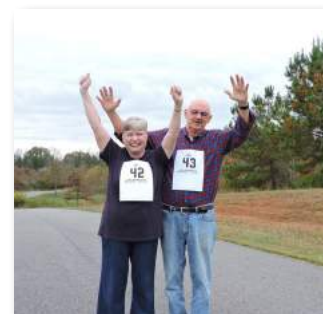


2020... a year of change - expected and UNexpected - that left us searching for solutions.

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Opening the door to a brighter tomorrow



Across:

3. To turn; to modify a program while retaining continuity with its previous version
5. _____ Classic Golf Tournament
7. Type of class offered by our new partner, A Place to Be
11. Location of SCC's Maryland center
12. There's no _____ sign on the road to recovery
13. Founder of Stroke Comeback Center
14. An optimistic state of mind that is based on an expectation of positive outcomes
15. Unforeseen; surprising
18. Format of all SCC classes since March 2020
19. A person who gives something of value, especially to a charity
20. Common microphone setting on Zoom

Down:

1. Popular afternoon virtual social event
2. Caring _____ Support Group for family and friends
4. Offered to those in need, ensures no survivor is turned away for financial reasons
6. Anticipated
8. Stroke Comeback _____ Virtual 5K
9. Location of SCC's Virginia center
10. We have three centers, yet one _____
16. _____ 24: 24-hour online fundraiser
17. Virtual meeting platform

**answer key available on page 5*

Join us in remembering a truly unforgettable year...

Dear friends of Stroke Comeback Center,

Stroke Comeback Center knew 2020 would be a challenging year, with the long-anticipated retirement of our founder and recent expansion to new centers. Little did we know that we would be facing these challenges during a global pandemic.

When we think back to 2020, we'll always remember the celebrations that were cancelled, the milestone events reduced to socially distant gatherings, and the time spent on Zoom. I hope we also remember the many valuable lessons we learned: that virtual meetings are a powerful way to maintain connection, the importance of community to provide support through difficult times, and that unanticipated challenges allow us to grow in ways that we could not have otherwise imagined.

Those of us at Stroke Comeback Center will also remember the support provided by you - our faithful donors. You consistently responded each time we asked with your generous donations and participation in new events, such as the Stroke Comeback Trail. Your continued support allowed us to grow in new ways and bring our programs to stroke and brain trauma survivors during an especially difficult time. Most importantly, you allowed us to stay true to our mission of never turning away a survivor for inability to pay. On behalf of all the families we serve, we are very grateful.

Please follow us on our website, social media, and in our newsletters to see how we continue to adapt to the expected and unexpected in 2021 and beyond. Together we'll continue to *Open the door to a brighter tomorrow.*

Many thanks,



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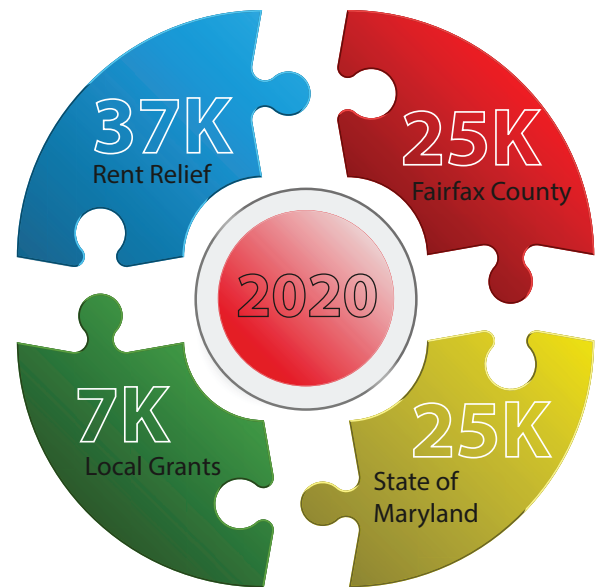
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2020

It was a year full of expected and unexpected major events, from the planned retirement of our beloved founder to the changes brought on by a global pandemic. Through it all, Stroke Comeback Center adapted and found new ways to keep our community of members, care partners, volunteers, and families together.

Due to the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, we closed our Vienna and Rockville centers in March 2020 and quickly restructured to a fully-virtual platform to keep our community connected and supported. In that first week, we trained our professional team and over 80 survivors how to use the Zoom videoconferencing platform and resumed with fully-virtual programs on March 23, 2020. Since that time our enrollment and programs have continued to grow, and we currently serve over 130 survivors each week through our virtual programs.

In addition to our transition to fully-virtual programs, we significantly reduced our program fees for all members, ensuring that all those experiencing unexpected financial difficulties may continue to participate in our programs during an especially difficult time. We are grateful for the many emergency funding sources that allowed us to continue our programs while maintaining our physical centers in Vienna and Rockville, keeping them ready to re-open them as soon as it is safe to do so.



2020 COVID-19 Emergency Funding



Virtual Valentine Happy Hour

Stay in Touch Program

To complement our existing programming and help keep our community safe and connected during the pandemic, we introduced new virtual Stay In Touch groups. These free groups offer new topics each week and are open to all of our members at no cost. In contrast to our traditional classes, these Stay in Touch groups focus purely on social interaction and connectedness. These groups have proven to be a lifeline for our members, many of whom live alone and therefore are especially isolated during the pandemic. A special thank-you to our professional team, volunteers, and McLean Community Foundation for their support of this valuable program.



Caring Connection

The Caring Connection is an informal support group led by care partners themselves, for the family and friends who live with or help support Stroke Comeback Center members. Due to the pandemic, the Caring Connection transitioned to virtual meetings and increased their frequency to twice a month. Participants meet to share tips and resources, hash out problems, and sometimes just vent. Most of all, whether in-person or virtual, the Caring Connection is a place where our families encourage each other and provide understanding of what others are going through.

