Message from the Executive Director

Magical things are happening at the Achievement Center every day, thanks to the commitment and exceptional work of our staff of dedicated doctors, clinicians, therapists, support staff and volunteers. At the Achievement Center, we are committed to helping children with special needs, from birth to young adulthood, reach their therapeutic goals.

It is awe-inspiring and “magical” to watch families and the Achievement Center’s professional staff work together as a team, creating a supportive environment and achieving success. Children and young adults receiving services reach “above and beyond” to establish a foundation for greater self-esteem and independence.

When children and their families face either a physical disability, emotional challenges, behavior problems, developmental delays, ADHD, a diagnosis on the autism spectrum or any other significant concern…feeling uncertain and perhaps fear that things won’t get better and don’t know where to turn…they can turn to the Achievement Center. We are committed to the well-being of children and families, and it is our mission to continue to “maximize the potential of children.”

I have great hope, confidence and optimism that this Annual Report and 2009-2010 calendar will bring many more achievements and “magic” for children and their families who choose to partner with the Achievement Center. Together, we can soar high and reach “above and beyond.”
Our Philosophy

**WE BELIEVE**
in the profound importance of the childhood experience as a foundation for the well-being of our society.

**OUR VISION**
is that every child will be valued, respected, and will have opportunities to succeed.

**OUR MISSION**
is to maximize the potential of children.

**WE PROVIDE**
child-centered and family-focused therapeutic services in child development, physical rehabilitation, Autism Spectrum Disorders, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, and mental/behavioral health.

**Our Core Values Are:**

**RESPECT** -
Respect all children and adults as having intrinsic worth.

**DIVERSITY** -
Acknowledge and seek to understand diverse values, beliefs and cultures.

**COMPASSION** -
Exercise compassion and sensitivity when interacting with others.

**INTEGRITY** -
Demonstrate integrity, honesty and ethical conduct in all activities.

**WELLNESS** -
Support physical, mental and spiritual health.

**COLLABORATION** -
Partner with families and other community resources.

**INCLUSION** -
Accept and value the strengths and contributions of everyone.
“With my son's physical challenges, I found that your therapists take the often overlooked population and help each child believe that he or she is going to be a winner. Your staff instills in our children and hundreds of others the drive and passion that will help them succeed in life.”

— Client Family, Erie County, PA
The Physical Rehabilitation Program
Available in Erie County

Does your child have a condition such as cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, head injury, autism spectrum disorder, sensory processing disorder, speech/language disorder, or other neurological and/or orthopedic condition?

Does your child or adolescent with a physical condition need help with daily living skills?

The Achievement Center’s Physical Rehabilitation Program provides quality outpatient medical rehabilitation services for children and youth, ages 6 to 21, with a wide range of disabling conditions including but not limited to: cerebral palsy; muscular dystrophy; spina bifida; scoliosis; stroke; head injuries; gross and fine motor skill deficits; sensory impairments; speech, language and voice problems; and other neurologic and/or orthopedic conditions. The program is available to children and youth with physical disabilities who live in Erie County, attend school, and have a medical need for this care in order to achieve a maximum level of function and integration into the home and community. The program’s professional services include:

Physical Therapy
addresses ambulatory skills; gross motor skills; balance and coordination; endurance/conditioning; and adaptive equipment.

Occupational Therapy
works on activities of daily living like dressing, eating, grooming, etc.; fine motor skills; sensory processing skills; and vision training.

Speech/Language Therapy
works with communication skills via speaking, using sign, or using assistive technology; essential life tasks such as eating/feedning and swallowing; and cognitive strategies.

Therapeutic Recreation Treatment
is a unique feature of our program. These activities augment the skills addressed in physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech/language therapy to help children with physical impairments adjust to disability and improve their quality of life.

PNC Bank Trail of Treats
Warren Mall
11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

COLUMBUS DAY
13th Annual Trail of Treats
Millcreek Mall
5 to 8:30 p.m.

HALLOWEEN
The Early Intervention Preschool Program is making a difference in the lives of young children. During the 2008-2009 fiscal year, 100% of children learned positive social emotional skills necessary for successful age-appropriate relationships; and 83% transitioned with minimal support to a regular Kindergarten setting.
# Early Childhood Programs

*Available in Erie, Crawford, Forest, Warren, PA and Chautauqua, NY Counties*

- Does your infant or toddler demonstrate a developmental delay with fine and gross motor skills such as crawling or picking up an object?
- Does he or she show signs of slow cognitive development by struggling to search for a lost toy or having trouble making a toy move?
- Is there a language or speech problem such as talking or communication with others?

