

SOLUTIONS 2021

An Evening To Honor Our Volunteers and Partners
Celebrating A Decade Of Excellence
In Service To People With Disabilities



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2021



Welcome!

Welcome to our annual Solutions Celebration to honor people with and without disabilities who make everything we do possible.

You are supporting the hub where people with disabilities and their families find the solutions they need to live independently and where they can experience a future of hope in which disability is seen as challenging, manageable, possible! IMAGE VME could not deliver our nineteen programs and services without your support and vision.

Together we are changing what it means to have a disability. We are honored to be with you on this journey.

Janice Jackson, Board Chairman
Michael Bullis, Executive Director



THE LEAGUE

FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, Inc.



SOLUTIONS 2021

An Evening of Inspiration – A Decade of Excellence

Thursday, September 30, 2021 7pm – 8:15pm

🌿 Zoom Agenda 🌿

Opening Music

Imani Graham, Assistant Director introduces Board President

Welcome Remarks

Janice Jackson, Board President, The Image Center of Maryland

Video Presentation A Year in Review

Serving 25,000 Strong Despite the Pandemic

The Future and Vision of the Image Center

Michael Bullis, Executive Director

Awards:

"Image/Teen & Young Adult Services – Student of the Year"

Rebecca Parker Presented by Jessica Leone, Teen and Young Adult Program Director

Youth Services Director & Special Recognition – "Peer Mentor of the Year"

Ciara Gentry

"Corporate Partner of the Year"

Exelon Corporation – IT Department

Remarks by Michael Bullis

"Community Partner of the Year"

Clinical Associate Professor: Marlene Riley

Towson University, Occupational Therapy & Occupational Science Department

"C. David Ward Lifetime Achievement Honor"

Dave Ward served as The Image Center's Board President and long-term advocate for accessibility rights and health care.

Terri Seitz Parrish will share a bio followed by a presentation by Mike Bullis.

"Image/VME Project of the Year"

"Dot's All-In-One Transfer System" by The M.I.T. Team/ Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Awardees: Professor Daniel Frey, Volunteers: Steve Bailey, Helena Davis, Dr. Carolyn Chanoski

Students: Isabel Barnet, David Ologan & Laura Rosado

Special recognition to: Dr. Jamie Gurganus (UMBC) & Volunteer Charlie Reiss

"Image/VME Volunteers of the Year"

Dr. Vincent Nguyen – Mechanical Engineer & Professor @ University of MD

Dr. Carolyn Chanoski – Retired Physical Therapist

Special Recognitions presented by Angela Tyler, VME Program Director

"VME Alumni of the Year" – Isabella Gudino

"The Bike Team" – Video: "The Smiles Behind the Masks"

Art Drought, Bryan Muller, Dr. Carolyn Chanoski, Dan Hedges, Dave Hall

David Lassen, Kirk Platt, Jim & Denise Arnett, John & Laura Haug, Dr. Vincent Nguyen

Closing Remarks & Music

WHO WE ARE

IMAGE VME is dedicated to new ways of thinking about disability. Since 2010, we provide innovative solutions to help people overcome what can seem like insurmountable problems of daily living. Most of our staff are themselves people with disabilities who can provide examples, connection and the knowledge of independent living. Each consumer's situation is carefully considered and matched. If we are unable to provide a solution ourselves, we connect them with someone who can. Whether it is a blind person learning to pour coffee or a person in a wheelchair trying to reach high cupboards, far too often, solutions go unexplored because we assume they don't exist. We know that solutions do exist and help people find them.

