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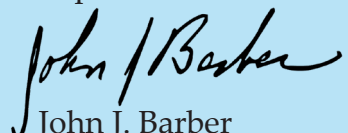
As a friend, you understand the difference that the Barber National Institute is making every day for children and adults with autism, intellectual disabilities and behavioral health challenges.

Now, we are inviting you to play a role in their lives by supporting the services that are bringing them hope and opportunity for better lives.

Your donation to our 2019 Annual Fund can provide individualized education for students with autism and intellectual disabilities who come to our school from 24 districts in northwestern Pennsylvania. Specialized therapies for babies and toddlers learning to walk, speak and achieve other milestones. And, training for adults who are currently looking for jobs through our Supported Employment Programs.

You can join our donors in helping to fund construction of a new residence that offers enhanced access for adults with significant physical challenges.

We are truly happy to count you among our friends and supporters, and hope that we can count on your gift to the 2019 Annual Fund to help us continue making dreams come true.


John J. Barber
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2019 Annual Appeal



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777 Babies & Toddlers
Early Intervention therapies



200+ Adults at each Expanding Social Opportunities Dance



530+ Adults Community Participation Supports



97 Residential Group Homes in Erie, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh



3,660 Children, Adults & Families Behavioral Health Services



464 Individuals & Families Making decisions through Agency with Choice



41 Adults Found jobs with Supported Employment



240 Students Elizabeth Lee Black School

New Home for Bayfront Neighborhood

For years, Dorothy has enjoyed gardening, preparing dinner and going out to lunch. Now, in her mid-sixties, Dorothy (not her real name) started using a walker. At some point, she may need to transition to a wheel chair and other adaptive equipment.

To help meet the evolving needs of Dorothy and other adults with intellectual and physical disabilities, the Barber National Institute is building a fully accessible group home across from the main campus at East Second Street and East Avenue.

An older structure on the property was recently cleared to make way for a modern, 4,800 square foot home that will feature:

- An attractive brick edifice with an outdoor patio accented by flower gardens and trees.
- Four spacious bedrooms providing privacy for personal care needs. An office near the cluster of bedrooms keeps staff close by throughout the night.
- Two living areas providing flexibility for each resident's interests and preferences.
- A large kitchen with portions of the counter at wheelchair level to enable residents to participate in meal preparation.

- Circular driveway for easier transportation.
- Two completely accessible bathrooms.
- Wider doorways and hall ways.

The facility, opening in fall, 2019, represents another investment in the east Bayfront neighborhood anchored by the Barber National Institute. More than \$4.5 million has been invested in building renovations, improved lighting and other outdoor security features, and the development of green spaces on the campus.

For the women who will reside in the new structure, it will be a home where they can be their best.

