Our Core Values

**Integrity**
Demonstrate honesty, ethical conduct, and social responsibility.

**Compassion**
Express empathy and sensitivity when interacting with others.

**Collaboration**
Encourage partnerships to maximize resources and impact.

**Well-being**
Encourage and support a positive and safe environment.

**Inclusion**
Acknowledge, value, and include the contributions of everyone.

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**Our Strive** to provide comprehensive support for children and families experiencing difficulties in their daily lives. Our core values are built on a foundation of trust and strengthen our interactions with each other and those we serve.

**Our Vision** is that any child, through any challenge, can achieve.

**We Provide** therapeutic services for children from birth to young adulthood.

**Our Mission** is to maximize the potential of children and their families.

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Our Leaders

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Community Impact

3,132 children served
Dear Friends & Supporters,

The Achievement Center is proud to help kids in our community every day. Our agency exists to help families navigate challenges, remove barriers, and to help provide opportunities for every child to succeed. Since 1923, we have provided hope, healing and support to children and families across the region. The Achievement Center advocates for children and offers our expertise to serve them.

Our dedicated staff strive to meet the unique needs of children and adolescents who are experiencing emotional, developmental, social, physical or behavioral challenges. Our talented clinicians work tirelessly to help children achieve milestones and to help families accomplish goals they never thought they could.

Children are unique. The struggles encountered and the trials faced, are all wildly different. At the Achievement Center, we believe that any child, through any challenge, can achieve. When children and their families experience difficulties in their daily lives, they can turn to the Achievement Center for help.

To all our devoted donors, supporters and friends, thank you for believing in our mission. Thank you for your commitment to the Achievement Center and those we serve every day. You truly are helping thousands of children to become more independent, healthy and self-sufficient.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Rerko
Chief Executive Officer

Karen Kraus Phillips
Board President
Walking Together

**CHALKWALK**

The Achievement Center proudly participated in the Chalkwalk at Celebrate Erie this year!

Our own Bob Gulick, Chief Behavioral Rehabilitative Services Officer, led a team of talented staff to create a masterpiece on State Street. The theme for the chalk murals was “community”, a perfect fit for the Achievement Center as we work to strengthen our community by helping children and families every day!

**EMMA’S WALK**

In late May, Dan Perritano and his daughter Emma embarked on a 187-mile walk in support of children and families served by the Achievement Center.

Emma, diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy as an infant, was a client at the Achievement Center as a youngster. The duo selected to walk in support of the agency as a token of appreciation and opportunity to raise awareness about the therapeutic services offered at the Achievement Center.

The duo raised more than $1,800 on their walk to Lyons, New York and finished out their journey with the Achievement Center’s team at the Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community.

**TECHNOLOGY TODAY**

Thanks to the generosity of the Edith L. Trees Charitable Trust, the Achievement Center received a $78,500 grant to meet a vital technology need within our Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services (BHRS) Department.

The grant funded the purchase of resources needed to provide services to the more than 675 children and families who entrust the Achievement Center with their Erie-based, BHRS care.

The grant enabled modernizations including the agency website and direct-staff technology updates that have enhanced the quality of care and accessibility to vital agency and treatment-related information.

Through the replacement of incompatible hardware and a dated and inaccessible website, the Achievement Center has improved the total client experience from resource searching online to service initiation, treatment, and discharge to natural community supports.

**COMMUNITY SCHOOL GROWTH**

The Achievement Center has proudly partnered with United Way of Erie County in the Community Schools initiative since January 2017.

As Lead Partner at Edison Elementary School, the Achievement Center continues to work alongside Corporate Partner, Wabtec Corporation, to mobilize community assets and coordinate resources to support students and their families.

In 2018, the Achievement Center’s participation with the Community School initiative expanded to serve as Lead Partner at Elk Valley Elementary School.

Through our involvement at both Edison and Elk Valley the Achievement Center works to help develop programming and subsequent pathways for children, families, and ultimately the community, to thrive.
The Achievement Center’s Emerging Language Camp is an evidence-based program that utilizes an Applied Behavior Analytic (ABA) approach to address Autism Spectrum Disorders.

CAMP AIMS TO:
1. improve communication skills
2. improve social skills
3. reduce repetitive or challenging behavior

Emerging Language Camp uses PEAK, an assessment instrument and full instruction curriculum that helps children develop language in a more natural way. PEAK provides the tools to teach children how to see the relationships between things rather than just the names of things.

Emerging Language Camp helps children with Autism to learn on their own — in much the same way that typically developing children learn to speak. Camp helps children develop more natural sounding language and learn the meaning of the words that they hear and speak.

Emerging Language Camp, now in its 6th year, has been life changing for many families who participate in the 4-week program held over the summer months. Camps educates and empowers children and families to develop the skills, capacity and confidence needed to handle the challenges that life offers.

