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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2021
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
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 Recognition 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 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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- Jessica Leone, Director Teen & Young Adult Services
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- Amanda Taylor, Independent Living Specialist
- Angela Tyler, VME Program Director
- Kate Wallace, Independent Living Specialist
- Hindley Williams, Independent Living Specialist
- Mika Wills, Independent Living Specialist

**IMAGE VME BOARD AND STAFF**

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.

**IMAGE VME**

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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

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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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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

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Ron Friedman
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Andrew Galbreath
Kent Gambrill
Michael Groves
Dave & Wanda Hall
John & Laura Haug
Dan Hedges
Amy Hicks
Stuart & Bobbie Horwitz

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Michael Johnson
Jamie Kshimetski
David Lassen
Warren Leggett
Nathaniel Leon
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VME SCHOOL TEAM PARTNERS

- College Park Academy
- American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)
- 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.
CONTACT ANGELA TYLER AT:
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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 Tippett - UMBC
- 2015 – Kent Gambrell - 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. Ruppersberger

### 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
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- 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 – Kycia’s Alarm
- 2010 – Isaiah’s Scooter
- 2009 – Rock Climb
- 2008 – Pandy’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

### 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 Pridden
- 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
Fundraising, Strategic Planning and General Management

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
Thank you to our contributors/donors who supported us in Fiscal Year '21 ($500 - $30,000)

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