference.

So to my fellow board members, I thank you for your guidance and support over this past year. It has truly been a pleasure to be on the same team with all of us sharing common goals and pulling in the same direction.

A special thank you to David Kalish for serving as my Secretary. He will be greatly missed when he moves to Florida later this year.

Meetings will not be the same without David!

Thank you to the lodges and their members for their continued support as well as the Special Children's Committee whose fundraising efforts are so important to our continued success.

The Committee's commitment to adding a new therapy room to our elementary school will benefit our children for years to come.

Finally, thank you to Dr. Weiss for your many



years of service to our children and adults as well as to all the teachers, staff and volunteers who work every day to provide a safe and caring environment for our children and adult clients to flourish in.

It has truly been my pleasure serving as Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and I wish my successor and the Board the best of luck in the upcoming year.

James Van Leuvan
Chairperson,
Board of Trustees
2018-2019

Board of Trustees



Back row: Frank Tiernan, Lisa Szegedi-Greco, Richard Tabachuk, Gary Margiotta, John Szczomak, Ernie Canali, Mary Anne O'Brien. Front row: Anthony Fiorello, James Van Leuvan, Keith Oakley, David Kalish. Pictured below: Nicholas Trentacoste, Marc-Allyn Gloriande and John V. Galletta.

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Parents & Families Inspire Us



Our agency's mission is to bring our families, our children and adults and staff together to celebrate and support each other. We welcome parents and families to visit us during the program day so that they can understand our dynamic educational and therapeutic techniques.

Also, parents attend Individualized Educational Plan (I.E.P.) meetings and participate in the planning for their children.

This year in all three of our facilities we enjoyed a variety of special family days and meetings with our parents. Our Open House days, holiday parties, International Days, concerts, assemblies, socials, awards and graduations are all exciting times for the staff to interact with family members.

The parents and staff send out special thanks to United Parcel Service (UPS) for the holiday gifts and the visit from Santa and the Holiday Express Band for their concerts in all three facilities. All of the events were well attended and created vivid, unique memories that will last a lifetime.

Thank you parents, guardians, and siblings for sharing these events with us. You inspire us to greater levels of success!





I have seen my daughter's progress not only at school but also at home these past few years since she started your school. I am very grateful to the therapist and teachers.

Mother to K. Moya

I am so grateful not only for the teachers and staff helping my son but for also helping me. I see the love and care that goes into their work.

Mother to L. Aspiazu

President's Message

Dear Friends of the Passaic County Elks Special Children Committee...

As my term of office is ending and I will be passing on the torch to First Vice President, Mary Beth Clark for her to continue the great work we are engaged here with our "Beloved Children and Adult Clients."

We have overcome many hurdles with the purchasing of the house next door in order for us to expand our facility for our students.

When purchasing a home, there are many responsibilities and The Special Children's Committee is checking everything over with our attorney, accountant, architecture and Dr. Weiss.

We, the Special Children's Committee, held two fundraisers with Thatcher McGhee's Irish Pub and Eatery in October and April at their three locations, honoring Dine and Donate 20% coupons of total customer bills being given to the Committee in order for us to continue our many activities for NJEDDA and to raise more funds along with our Super 50-50 Cash bi-monthly drawings.

We need to always think of our beloved Special Children and Adult Clients and take care of them. Therefore, when we ask you to donate to either the 50/50 raffle or a special fundraiser, please give generously as all our funds go to our very Special Children and Adult Clients.



I would also like to thank Wayne Elks Lodge #2181 my Lodge, for always being there for me, the Special Children's Committee and having special events for our Special Children and Adults. Thank you to Dr. Weiss and, of course, Vivian Bender for always assisting us.

I also want to acknowledge the Special Children's Committee for their unwavering due diligence in making our meeting move along smoothly and always coming up with the correct decision. Thanks, folks.

It has been a most difficult year with the loss of my very special significant other, Fred M. Gould, who passed away on September 13, 2018, who has always been with me and looked over our Special Children and Adult Clients as they were always near and dear to him.



Donna A. Tutuian
President 2018-2019
Passaic County Elks
Special Children's Committee

Committee Members



Back row: Frank Grecco, Dennis O'Brien, Barry Nelson, Ronald F. Doncoes, Maureen Whalen. Front row: Mary Beth Clark, Dorine Pelosi, Donna A. Tutuian, Marge Theobald, Joanne T. Stolarz. Not pictured: Ernie V. Canali, Marty Coleman, Jeanne Gademan, Lee Grecco, Ken Low, Elissa Nelson, Tony Pelosi, Bob Rothe, Frank Samtak.

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 Santucci*
 Maureen Whalen

**Duke Santucci: We thank Duke for the many years of dedicated service and support to Elkdom and the Special Children's Committee. Duke, you are together again with your beloved wife Helen and sister Mary.*



Thank you Contributors

The North Jersey Elks Developmental Disabilities Agency gratefully acknowledges the very generous contributions of the following individuals, corporations, foundations and donors. Also special thanks to the many supporters for who space does not permit us to list individually. We appreciate everyone's efforts to improve the quality of life for our special children and adult clients.

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UPS employees deliver bundles of joy to NJEDDA Elementary School students, a tradition now for the past ten years.



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Lots of fist bumping and Kung Fu fighting as our students welcome Elks Grand Exalted Ruler Michael T. Luhr and his wife Barbara as part of their annual November visit.

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NJEDDA students and staff conduct a food drive for needy families, another November tradition at NJEDDA. We offer special thanks to T.D. Bank and Shop Rite of Bloomfield for the donation of turkeys.



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Elks Grand Exalted Ruler Michael T. Luhr and his wife Barbara visited our High School Life Skills Training Room.

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New Jersey Department of Human Services
Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders

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Association of Supervision
and Curriculum Development (ASCD)

Referrals for possible placement within the programs are accepted from public school districts, parents, hospitals, physicians, or approved local or state agencies.

NJEDDA Teen Travel

Traveling when you are young provides an invaluable opportunity for growth.



Philadelphia was our destination in 2018. Students explored the New Jersey Aquarium in Camden, and cheered with a large crowd at Citizens Bank Park while enjoying the hospitality of the caring staff and exploring the variety of ball park food.



“Traveling is about discovery and finding oneself, for people of any age. But when you travel as a young person, you’re raw material, constantly being shaped, and all that you see, hear, and do has a profound impact on the rest of your life.”

This is the philosophy Dr. Weiss and the staff at the High School adopted when the travel program was conceived more than twenty-five years ago.





We devoted a day to exploring the Independence National Historical Park.

The Benjamin Franklin Museum brought history to life examining the various traits of one of America's founding fathers.

Our tour of Liberty Bell and Independence Hall gave meaning to topics studied in class. Students experienced the Chinese Lantern Festival filled with stunning lantern displays, a variety of Chinese entertainment and art.

Exploration of science came as we attempted hands-on exhibits and observed the many species of animals at the Philadelphia Zoo.

Our lives are richer and changed forever from the opportunities Philadelphia gave our NJEDDA travelers.



I recommend the North Jersey Elks Developmental Disabilities Agency. You'll never get a better group of knowledgeable and caring people taking care of your loved ones. I have nothing but admiration and respect for the NJEDDA staff members.

Laurie A. Watkins-Rios

Would You Like to Help NJEDDA?



Every dollar donated to NJEDDA provides educational and therapeutic services or purchases equipment for our special needs children and adults.

Some gifts may bring the simple joy of story telling by purchasing books and then reading to a child. Others donations or endowments can be made to help fund specific items. That can include therapeutic items, such as specialized chairs or computers, to something larger, such as an expansion to one of our three facilities.

There are many needs at NJEDDA and that list evolves annually, sometimes even daily! If you would like to find out more and discuss ways you can help, call Dr. William Weiss at 973-772-2600 or email him at WWeiss@njedda.org. Donations are made directly to NJEDDA. Find out more by clicking the donations link on our website: www.njedda.org.

We also participate in the CARS Donation Program. If you have a car, van, boat, or RV that you feel no longer is worth fixing, you can donate it by call 877-537-5277 or visit cardonatingiseasy.org. The people at CARS will pick up your vehicle, NJEDDA will receive a donation and you will receive a tax receipt for the value.

2019 Financial Report

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Throughout the year, changes may occur in funding that require close and strategic monitoring of spending patterns. This is not an unusual phenomenon for a not-for-profit organization.

The key is to spend wisely, adhere to the goals and objective of the mission statement and to identify new revenue streams.

Thanks to the generosity and continual support of the Board of Trustees, the Special Children's Committee, corporate grants and private donations, we are meeting the challenge of changing enrollments in our high school program and adjusting our service delivery for adults under a new Medicaid fee for service funding model.

It takes skilled leadership and the dedication of many whose support we depend upon to make a positive impact on the lives of individual citizens with disabilities.

Respectfully, we remain dedicated to this cause.



Dolores W. Miles, B.S.
Business Manager

Statement of Support, Revenues and Expenditures

Public School	
Tuition and Fees	\$13,000,000
State Grants & Medical	\$2,000,000
Contributors, Events & Fundraising.....	\$300,000
Interest & Investment Income	<u>\$300,000</u>
 Total Support & Revenues	 <u><u>\$15,600,000</u></u>

These Revenues were used to pay for Program Expenses

Elementary School	\$7,400,000
High School	\$5,600,000
Adult Training.....	\$2,300,000
Other Operating Expenses.....	<u>\$300,000</u>
 Total Expenditures.....	 <u><u>\$15,600,000</u></u>



Now in our third year of this program, we want to thank you, our friends, family and community for your support for Pouches For People. Here is an update of all the programs and organizations you have helped to support with your donations.

They are:

- Eva's Village, Paterson – Men, women and children
- The Veteran's Hospital, East Orange – Our veterans
- Backpacks for Life, Verona – Homeless veterans
- Clifton Cares – Active duty military
- Bonds of Courage, Westfield – Active duty military
- Oasis, A Haven for Women and Children, Paterson

Please help us to continue this project that benefits our consumers and the community. Your contributions make a difference and will help keep us growing. Each pouch is assembled for a \$20 donation to the Adult Program.

NJEDDA:
 Helping others as we help ourselves.

Clients at the Adult Center have created over 610 pouches and delivered to area shelters, veterans organizations, and active duty military.

The clients learn valuable vocational and daily living skills, while helping community members in need.

Thank you to sponsors: Walmart, Toshiba, Freedom Bank and Newman's Own.

Learn more about the Pouches for People Program and how to help out, visit NJEDDA.org/adult-services.