TOBY’S STORY
Toby was diagnosed with autism at age 3. Autism spectrum disorder is a complex neurological and developmental disorder that affects how a person behaves, interacts with others, communicates, and learns. Autism is known as a “spectrum” disorder because there is a wide variation in the type and severity of symptoms people experience.

The behavioral symptoms of autism spectrum disorder appear early in development. Toby’s parents were concerned that their son was struggling and felt overwhelmed with some of the behaviors that they were seeing. Toby had difficulty communicating, and his family was lucky to even hear the word “hi” from him. Toby’s family turned to the Achievement Center for help and were especially impacted by Emerging Language Camp.

Toby has attended Emerging Language Camp for the past 2 years, coming from Corry to downtown Erie to participate. His family isn’t bothered by the drive or distance as the progress he’s made has been life-changing for both Toby and his family.

The improvements that Toby has made with functional communication and his ability to be spontaneously verbal has brought so much joy to his mom Jenn, who feels that camp has helped her “see more of her son”. Toby’s family describes camp as a “godsend for Toby” and their family.

The Achievement Center is proud to help kids like Toby every day! We believe that any child, through any challenge, can achieve.
Financial Information

Our Supporters

$1 - $99
Kathryn Adams
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Kate Huba
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Jeffrey Lytle
Karen Madden
Mary-Ellen Madigan
Carol Madurski
Cathy Marin
Attorney Ritchie and Mrs. Mary Marsh
Mary Joan Marder
Robert Matecki
Meadville Medical Center
MedExpress Urgent Care
Karen Ann Miller
Kevin Miller
Miller Brothers Staffing Solutions, LLC
Christy and R.J. Mogel
Jean L. Moore

SERVICES DELIVERED

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TOTAL CLIENTS 3,132

FINANCIAL INFORMATION UNAUDITED

- Medical Assistance $8,707,858
- County Human Services Funding $1,085,299
- Contracts with other agencies $261,731
- United Way of Erie County $284,240
- Fund Raising, Grants and Miscellaneous $743,660
- Program Service Fees $908,581

TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE $11,991,368
Tammy Wright
YMCA of Meadville
Catherine Zona

$100 - $249
Joseph Arbogast
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James Dammeyer
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Eric and Debbie Erzbrenner
John and Rebecca Faulkner
Reuben and Becky Fechner
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Roger and Patricia Gunesch
Mike and Kelly Gustafson
Abdul Hakim
Zachary Heed

Iron Wings MC, Inc.
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Koldrock Waters Inc.
Robert Leonardi
Loyal Order of Moose
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Kevin and Barbara Mazon
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Daria McKay
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Mike Neubauer
Sam and Julie Nicolia
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Shanna Schumacher
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Community Service Fund

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Joe Williams
Mr. Christopher Zum

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Luke Davido
Keith Donati
Brad and Ellen Eastwood
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Erie Insurance
ERIEBANK
Kenneth and Ruth Foos
Jim and Sandy Gobda
Hagan Business Machines
Tom Hagen
Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield
Kern Family Foundation
Karen Kraus Phillips
Lawrence L. Brown Fund of The Erie Community Foundation
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MacDonald Illig Attorneys
Morquette Savings Bank
McGill, Power, Bell & Associates
National Fuel Gas Company Foundation
Northwest Savings Bank
Dr. Thomas Person and Mrs. Jennifer Person
PNC Bank
Presque Isle Downs and Casino
Charlotte Reiko
Rick Rydzewski
Siebenbuerger Club
Erin Siegrist
Star Athletic Club
Mr. James and Mrs. Sharon Stoik
The Briton Family Foundation
The Erie Community Foundation
UPMC Hamot
UPMC Health Plan
Velociti Network
Gary Vescecco
William T. Spiedler Company, Inc.

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Louise K. Wells Fund of The Erie Community Foundation
Brad Postema
Vorscheck Family Foundation, Inc.
Wegmans

Matching Gifts
Bank of America
Erie Insurance
GE Foundation

EITC
Erie Insurance
MacDonald Illig Attorneys
Scott’s Inn 19, Inc.
UPMC Health Plan

Grants
Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
The Edith L. Trees Charitable Trust
United Way of Erie County
The Achievement Center is a leading provider of quality therapeutic services for children ages birth to young adulthood.

With a highly trained clinical staff and support team, the Achievement Center works to meet the unique needs of children and teens with behavioral, emotional, mental health, developmental and physical challenges.

**Programs & Services**

- **EARLY INTERVENTION**
- **OUTPATIENT THERAPY**
- **FAMILY BASED MENTAL HEALTH**
- **BLENDED CASE MANAGEMENT**
- **READING NOW**

- **CLEFT PALATE INSTITUTE**
- **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH REHABILITATION SERVICES**
- **COMMUNITY SCHOOLS LEAD PARTNER AT EDISON ELEMENTARY**
- **COMMUNITY SCHOOLS LEAD PARTNER AT ELK VALLEY ELEMENTARY**
- **SCHOOL-BASED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES**