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Stewardship Report

SPRING 2019

A message from our **CEO**

Dear Friends,

I am excited to share with you the enclosed highlights on Bancroft's programs, services and philanthropic initiatives, but most importantly, an inspiring story of one of our families served. Bancroft impacts the lives of more than 2,000 children and adults annually and serves as a beacon of hope to families from across the country whose wish is for their loved one to live life to their fullest potential.

Whether it is education, skills development, job training, or rehabilitation – Bancroft's comprehensive range of services help unlock each person's full potential and meet his or her changing needs. We are learning, exploring and creating new approaches to ensure our success for those we serve today and for future generations to come.

Thanks to your continued and generous support, those we serve are finding their voices through the use of assistive technology, experiencing independence through meaningful employment, expressing themselves through art and music programs, and much more.

It is my honor to lead this dynamic organization of compassionate and dedicated team members, and we could not do our jobs without you. Our accomplishments are a reflection of your generosity and commitment to the individuals we have the privilege of serving every day – thank you.

Warm regards,



Toni Pergolin
President & CEO



**“Philanthropy fuels
our mission to help
the individuals
we serve live more
independent and
joyful lives through
our innovative
continuum of care.**

– Toni Pergolin

A LOOK BACK

An Incredible Year Across the Organization

Karen Lindgren, Ph.D., named Chief Clinical Officer



Dr. Karen Lindgren was appointed as Chief Clinical Officer, leading Bancroft's clinical services, the Applied Behavior Analysis Center of Excellence and quality assurance across the organization. A licensed psychologist, Dr. Lindgren joined Bancroft in 1997 as a neuropsychologist at Bancroft NeuroRehab.



Day Program Spotlight: Amazon Partnership Offers Skill Building, Job Training for Bancroft at Burlington

A new partnership between Bancroft and Autism New Jersey is creating opportunities for the Career Exploration Group at Bancroft at Burlington to build skills – all for a great cause. Every month, the Amazon Fulfillment Center in Robbinsville donates hundreds of items to Autism NJ, to be distributed to autism support organizations across the state, including Bancroft. The team at Burlington receives each delivery and helps to unpack, sort, inventory and process the donations – even delivering some items to nearby locations.

Bancroft Pediatric Residential Program Earns International Accreditation



Bancroft has received a three-year accreditation from The Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF International) for its children's residential programs. The accreditation recognizes Bancroft for having met all quality and safety standards. It follows a rigorous peer-review process and multi-day on-site visit by a CARF team.

Bancroft's residential treatment program currently serves up to 74 children and adolescents, and is one of the most innovative behavioral therapy and residential programs of its kind in the nation, serving children with autism and intellectual and developmental disabilities whose behavioral challenges prevent participation in typical family, school and community life.

Bancroft NeuroRehab, the organization's multi-prong division serving people with traumatic and acquired brain injuries and neurological conditions, has been CARF accredited since 2004.

Congressman Norcross Visits Fern Group Home

As part of ongoing efforts to engage local and state lawmakers, Congressman Donald Norcross visited the Fern Group Home in Collingswood last spring. He spent the evening with the home's residents and their families, talking about the support they need to live meaningful, successful lives.



Bancroft NeuroRehab Opens Toms River Location

Building upon its world-class services for individuals with brain injuries and neurological conditions, Bancroft NeuroRehab opened a new location in Toms River, NJ. Located at 1433 Hooper Avenue, Suite 131, Bancroft NeuroRehab Toms River will offer both a structured day program and outpatient therapies that include:

- Cognitive Rehabilitation Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Psychotherapy
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Vestibular Therapy
- LSVT Big & Loud Therapy™



The structured day program at this location is a therapeutic treatment program designed to provide programming centered on activities and recreation to help people regain functional abilities, vocational abilities, daily living skills and an overall quality of life.

One Year at the Welsh Campus: The Vision Comes to Life

We dreamed, we planned, we made our mission resonate...and then we made it happen. The doors to the most sophisticated and progressive school and therapeutic residences in the country opened in December 2017. Since then, the Bancroft Raymond & Joanne Welsh Campus in Mt. Laurel, NJ, has created vast opportunities for programming, recreation and socialization beyond what families, teachers and staff could have imagined for children from throughout the region, and across the country. Philanthropic support for this project was essential, and the *ONE Can Change the World Capital Campaign* exceeded its fundraising goal of \$12 million.

Beginning with the campaign's first gift from Raymond & Joanne Welsh, the generosity of families, corporations, foundations and community leaders helped Bancroft realize its vision for a children's campus like no other. Thank you to our donors for your dedication and compassion to this project. Its lasting impact is only just beginning.

FAMILY DONOR STORY

Meet the Kowal Family!

When Dolly and Mitch Kowal's daughter Casey was diagnosed with autism at 2 ½, the family soon learned they would need specialized services and support to navigate the overwhelming diagnosis. ***They turned to Bancroft.***



Casey and
Dolly Kowal

“ We will always
support Bancroft
because Bancroft
always supports us.”

– DOLLY KOWAL

“As you can imagine, this was an incredibly difficult situation to face, and we had no knowledge of where to turn or how to get her the help she needed,” said Mitch. “From the very beginning, Bancroft was there for us.”

From early on in Casey's journey, Bancroft became a lifeline for the family starting with early intervention services.

“The love and care that they gave our daughter and family during those very difficult early days has never been forgotten,” shared Dolly.

Casey enrolled in her local school district when she was ready to begin her education; and she would succeed there for the next 12 years. As Casey reached adolescence, however, her behavioral challenges also grew – and it soon became clear to Dolly and Mitch that she needed a greater level of support.