The Early Childhood Services Program provides support to children with delayed developmental skills in one or more areas such as cognition, communication, fine and gross motor skills, adaptive behavior, and daily living skills. This service is available to children from birth to five-years-old.

Services and treatments may include: Physical and Occupational Therapy; Speech-Language Pathology (Bilingual Services); Specialized Education Instruction; Audiology; Vision Training; Nutritional Services/Feeding Oral-Motor Intervention; Family Training and Support; Aquatic Therapy; Behavior Modification; Sound Recognition/Sign Language Training; and Orthotic Consultation. Services are provided in the child’s natural environment, including the home, child-care center, and/or community. Early Childhood programs include:

**Erie, PA:**
Early Intervention Infant and Toddler; and Early Intervention Preschool.

**Crawford County, PA:**
Early Intervention Infant and Toddler.

**Forest/Warren Counties, PA:**
Early Intervention Infant and Toddler.

**Chautauqua County, NY:**
Early Intervention Infant and Toddler; Related Services 3-5 Year Olds; and Findley Lake Universal Pre-Kindergarten.

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Daylight Savings Time Ends: Monday, November 1

ELECTION DAY: Tuesday, November 3

VETERAN’S DAY: Sunday, November 11

THANKSGIVING DAY: Thursday, November 26

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The Recreational Therapy Program offers many adapted sports, designed to provide individual and group sports on both competitive and noncompetitive levels with specialized equipment to ensure successful participation. Team sports include wheelchair basketball, sled hockey, adapted baseball and more; individual sports include swimming, track-and-field events, bowling and more.
The Recreational Therapy Program

Available in Erie County

Does your child have a physical impairment?

Does your child have an interest in activities such as fishing, bowling, basketball, hockey, swimming, soccer, music or art?

Does your child enjoy recreational activities with his or her peers?

The Achievement Center offers quality recreational therapy activities to children, ages 6 to 21, with physical disabilities, who live in Erie County, attend school, and have a medical need for this care in order to achieve a maximum level of function and integration into the home and community. The Achievement Center provides children with a variety of opportunities through its many recreational therapy services listed below.

**Achievers’ Club:**
Advancing inclusion in community recreation activities.

**Adapted Sports:**
Promoting skill-building, personal achievement, and teamwork through competitive and non-competitive sports.

**Cooking Group:**
Focuses on developing independent cooking skills for budding young chefs.

**Family Program:**
Bringing family members together to enjoy community outings and networking for support.

**Teen Group:**
Interaction with peers to build self-confidence and provide a great outlet for personal development.

**Winners On Wheels (WOW):**
A center-based service that encourages personal achievement through creative learning and fun. Participants stack one success upon another by earning “wheel” awards in different areas of recreation.

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First Day of Winter

CHRISTMAS EVE

CHRISTMAS DAY

NEW YEAR’S EVE
DIAGNOSES The Achievement Center provides child-centered and family-focused therapeutic services to children that may have one or more of the following diagnoses:

- Adjustment Disorder
- Anxiety Disorder
- Asperger’s Disorder
- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
- Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Bi-polar Disorder
- Cerebral Palsy
- Cleft Lip and Palate
- Communication Disorders
- Conduct Disorders
- Developmental Delays
- Down Syndrome
- Emotional/Behavioral Difficulties
- Feeding Disorders
- Fine/Gross Motor Delays
- Interactive Disorders
- Major Depressive Disorder
- Mood Disorder
- Muscular Dystrophy
- Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder
- Other Psychotic Disorders
- Oppositional Defiant Disorder
- Pervasive Developmental Disorder
- Plagiocephaly (Flat Head Syndrome)
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
- Reactive Attachment Disorder
- Regulatory Disorder
- Sensory Integrative Disorder
- Speech/Language Delay
- Torticollis (Shortening of Neck Muscles)
- Visual Disorders

January 2010

“We were so nervous about how to receive services and where to go. The staff at the Achievement Center guided us through the process and sincerely cared about our family.” — Client Family, Crawford County, PA.

Intake and Client Services

“We had so many questions about services and programs that are available for our child. Your kind and caring staff held our hands and addressed all of our concerns.” — Client Family, Erie County, PA.
### Intake and Client Services

**Available in Erie County**

- What services and treatment options are available at the Achievement Center and in the community?
- What services would my child or adolescent benefit from receiving?
- How does my child or adolescent qualify for treatment?

The Intake and Client Services program has been developed to assist families with accessing the quality therapeutic services provided by the Achievement Center. You will be greeted by friendly and efficient intake staff, who are happy to provide you with information about any of our valued programs that may meet your needs.

The program has a “no-wrong-number” policy, which means that the callers and visitors will receive as much assistance as we can possibly give them, even if they inquire about a service that the Achievement Center does not provide.

The Intake and Client Services program has clinicians that are dedicated to offering you the best service possible. They will ensure that your family is treated with respect and kindness, while taking the time to learn about your circumstances and allowing you to voice your concerns.

For more information about the Achievement Center’s programs and services, please call the Intake and Client Services Department at (814) 459-2755, Ext. 1521 or toll free at (888) 821-3110.

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NEW YEAR'S DAY

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
You’re Invited to Erie’s Ultimate Trivia Night Challenge!

Let The Games Begin...

19th Annual Erie Trivia Night on February 18, 2010

Avalon Hotel, 16 West 10th Street, Erie

The Achievement Center Presents...
A Fun Filled Evening with Erie Trivia, Silent Auction, Raffles and Much More!

Please visit our website at www.achievementctr.org for more information.

February 2010 Trivia Night

“For 18 years, I have been privileged to host the Achievement Center’s Annual Trivia Night. Although the evening is filled with laughter, merriment and trivia competition, I have never lost sight that all the proceeds are going to help area children who deeply need therapeutic and clinical services,” said ‘Captain Dan’ Geary, Trivia Night’s Master of Ceremonies.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
Dinner at 6 p.m.
Game play at 7 p.m.
Special Event: Erie Trivia Night

Trivia buffs – come if you dare: to answer who, what, when and where? Each year, as winter winds down, the Achievement Center prepares for its signature fundraising event…Erie Trivia Night. This brainteaser event challenges area residents in their knowledge of local trivia and history. Participants at the event are treated to an evening of dinner, silent auction, raffles, and friendly competition as teams vie for the coveted “Achiever’s Title.” We think participants enjoy the infamous final question the most.

You’re invited to Erie’s ultimate Trivia Night challenge! Please reserve the date as the 19th Annual Erie Trivia Night is scheduled for Thursday, February 18, 2010, at the Avalon Hotel, 16 West 10th Street, Erie, PA. For more information, to reserve a table or to be a sponsor for this year’s event, please contact the Achievement Center’s Resource Development Department at 814-459-2755, Ext. 1115.
Findley Lake Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program
The Findley Lake Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program is a collaborative partnership of the Achievement Center and Clymer Central School District that prepares young children to enter kindergarten.
Findley Lake Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program

Available in Chautauqua County, NY

- Is your child between the ages of four and five years old?
- Is your child interested in learning, playing and making friends?
- Is your child ready to acquire literacy and numeracy, while becoming a decision maker and problem solver?

Findley Lake Early Childhood Center (FLECC):
The Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program is contracted with Clymer Central School District for eligible four-year-old children. The goal is to prepare children to be ready to learn when they enter kindergarten. There is no fee or tuition costs for this program, which is limited to Clymer Central School District families.

The inclusive program offers a developmentally appropriate environment in which to provide education that is respectful of the talents and needs of individual children, parents and teachers.

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Daylight Savings Time Begins  St. Patrick’s Day  First Day of Spring

Palm Sunday  Passover
April 2010

LEADERS Program
(Lake Erie Autism Diagnostic Education & Research Services)

“Our son loves going to the Achievement Center for Occupational Therapy, which has helped his coordination; he also enjoys working with his Therapeutic Staff Support and Behavioral Specialist, who have helped with his eye contact and attention span. He has made many strides with the help of the Achievement Center and is improving everyday.” — Client Family, Erie County, PA.
**LEADERS Program**  
(Lake Erie Autism Diagnostic Education & Research Services)

Has your child displayed:

- Communication problems or trouble expressing his or her wants and needs with words or gestures?
- Social problems such as being avoidant of other people, having difficulty initiating or maintaining conversations, or being unable to engage in meaningful play?
- Unusual behavior/personality traits such as preferring to play alone, repeating certain actions, and/or having unusually long temper tantrums?