In January 2019, we merged with VME (Volunteers for Medical Engineering, formerly V-LINC) to broaden our range of services for consumers. VME embodies an innovative approach to serving the community by engineering solutions that aren't available in the marketplace. Launched in 1982 by engineer John Staehlin, a mechanical engineer, working at Northrop Grumman (then Westinghouse) who wanted to use his technical skills to serve others in need. Today, VME has reached hundreds of people, ages 2-92 with disabilities with one-of-a-kind devices, such as customized beds for children with autism, BLINK devices for paraplegics, hand devices for seniors with arthritis, and many others. All solutions are designed by volunteer engineers and medical professionals. VME also partners with local high schools, colleges, and universities giving young engineers opportunities to design solutions in real-life environments; offering a sense of giving back and community commitment.



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IMAGE VME BOARD AND STAFF

IMAGE VME strives to serve the disabled community of Maryland. It is estimated that 20% of the population has a disability. That's about 600,000 Marylanders with a disability. We are a nonresidential Center for Independent Living with a Board and Staff composed primarily of people with disabilities living independent lives and teaching these skills to others.

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IMAGE VME PROGRAMS AND SERVICES



A senior woman receiving senior care consultation



Young adult Jacob receiving a customized therapy swing designed by University of Maryland engineering students



Mom smiling at her son who received a custom stroller for trunk control and safety

TEEN AND YOUNG ADULT SERVICES

Bridges Program - provides transitioning blind and low-vision adults with support services for college

Teen Connect - provides activities for teens to learn to live independently

Pre-Employment Transition Services - helps teens learn to advocate for themselves and learn the skills they will need to live independently after High School

Zoo Partners Program - provides teens and young adults with work experiences at the Baltimore Zoo

Mary and Tamara Salkever Technology Day - Summer Program - Youth Leadership Forum

Andy's Bike Clinic - customized bikes specific to the needs of each child with a disability

INDEPENDENT LIVING

Information and Referral - helps people with disabilities sort through the overwhelming number of complex programs to find the ones that will benefit them

Independent Living Skills Training - provides training in cooking, budgeting, home management, travel and other skills according to their needs

Individual and Systems Advocacy - assists consumers in learning to advocate for themselves and where appropriate, helping them with advocacy

Peer Support and Mentoring - helping people connect with others with disabilities and providing mentoring

Transition Services - helping people live in the community rather than institutions

Benefits Counseling - helps consumers understand how changes in income will affect their benefits

SOLUTIONS FOR COMMUNITY LIVING

Out & About Program - helps people understand that they can get "out" of nursing facilities after accident or injury and get "about" in the community

Veterans Self Directed Services - helps veterans stay in their own homes as they age

Hospital-to-Home - connects people after hospitalization with home assessments for safety, services and supports

VME-Engineered Solutions - designing unique products that assist people with disabilities for independence. A new initiative includes collaborating with engineers in Israel on project ideas and solutions.

Technology Solutions - ramps loan program - provides ramps for loan up to six months

Technology Partnership - assists with 70 percent of the cost for non-employment related technology needs

Telecommunications Access - provides telephones and other telecommunications devices free of charge

2020 PERFORMANCE REPORT

Providing Solutions During a Pandemic Year Empowering Individuals with Disabilities

25,000 MARYLAND INDIVIDUALS SERVED
(BALTIMORE CITY, BALTIMORE COUNTY, HARFORD COUNTY)

2,500 PROVIDED WITH IN-HOME SERVICES OR AGING-IN-PLACE SERVICES

19 PROGRAMS – 613 INDEPENDENT – LIVING SERVICES

35 VETERANS RECEIVED IN-HOME SERVICES

37 CUSTOM DEVICES
96 VOLUNTEER ENGINEERS & MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS
104 STUDENT ENGINEERS – 2,176 VOLUNTEER HOURS
IN 7 COUNTIES