The family once again turned to Bancroft, where Casey was admitted into the Lindens Neurobehavioral Program – one of the most innovative behavioral therapy and residential programs of its kind in the country, designed specifically to help children and adolescents whose behavioral challenges have interrupted their ability to experience family life, education, community recreation and socialization.

“Immediately, we saw improvement in Casey’s behaviors,” said Dolly. “We also got a huge dose of encouragement and support at a time when we sorely needed it.”

“ We had finally found the right circumstance to help our daughter learn to keep her behaviors under control so that she could grow.

– DOLLY KOWAL

Within six months, Casey was able to continue her journey in Bancroft’s pediatric residential program, living on campus and attending classes at The Bancroft School. The Kowals saw their daughter’s personality emerging. The school’s teachers, staff and therapists created a warm, nurturing environment – and it was a bittersweet day when Casey walked down the aisle at graduation.

In 2018, 22-year-old Casey took the next step forward and moved into Bancroft’s Lakeside Campus in Mullica Hill, NJ. Casey thrives on the balance between the independence she finds in her home, and the structure of program activities that surround her each day.

The Kowals view the program as an idyllic setting paired with skilled and attentive staff – the perfect environment to help their daughter continue working toward her potential and finding happiness.

“We continue to see amazing, positive changes almost weekly and we will forever be grateful to the opportunity Bancroft has provided for our Casey and for our entire family,” said Mitch.

Today, the Kowals say they could not be happier – and Dolly and Mitch actively support the organization in a variety of ways, through Bancroft’s Family Executive Council, on numerous volunteer committees, and through support of events including the Butterfly Ball and the One World Run.

“We will always support Bancroft because Bancroft always supports us,” said Dolly.



Dolly and Mitch Kowal were presented the Community Hero Award at the Butterfly Ball on April 6, 2019 in recognition of their generosity and commitment to making a difference for those with disabilities. Dolly and Mitch are pictured here with their daughter Casey and Toni Pergolin.

SAVE THE DATE



TEE UP TO SUPPORT BANCROFT!

Friday
September 13, 2019

The Union League National Golf Club

Formerly Sand Barrens (at the Shore)

1765 U.S. 9 • Swainton, NJ 08210

For more information about the event and sponsorship opportunities, please visit bancroft.org/golf or contact Tess Tebaldi at tess.tebaldi@bancroft.org or 856-348-1162.

RUN. WALK.
MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Saturday
October 12, 2019

**The Bancroft Raymond &
Joanne Welsh Campus**

311 Walton Avenue • Mount Laurel, NJ 08054

For more information about the event and sponsorship opportunities, please visit bancroft.org/oneworldrun or contact Darleen Blesi at darleen.blesi@bancroft.org or 856-348-1160.



BUTTERFLY BALL 2020

Saturday
April 18, 2020

**Hilton Philadelphia at
Penn's Landing**



**BUTTERFLY
BALL**

Event proceeds benefit vital programs and services for children and adults with autism, intellectual and developmental disabilities and brain injuries.

DONOR CELEBRATION

An Evening of Gratitude and Recognition

On Thursday, March 14, Bancroft hosted a Donor Celebration at the Raymond & Joanne Welsh Campus with over 80 attendees.



The event celebrated the generous donors to the *ONE Can Change the World Capital Campaign* and launched the President's Circle, a recognition society that honors Bancroft's most committed donors – those who have cumulatively donated \$100,000 or more. Two new donor displays were also unveiled to recognize Bancroft's committed supporters.



The McGackin family shared their personal experience at Bancroft and gave everyone an opportunity to hear firsthand how the transformative Welsh Campus has become a home away from home for their son Logan.

FAMILY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Be a champion for your loved one
and others served by Bancroft!

Dear Families,

The Family Executive Council (FEC) was established in 2015 as a way for parents, grandparents, siblings and guardians of individuals served by Bancroft to engage with each other and with Bancroft leadership. Today, our group has grown to 51 members!

The FEC meets several times a year to discuss topics that are important to us and our loved ones, such as Bancroft's strategic plan, individual program updates and key initiatives. We have an opportunity to learn from Toni Pergolin, Bancroft's President and CEO, and other members of Bancroft's leadership team about challenges and opportunities affecting those served by Bancroft and their families.

As Chair of the FEC and the mother of Ross Mikalauskas, who is now 26 years old and has been living and learning at Bancroft for over 8 years, I know families play an extremely important role in the progress and quality of life of their child or other loved one served by Bancroft. Members of the FEC contribute to Bancroft's sustainability through their time, ideas and philanthropic gifts. Members enjoy sharing information with Bancroft leadership and among themselves, with the goal of helping to make Bancroft the best it can be for our loved ones and for future generations.



Laura Kuntz, pictured with her son
Ross Mikalauskas and husband Ed Mikalauskas

Members of the FEC also serve as ambassadors for Bancroft in the areas in which they live and within their loved one's program. Each member family generously supports Bancroft annually through either a \$5,000 unrestricted gift or a restricted gift of \$10,000, or more. All unrestricted funds raised from the FEC are designated for Bancroft's One World Fund, supporting Bancroft's many programs and services. Restricted gifts allow members to contribute to a particular area, program or service that aligns with their passion.

I look forward to welcoming more families into this important group!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura".

Laura R. Kuntz, Esq.
Chair, Mother of Ross

**Join Bancroft's Family
Executive Council**

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Leave a lasting legacy for future generations to come.

As you reflect on your lifetime achievements, please consider including Bancroft as a beneficiary of your will and financial plans. Your commitment will help shape the future of Bancroft and ensure that the individuals we serve, support and treat have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

To learn more about the various giving options, please contact Sue Piergallini, Chief Development Officer, at susan.piergallini@bancroft.org or 856-348-1140.

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