



***THERAPY  
SOLUTIONS  
2022  
NEWSLETTER***



## ***PERSEVERING IN 2022***

We've thankfully made it to another year and while 2021 no doubt has left lasting memories, 2022 continues to present us with the opportunity to look at things differently. Doing things in a new way is no stranger to our organization, as we, like other companies, have launched new ideas and programs during a pandemic for the past almost two years. Although many of us are facing pandemic fatigue, we continue to move forward in 2022, planning to not only persevere but also preserve time-honored traditions.

In 2022, we look forward to the continuation of working with children and families to help facilitate growth and development of skills using the coaching model while recognizing and helping early intervention families understand that they are their child's first teachers. Just as important as helping families realize ways to further their child's growth and development, we will continue to **empower families** in understanding that they can move their children forward in the areas of communication, motor, and cognitive skills.

For our children in school settings, our therapists will continue to strive every day to help them improve their academic skills. Children with learning differences, work hard daily to reach their fullest potential and our therapists will continue to work alongside them to ensure that they level the playing field with the speech and occupational therapy they provide them with.

Looking back on 2021, we're extremely proud that we've been able to preserve time-honored traditions. Despite the challenging times, we were still able to ensure that children with learning differences and special needs experienced the joys of being in a summer camp with typically developing peers. Due to the pandemic, we couldn't fully meet in person, but we were able to have our children participate virtually in our theme-based camp that was led by our speech and language and occupational therapists. While the camp was generally virtual, campers were able to meet weekly for in-person trips thanks in part to a grant received from the WaWa Foundation.

We just finished up the year with one of our most treasured traditions, taking families in need on our annual Walmart shopping spree. More than 20 families were offered the opportunity to participate in this event. In a year that was filled with uncertainty and difficulties for many families, we still managed to keep children and families first by making sure we looked at the needs of the whole child and not just their therapeutic needs. The Walmart shopping spree was a great way to do this.

So, as we continue to move forward, we plan to persevere through yet another year, relying on our foundation and continuing to grow and expand our outreach in the future.



## *CELEBRATIONS*



## *25 Years Strong*

Every business has a dream to grow, however, it never comes without hard work. Over 25 years ago, Therapy Solutions had its humble beginnings when Barbara Coaxum decided to start a journey of helping children and giving back to the community. Now, we have the organization we have come to love and think of as family. With a plethora of therapists targeting multiple disciplines in early intervention and schools, Therapy Solutions has shown resilience, commitment, and has gained the trust of many members of the community.

2020 was the official 25-year celebration for the organization, however as the COVID-19 pandemic ensued, in-person celebrations became quite the complication. With ongoing changes to our environment, constant updates in health guidelines, and other miscellaneous events, our safest option was to postpone the celebrations into 2021.

The year gave us a time to reflect and take in all the hard work the team has put into keeping the organization moving forward. Finally, in 2021, we were able to celebrate the incredible achievement of Therapy Solutions proving once again, even through the toughest of times, when we work together, anything is possible.



## ***YEAR IN REVIEW***

2021 with all of its challenges, brought many changes...

■ We celebrated our 25th anniversary on April 23rd at the Levering Mill Tribute House in Bala Cynwyd with a limited number of in person guests! We celebrated with a delicious meal, silent auction and live music from Aniyah Jazz Band featuring Ashli Rice!! We also celebrated by watching beautiful contributory and congratulatory videos where members from the community and State Representative expressed their well wishes for the organization.

■ Providers were excited to participate in the vaccine initiative which allowed them to comfortably transition back to in person services.

■ Children with Learning Differences and Special Needs participated in our annual 5-week summer camp program along with typically developing peers

■ We brought back our raffle ticket fundraiser with the help of our providers after not being able to sell the tickets last year. Angela Kea, Physical Therapist, once again held on to the tradition and won the contest for selling the most raffle tickets.

■ We resumed our annual holiday party celebration for providers in December.

■ Our licensed professionals, hosted several occupational and speech language pathology graduate students from area universities at a variety of our schools and early intervention sites.

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Gift Of Giving

We really mean it when we say we are giving back! Our Walmart Shopping Spree, part of our Gift of Giving campaign, allowed families, once again, to participate in some complimentary holiday shopping, giving them a chance to get all sorts of items for their holiday celebrations. Thanks to everyone who donated and made this event possible!



## Summer Camp

It's all fun and games! The 2021 summer camp was a success allowing the therapists and children of different ages to participate and bond over activities like arts and crafts, bowling, arcade games, and a very unique "Ninja" course. We even managed to visit the Philadelphia Zoo and learn about some wildlife!



## Provider Appreciation

Nothing would be possible without the therapists who go out and give back to the families and the community every day. That's why we take a day to give back to them on our Provider Appreciation Day! We thank each and every one of you for all the efforts you put into helping the families and their children reach their goals!



## Holiday Party

It's the end of the year and we like to wrap things up (see what we did there) on a good note! During our holiday party celebration, we announced the lucky winners of our Walmart Shopping Spree, we raised money for the community through our raffle (winners on the right), and we gave away gift bags to various families that we service thanks to the donations from many of our sponsors!





## ***TEAM ADDITIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS***

*We would like to take a moment to give thanks to everyone who has been a part of this family over the past years and we would like to welcome some of the newest members to our team!*

### ***WELCOME***

- Veronica Schlegel, Occupational Therapist
- Kara Fahey, Occupational Therapist
- Cydney Webb, Administrative Program Development Coordinator
- Julia Vinnytska, Speech-Language Therapist
- Ngozi Nduka, Speech-Language Therapist
- Jessica Furlong, Speech-Language Therapist
- Ashante Calhoun, Special Instructor

### ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

- MaryKate Vogelmann, SLP successfully completed her Clinical Fellowship period.
- Andres Alvarez received a job title change to Director of Marketing & Program Development in June.
- Lauren Ware, SLP is expecting her first child.
- Jenna Crowley, SLP got married and is now Jenna Gilbert
- Barbara Coaxum, M.A.C.C.C.-SLP, BCS-F, Director, presented at ASHA in Washington DC in November

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