84 INDIVIDUALS SERVICED WITH SPECIALIZED PHONE EQUIPMENT

83 YOUTH (UNDER 25 YEARS OF AGE) RECEIVED ADULT TRANSITION SERVICES

140 INDIVIDUALS ASSISTED WITH SOLVING SOCIAL SECURITY CONCERNS

\$100,000 EQUIPMENT PURCHASED FOR CONSUMERS – THROUGH MATCHING GRANT

\$110,000 VOLUNTEER HOURS CONTRIBUTED

2020 WAS A CHALLENGING TIME FOR ALL OF US. The Board, Staff, and Volunteers of the IMAGE Center responded in full force. We are the only center for independent living (CIL) in the Baltimore City, Baltimore County and Harford County region serving more than 25,000 Marylanders in FY 2020. The IMAGE Center is a critical resource providing life changing services through our 19 programs and 613 independent living services. We need your financial support more than ever, as together, we will continue to help individuals with disabilities achieve their potential and enjoy healthier, more fulfilling lives.

- Michael Bullis, Executive Director
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Please consider supporting IMAGE this year. Your tax-deductible donation is needed now more than ever before. Your help will support our clients, volunteers, and staff, as we put on masks, learn new skills, and work in our neighborhoods and communities to change the meaning of disability for everyone.

- **You can help support caregivers** who have loved ones in nursing homes – *\$50 per caregiver*
- **You can help VME build 40 custom bikes for children** with severe disabilities who are being home-schooled and not exercising as much as they once did when in school – *\$1,200 per custom designed and built bike*
- **You can help support 100 engineering students** across 12 high schools, colleges and universities enrolled in our engineering for people with disabilities mentorship program – *\$500 per school*
- **You can help others find SOLUTIONS leading to INDEPENDENCE** through a new, fully accessible web-portal that will offers people with disabilities in Maryland and around the world an opportunity to have quick solutions available – *\$25,000 WEB production and design*
- **You can help our Veterans** for guidance and support in hopes of avoiding institutionalization – *\$250 per Veteran*
- **You can help empower teens and young adults** to explore skills of self-awareness and self-advocacy as they prepare for college preparation or vocational exploration – *\$350 per person*

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CAROL WHEATLEY
JOEL ZIMBA

Hello Volunteers!

It's an honor to be able to work with such an incredible group of dedicated and talented volunteers, students, and professors. Your dedication to your craft and commitment to using your skills to help others are truly inspiring. It's a joy to work with you and learn from you. Watching the smiles on clients' faces, the high fives, and the happy tears once fabrications are completed is what it is all about. Thank you for uplifting and empowering the clients that we serve together. From the heart . . . Angela Tyler

VME VOLUNTEERS

James & Denise Arnett	Dan & Helene Dubay	T. J. Jackson	Charles Reiss
Josie Aquino	Chris Dubay	John Jenkins	Marlene Riley
Philip Bass	Logan Duda	Arianna Johnson	Michael Rodowski
John Berkley	Matthew Duda	Michael Johnson	Dr. Neil Rothman
Diana Bershadsky	Michael Dygert	Jamie Kshimetski	Piyush Shende
Steve Bailey	Machine Shop Anonymous	David Lassen	Andrew Starck
Patrick Burns	James Emmons	Warren Leggett	Colin Steplowski
Anna Ciattei	Caterina Esposito	Nathaniel Leon	Tim and Tammy Schuch
Julia Ciattei	Nicholas Fenn	Camille Levine	Glenn Sicard
Sarah Calhoun	Jordan Ford	David Lin	John Staehlin
Kevin Capinpin	Mayer Freedman	Philip Lovell	Michael Staggers
Robert Carlson	Morgan Freeman	Philip Malone	Jeffrey Strank
Dr. Carolyn Chanoski	Daniel Frey	Dionne McKenzie	Greg Tacy
Shannon Clancy	Ron Friedman	Meghan McCormack	Shelbi Tippet
Robert Coen	Colynn Furgason	Jennifer Mettrick	John Tyler
James Comstock	Andrew Galbreath	Charles Michaels	Carol Wheatley
Jeff Dalik	Kent Gambrill	Robert Michaels	Terrell Williams
Cynthia Davey	Michael Groves	Bryan Muller	Dwayne White
Charlie Davis	Dave & Wanda Hall	Dr. Vincent Nyugen & Family	Dr. Gregory Wilkins
Helena Davis	John & Laura Haug	Lisa Ovelman	Sze Wong
Erika Donovitz	Dan Hedges	Paul Oxenberg	
Richard Dizon	Amy Hicks	Kirk Platt	
Art Drought	Stuart & Bobbie Horwitz	Justin Platt	

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College Park Academy
American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)
- Johns Hopkins Campus
CCBC Catonsville & Essex Campuses
Harford Community College
Howard Community College
Loyola University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Morgan State University - Electrical Engineering
Towson University - Occupational Therapy Program
University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC)
U.S. Naval Academy

BECOME A VOLUNTEER.
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HONORING VME'S PAST

ALUMNI OF THE YEAR

- 2020 – Isabella Gudino – UMBC
- 2019 – Radha Deshmukh
Johns Hopkins University
- 2018 – Caterina Esposito
Johns Hopkins University
- 2017 – Gabriel Upton
Morgan State University
- 2016 – Shelbi Tippet, UMBC
- 2015 – Kent Gambrill, UMBC

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

- 2019 – Steve Bailey
- 2017 – Carolyn Chanoski & Paul Englar
- 2016 – Paul Oxenberg, Rod Boudreaux
- 2015 – Richard Dunning
- 2014 – Kevin Capinpin
- 2013 – Jane Leff
- 2012 – Kelly Abele
- 2011 – Randall Turner
- 2010 – Bill Irwin/Ted Gifford
- 2009 – Mike Rodowski
- 2008 – Laura LeMire
- 2005 – Mike Olmedo & Cal Blades
- 2004 – John Haug
- 2003 – Dan Steerman
- 2002 – Greg Dunn
- 2001 – Doug Anderson
- 2000 – Ricky Mason
- 1999 – Gordon Herald
- 1998 – Pat Sigmon
- 1997 – A. Ruppensberger

VOLUNTEER TEAM OF THE YEAR

- 2020 – The Bike Team - Art, Bryan, Carolyn, Dan, Dave, David, Kirk, Jim & Denise, John & Laura, Vince
- 2019 – Client Services Team (CST)
- 2018 – Eli's Safety Bed – CCBC Essex
- 2017 – Harford County Team
- 2016 – Carroll County Bike Clinic Team
- 2013 – The Bike Clinic Team
- 2012 – "A" Team – Dr. Andy Conn, Niel Leon, Ron Newman
- 2011 – Edgewood Chemical
- 2010 – Harford County Cell
- 2008 – Lockheed Martin
- 2005 – Northrop Grumman Team
- 2004 – Client Services Team (CST)
- 2003 – Bowles Fluidics
- 2002 – Edgewood
- 2001 – CST North
- 2000 – Edgewood

- 1999 – CST North
- 1998 – Project Review and Approval Committee (PRAC)
- 1997 – CST West
- 1996 – PRAC

PROJECT OF THE YEAR

- 2020 – Dot's All-In-One Transfer Device
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
- 2019 – Brennon's Swing - USNA
- 2018 – Rob's Guitar – UMBC & Rhonda's Self Care Kit – UMBC
- 2017 – Rosie's Walker & Chandler's Chariot
- 2016 – Sam & Marshall's Bed
- 2015 – Asante's Bike
- 2014 – Vincent's Helmet
- 2013 – Jacob's Bed & Alarm
- 2012 – Yisroel's Sonar
- 2011 – Krycia's Alarm
- 2010 – Isaiah's Scooter
- 2009 – Rock Climb
- 2008 – Pandya's Walker
- 2007 – Luigi's Musical Sorter
- 2005 – Camacho's Infant Car Seat
- 2004 – Zach's Bathroom Lift
- 2003 – Stone's Stovetop
- 2002 – Smith's Grasping
- 2001 – VME Playground Access
- 2000 – Wheelchair Mounted Route and Obstacle Sensor
- 1999 – Ankle Step Measurer
- 1998 – Master's Crutches
- 1996 – Jacob's Jeep
- 1995 – Bayliss' Loom