LEADERS is a program that offers families and professionals access to services that are founded in evidence-based practice and that are rapidly becoming accepted as the gold standard of best practices in the field of autism intervention. The program specializes in designing services and offering consultations that meet the unique needs of every child, family, agency or school, regardless of geographic location. The LEADERS program is a collaboration between the Achievement Center and Mercyhurst College and encompasses a wide range of services. The Achievement Center has been named a regional autism site by the Autism Services Education, Research and Training (ASERT) project. As a regional autism site, the Achievement Center, in connection with Mercyhurst College, has been selected to collaborate with Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic of UPMC to improve early diagnosis, treatment of and education about autism spectrum disorders.

**Outpatient Mental Health Program:**  
*Available in Erie County*

Provides individual, group, and family psychotherapy, psychiatric evaluation, and medication management to children.

**Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services (BHRS):**  
*Available in Erie, Crawford, Forest, and Warren Counties*

This program provides individualized services to children and youth diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Services include specially trained staff in the field of ASD to include: Therapeutic Support; Mobile Therapy; and Behavioral Specialist Consulting.

**Consulting Services**  
*Available in Erie, Crawford, Forest, Warren, PA; and Chautauqua and Erie, NY Counties*
Young Children’s Behavioral Health

Our psychiatric and therapeutic staff have extensive experience in working with young children and their families to help each child overcome behavioral and emotional issues.
Young Children’s Behavioral Health

Does your young child have serious behavioral or emotional problems that get in the way of day to day functioning with family, friends, school, or community?

Does your young child display poor anger management or have trouble getting along with their peers?

Does your young child act out in a daycare or classroom setting making it difficult to learn?

Young Children is a program that provides specialized Outpatient Mental Health Services or Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services (BHRS) to children, younger than 10-years-old, and their families who are at risk for emotional or behavioral problems.

Outpatient Mental Health Program: Available in Erie County
Provides individual, group, and family psychotherapy, psychiatric evaluation, and medication management to children. Services are provided to individuals who are experiencing emotional, relational, and/or behavioral problems. This Outpatient Mental Health Program has specific areas of expertise including children with: Anxiety; Mood Disorder; Adjustment Disorder; Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD); and Depression. The goal is to provide treatment that will meet the needs of children and families so that they can function successfully at home, in school and in the community.

Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services (BHRS): Available in Erie, Crawford, Forest, and Warren Counties
Provides strengths-based, needs-driven, enhanced mental health services that give individualized support to children and their families. Prescribed, individualized, behavioral health services are provided to children who have a psychiatric diagnosis which makes it medically necessary for them to receive BHRS. The services are provided by trained professionals, including therapeutic staff support, mobile therapists, or behavioral specialist consultants, who are committed to providing the highest quality care to children. Program goals may target safety, functional communication, social or classroom behavior. Services are based upon Child and Adolescent Service System Program (CASSP) and are provided in the home, school, and/or community.
Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) Bridges

“We felt the Summer Treatment Program was an invaluable resource for additional information and support for our child. Our child felt safe knowing there were other children with the same challenges.” — Client Family, Crawford County, PA
Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) Bridges

Do you have a child who can’t sit still; who walks, runs or climbs when others are seated; or talks when others are talking?

Does your child become easily distracted; have trouble socializing or displays impulsivity?

Does your child have a short attention span, making it difficult to concentrate on school work?

ADHD Bridges is a program that provides specialized BHRS or Outpatient Services for children, who demonstrate ADHD or related symptoms, and their families. ADHD is one of the most common mental disorders in children. Symptoms of ADHD may include inattention, impulsivity and hyperactivity. The Achievement Center offers a full range of therapeutic services for children diagnosed with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD).

Outpatient Mental Health Program:
Available in Erie County

Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services (BHRS):
Available in Erie, Crawford, Forest, and Warren Counties

Summer Treatment Program (STP):
Available in Erie and Crawford Counties
In addition to traditional therapeutic services, each summer the Achievement Center offers the Summer Treatment Program (STP), which provides treatment for children and adolescents with ADHD or similar disorders. STP uses a combination of behavior modification techniques, recreation, art, and parent education based on the model developed by Dr. William Pelham (SUNY Buffalo). The ultimate goal is to help each individual child learn coping skills to succeed at home, in school, and in the community.

Erie County, PA: The STP runs for eight weeks, Monday through Friday, at Villa Maria Academy, Erie, PA and at Edinboro University, Edinboro, PA. The program provides treatment for children, ages 6-12, and adolescents, ages 13-16.

Crawford County, PA: The STP runs for eight weeks, Monday through Friday, at Allegheny College in Meadville, PA. The program provides treatment for children, ages 6-12.
“I feel that without bike camp, my child would have spent a few more summers with training wheels. I can’t thank you enough!”
— Client Family, Erie County, PA
**Bike Riding Program**  
*Available in Erie County*

You’ve heard the phrase, “It’s just like riding a bike.” It sounds easy. But do you remember learning how to ride a bike yourself? Was it easy? Did you fall? Cry? Promise that you would never ride one again? As a parent, you may now be facing the same dilemma, only now it’s your child who is learning how to ride a bike.

The Achievement Center offers an opportunity for children, ages 7 and up, to go beyond training wheels. The Recreation Therapy Department conducts an annual, four-week *Bike Riding Program* for children who are currently able to ride a bike with training wheels but are having difficulty learning to ride without them.

The Bike Riding Program utilizes a series of activities on-and-off the bike. A parent must be available to stay and participate with their child during the training sessions. The program addresses two-wheel basics: balance, pedaling, steering, turning and safety. Training sessions are limited to eight children per session.

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New Choices staff are highly qualified to deal with issues such as addictions, eating disorders, anxiety, depression, and many other problems that challenge today’s children and adolescents.
New Choices

Is your child or adolescent having difficulty at school?

Does your child or adolescent have trouble making and maintaining friends?

Does your child or adolescent have feelings of hopelessness, worthlessness or low self esteem?

The Achievement Center’s New Choices is a program that provides specialized Outpatient Mental Health Services or Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services (BHRS) to children, 10 years or older, and their families who are at risk for emotional or behavioral problems.

Outpatient Mental Health Program:

Available in Erie County

Provides individual, group, and family psychotherapy, psychiatric evaluation, and medication management to children. Services are provided to individuals who are experiencing emotional, relational, and/or behavioral problems. This Outpatient Mental Health Program has specific areas of expertise including children/adolescents with: Anxiety; Mood Disorder; Adjustment Disorder; Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD); and Depression. The goal is to provide treatment that will meet the needs of children and families so that they can function successfully at home, in school and in the community.

Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services (BHRS):

Available in Erie, Crawford, Forest, and Warren Counties

Provides strengths-based, needs-driven, enhanced mental health services that give individualized support to children/adolescents and their families. Prescribed, individualized, behavioral health services are provided to children and adolescents who have a psychiatric diagnosis which makes it medically necessary for them to receive BHRS. The services are provided by trained professionals, including therapeutic staff support, mobile therapists, or behavioral specialist consultants, who are committed to providing the highest quality care to children. Program goals may target safety, functional communication, social or classroom behavior. Services are based upon Child and Adolescent Service System Program (CASSP) and are provided in the home, school, and/or community.
Family Based Mental Health Program

“The Family Based staff work with our entire family. They are a wonderful help to our child, who was experiencing problems, and had a positive effect on our whole family and helped us come together.” — Client Family, Erie County, PA
Family Based Mental Health Program
Available in Erie, Crawford, Forest, and Warren Counties

Does your family need therapy in dealing with family issues such as family discord or oppositional behavior?

Is your child or adolescent at risk of needing placement in a psychiatric hospital or a residential treatment facility, or are they returning from a residential treatment facility?

Does your child or adolescent have a mental illness or behavioral problem that causes difficulties with family, friends, or school?

Family Based Mental Health (FBMH) Program provides intervention, support services and therapy in the home and community for families and their children or adolescents who have significant emotional disturbances.

This program is intensive. It generally lasts 32-weeks. It is an in-home service provided to the families of children whose serious emotional illness has put them at risk of removal from their home and community. Children who are returning to their family following out-of-home placement in a residential treatment facility are also eligible to receive these services.

The primary goal of Family Based Mental Health services is for children with serious social/emotional disorders to remain at home and become successful and functioning at home, school, and in the community. Services include: family-structural therapy; case management; 24-hour a-day availability to families; and family support services.
Thousands of costumed children collect treats at the mall in Erie, Warren and Crawford Counties. Proceeds from the events benefit Achievement Center programs in those communities.
Special Event: Trail of Treats

The time has come; it’s oh so near… the Trail of Treats will soon be here! In October, the Achievement Center provides the communities of Erie, Crawford and Warren a safe, indoor and climate controlled trick-and-treat event for children…better known as Trail of Treats. Children, ages 12 and under, get the chance to dress up in their favorite costumes and display them to their friends while collecting candy along a well-lit path. No rain, no snow, no flashlights required. Just Halloween fun, good friends and lots of treats! Whether your costume is scary, hairy, frilly or silly, join the fun at this year’s Trail of Treats. We have a Spook-tacular time!

**October 2010** – PNC Bank Trail of Treats benefitting children’s programming at the Achievement Center in Forest and Warren Counties.

**October 2010** – Erie Trail of Treats benefitting the Achievement Center and Sarah Reed Children’s Center at the Millcreek Mall.

**October 2010** – PNC Bank Trail of Treats benefitting children’s programming at the Achievement Center in Crawford County.

Visit [www.achievementctr.org](http://www.achievementctr.org) for dates and times.
“Play Therapy has taught my daughter to express herself; she has developed self-confidence and now knows that it is okay to have feelings that are not pleasing to others. As a parent, I have learned better awareness of subtle things; playing is more than just playing, and sometimes we need to step back and look at the whole picture.” — Client Family, Erie County, PA.
# Play Therapy: A Child’s Expression

*Available in Erie County*

Does your child have problems expressing their own feelings in coping with emotional stress or trauma?

**Play Therapy:**

Play is the most natural way for a child to convey what he/she is feeling without the use of language.

Play therapy differs from regular play in that a trained therapist at the Achievement Center helps a child address and resolve his/her own problems. With the use of a fully equipped play therapy room and a positive relationship with the play therapist, a child can safely confront his/her problems and find creative solutions.

In addition, the play therapist at the Achievement Center communicates regularly with the parents or caregivers, helping to develop a plan to resolve issues in the home, community or school.
December 2010

Quality Therapeutic Services

Since 1923, the Achievement Center continues to go “Above and Beyond” to meet the therapeutic needs of children and families. The Achievement Center’s quality therapeutic programs are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitative Facilities (CARF).
Celebrating Over 85 Years of Service - Your Support Counts

The Achievement Center’s roots can be traced back to 1923 when a group of Erie Rotarians recognized a need for organized services for children with physical disabilities. The Erie County Crippled Children’s Society was established as orthopedic surgeon, Dr. C. W. Fortune, volunteered his time by examining, diagnosing and treating children free-of-charge.

Two decades after changing our name to the Achievement Center, we have truly become a multi-faceted agency with over 400 staff who provide quality therapeutic services to children and youth in our community. Since 1971, the Achievement Center has received accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF). CARF is an independent, nonprofit accrediting body whose mission is to promote the quality, value, and optimal outcomes of service through a consultative accreditation process that centers on enhancing the lives of the persons served. This accreditation represents the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded to an organization and shows the organization’s substantial conformance to CARF standards.

In recent years, the Achievement Center has expanded its services to reach children and their families in a five county area: Erie, Crawford, Forrest, Warren, PA and Chautauqua, NY Counties. Today, the Achievement Center provides child-centered and family-focused therapeutic services to approximately 3,700 children and youth, from birth to young adulthood in the areas of: child development, physical rehabilitation, Autism Spectrum Disorders, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorders, and mental/behavioral health. In keeping with our mission of “maximizing the potential of children,” we believe that there is no limit to what children can achieve.
A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

In New York, a copy of the latest annual report can be obtained from the organization or from the Office of the Attorney General by writing the Charities Bureau, 120 Broadway, New York, NY 10271.

### Service Delivered 2008-2009

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### REVENUE

- **$11,971,000**

### Financial Information 2008-2009 Unaudited

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The Achievement Center extends our appreciation to Keith and Linda Donati, in co-chairing the 2008/2009 Annual Campaign for Children. This year’s campaign theme: “Magical things are happening at the Achievement Center,” helps to emphasize the Achievement Center’s mission to “maximize the potential of children.”

The Donati’s commitment to children, community, and programming for children with special needs is unsurpassed. When asked the Donati’s to consider this undertaking, they did not hesitate to offer their assistance. “Each day, our therapists work with children who struggle with challenges caused by physical disabilities, early childhood delays, mental health disorders, autism spectrum disorders and more. At the Achievement Center, it is “magical” as our children strive to reach “above and beyond” their daily challenges,” said Keith Donati.

Contributions to the annual campaign help the Achievement Center continue to go “above and beyond” in providing quality therapeutic services to children and families.