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS (Started in 2015)

- 2018 – John Staehlin Recognition Award
- 2017 – Jarod Horn & Kirk Platt
- 2015 – Harford Community College BJ's Bike

CORPORATE PARTNER OF THE YEAR

- 2020 – Exelon Corporation

COMMUNITY PARTNER OF THE YEAR

- 2020 – Marlene Riley – OT Department
- 2019 – Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
- 2018 – Ridge Engineering
- 2016 – PennAir
- 2015 – Northrop Grumman
Team Leaders: Chuck & Charlie
- 2014 – National Society of Black Engineers – Baltimore Chapter

- 2013 – Towson University
Occupational Therapy
Department – Marlene Riley
- 2012 – Doug Handy – Project Lead the Way – Baltimore County
- 2004 – John Walker & CCBC Essex students – Bitsy's Transfer Assist
- 2003 – Gordon Herald for Cameron's Aid
- 2002 – John Walker & CCBC Essex for Behringer Garden Assist and Daly Lawn Mower
- 2001 – Gordon Herald for Lucky CCTV Reader
- 2000 – Frank James for McCort Easel
- 2000 – Frank James, ARL & JAS for John Archer Travel Trainer
- 1999 – Phil Atkinson & George Stram for Cheek Walker Lift

VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

- 2020 – Dr. Vincent Nguyen – Engineer
Dr. Carolyn Chanoski – PT
- 2019 – Kirk Platt, Dave Hall
- 2018 – Rod Boudreaux
- 2017 – Dave Hall
- 2016 – Jim Arnett
- 2015 – John Haug & Kirk Platt
- 2014 – Niel Leon
- 2013 – Dr. Andy Conn
- 2012 – Carol Wheatley
- 2011 – Bob Coen
- 2010 – John Walker
- 2009 – Mike Rodowski
- 2008 – Telly Stroumbis
- 2007 – John Walker
- 2006 – Don Jones
- 2005 – Gordon Herald
- 2004 – Ed Land
- 2003 – Greg Dunn
- 2002 – Mike Robinson
- 2001 – Mike Robinson
- 2000 – Kirk Platt
- 1999 – Alan Markham
- 1998 – Phil Atkinson
- 1997 – Mike Robinson
- 1996 – John Staehlin
- 1995 – Warren O'Reilly
- 1994 – Phil Atkinson
- 1993 – Bill Pridgen
- 1992 – Lance Shum



Thank you, Exelon and your vendors,
for your financial support by making
The IMAGE Center of Maryland
for People with Disabilities the 2021
beneficiary of the iTEE Charity Golf
Tournament which raised \$150,000.

From left: Terry Carter, Exelon, Andrew Marchica, Exelon,
and Mike Bullis, Image Center at iTEE Charity Golf Tournament

CONGRATULATIONS

to all our passionate and dedicated staff, volunteers,
partner schools and donors, especially Exelon,
for their support of the vital work performed each day by the
IMAGE Center for People with Disabilities.

Laura Duklewski
Board Member

Congratulations to the IMAGE VME Board, Staff,
Volunteers and Donors for your commitment
to serving people with disabilities
through your excellence, passion and solutions.

Your dedication to the community
is inspiring and life-changing.

ABE WASSERBERGER

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CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE
IMAGE CENTER
CELEBRATING 10 YEARS
ENRICHING THE LIVES
AND PROMOTING
EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES
TO A MYRIAD OF ADULTS
– JOB WELL DONE –

TERRI SEITZ PARRISH

I have been a part of the
IMAGE CENTER family
since December 2012.
There were four employees then.
It's truly amazing
to see the growth.

Congratulations
on 10 years of service!

IMANI GRAHAM
Assistant Executive Director



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