85th Annual Campaign for Children

Above and Beyond ($1,000 and over)

Dr. Jeffery and Mrs. Carol Renoz Blake
Lawrence L. Brown Fund of the Erie Community Foundation

Pipes and Drums of Erie Grotto

Lynn Rupp
James and Constance Tanous

Welders Supply Company

Louise K. Wells Fund of the Erie Community Foundation

The Mears, Everett and David M. Zurn

Sky’s the Limit ($500 - $999)

Anonymous Donor of the Erie Community Foundation

Dennis and Rebecca Brumagin

Charities for Children, Inc. Bowling Tournament
Keith and Linda Donati
Gary and Eny Dougan

GECAC - Ronald A. Steele
National Fuel Gas Company Foundation
Tim and Lisa Presta
Jim and Sharon Stoik

Jim and Pat Thomas
Mike and Deb Thompson

Soaring to New Heights ($100 - $499)

Samuel P. Black, III
Sandra L. Bock in honor of Jim and Sandy Glaob
Gary Boldt
Bob and Nancy Boorum
Samuel W. and Ann E. Bourne
Sheila M. Bryan
Mr. Michael Butler
Gwen and Bill Cole
Suzanne Coop
Mr. Joseph Cyterski
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Delaney
John and Susan DiPlacido
Dr. George and Mrs. Jennifer Dulabon
Mary L. Eckert
Erie County Employees’ Welfare Fund

Eriez Magnetics
Gordon D. Gambill
Mr. Richard and Dr. Carol Gleichner
Jim and Sandy Glaob
Elinor W. Gray
The John P. and Billie R. Grunden Fund of the Erie Community Foundation
Stephanie Hall
Linda Hoover
Mr. Kevin B. Ingraham
William Jeffers
Rick and Cindy Johannesmeyer
Leon Johnson
Michelle Johnston and Brian Shoop
Terry and Judy Jones
Chuck Joy, M.D.

Marti Katz
Koldrock Waters Inc.
Daniel Krale
Mr. and Mrs. Victor G. Kraus
Dana Kubiak
Urban and Mary Lariotta
Rob and Carrie Lowther
Harry Mitchell Markopolos
Mrs. Elizabeth McLaren
Messiah Lutheran Church
Colleen Medler
Larry and Charlotte A. Neizmik
Niagara Electrica Constructors
The Perry Mill Associates Community Service Fund
Thaddeus and Laura Plasczynski

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Pompeani
Michael and Elaine Priesters
Meredith Rawa
Inara Renkei
Jim and Joyce Round
Thomas and Barbara Schaeffer
Diana L. Shaney
Gary and Lisa Seel
Rev. Mgr. L. Thomas Snyderwine
Thomas C. and Beverly A. Solvedt
Mr. Guy Steg
Dr. Joao and Mrs. Delores Tavares
Joe Trevison
Joel C. Tuzynski
Whole Foods Cooperative
Dr. and Mrs. William C. Wilhelm

Taking Flight ($26 - $99)

Barry, Diane and Cameron Baer
James A. Bowen
Thelma Butler
Calabrese Family
Carmin A. Camillo
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Campagne
Jean Clover
Mary Beth Cook
Kathy Cummings In Honor Of Kelly Cooney

George and Kathryn Durst
ECP Correctional Employees Organization
Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #97
Tom and Colleen Froess
Mr. Steve Gula
Cindy Hessinger
Tina Cornell and Shelly Klinek
Bill and Sherry Kohler
Barbara and Andrew Makarowski
Ms. Mary McIntosh

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Larry and Connie Osiecki
Rebecca Outlaw
Mr. Keith and Mrs. Tina Parton in honor of Keith and Linda Donati
Christopher and Jennifer Prince
Reading Now
Sheryl Rydzewski

Sledzianowski Family
Susan A. Smith
Christopher and Krista Stauffer
Keith and Barbara Sundberg
Tom and Trina Watson
Merle and Phoebe Wood
Dr. Ted and Mrs. Stacy Yeshion

Lift Off ($25 and under)

Randy and Mindy Beers
Larry and Melissa Bertolo
Jeff and Cindy Bonninger
Ms. Emma S. Cerico
Joanna Cherpak
Mr. and Mrs. James Dammeyer

Neal and Daria Devlin
Marlene Dexter
George and Shirley Diller
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Robert and Kristen Edmondos and Family
Linda Fatica

James and Connie Garlick
GE Foundation Matching Gifts
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