Farewell

FOR NOW . . .

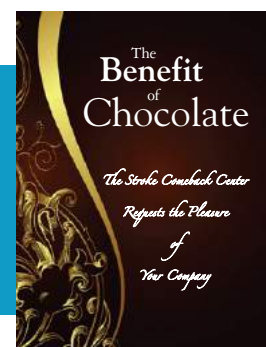
In 2005, believing that stroke survivors could continue to make progress if provided with ongoing supportive services, speech-language pathologist Darlene Williamson opened the Stroke Comeback Center in Oakton, Virginia. Her vision was to continue care beyond traditional insurance limits and provide services to ALL survivors, regardless

of their ability to pay. As Darlene often said throughout her tenure as our Executive Director, "There is no STOP sign on the road to recovery." All survivors deserve the respect and the support needed to live successfully and fully participate in life. We are grateful for her vision and tireless commitment to our community. Thank you, Darlene, for always believing and leading the way!

In June 2020, we said "farewell for now" to Stroke Comeback Center's Founder and Executive Director, Darlene Williamson. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we celebrated Darlene's retirement with a drive-by parade.

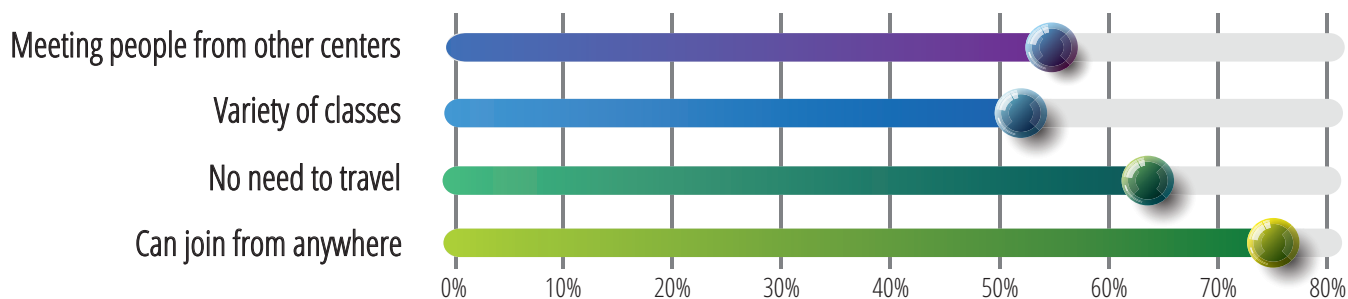


Mark your calendars! On October 14, 2021, please plan on joining us at the Benefit of Chocolate, where we will celebrate Darlene and her many successes! Details coming soon at www.strokecomebackcenter.org . . .



After several sessions of fully-virtual classes, we asked our members and families what they thought about virtual programs.

What do our members like about VIRTUAL CLASSES?



According to our members,
VIRTUAL CLASSES are ...

Helpful to keep
in touch
with others

Convenient
and
enlightening

FUN!

Varied
and
challenging

Helpful because I
don't have to
go anywhere

Our members feel that **VIRTUAL CLASSES** have helped them to ...

Keep engaged
and socialized

**Keep
Busy**

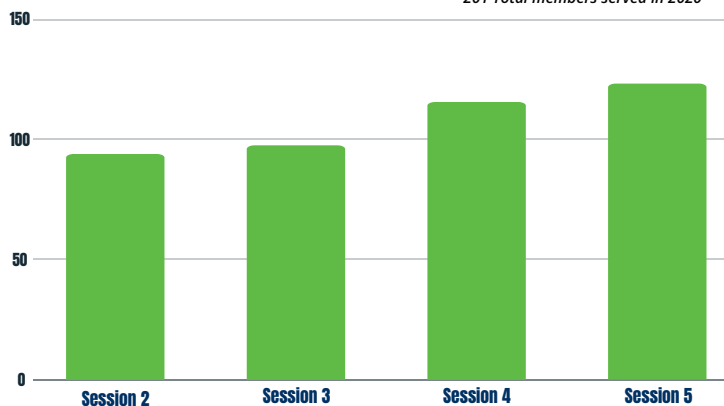
Personalize a
recovery/therapy
plan

Communicate
better

**Stay
connected**

Combined fully-virtual program growth

201 Total members served in 2020



CROSSWORD ANSWER KEY

ACROSS

- 3. PIVOT
- 5. KALIKIE
- 7. MUSIC THERAPY
- 11. ROCKVILLE
- 12. STOP
- 13. DARLENE
- 14. HOPE
- 15. UNEXPECTED
- 18. VIRTUAL
- 19. DONOR
- 20. MUTE

DOWN

- 1. HAPPY HOUR
- 2. CONNECTION
- 4. SCHOLARSHIP
- 6. EXPECTED
- 8. TRAIL
- 9. VIENNA
- 10. COMMUNITY
- 16. DOMORE
- 17. ZOOM

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While the 12th Annual Kalikie Classic looked a little bit different this year due to the pandemic and social distancing, over sixty golfers had a fun and safe day at Raspberry Falls Golf Club in Leesburg, Virginia and raised more than \$22,000 for the Stroke Comeback Center.



"I love it as much as when I first stepped through the door! The Center has groups and an environment where you feel at ease. As in years past, all proceeds of the tournament will benefit the Stroke Comeback Center's mission of never turning any stroke survivor away due to the inability to pay."

– Christie, SCC member, volunteer and Kalikie Classic Founder and Chairperson

In October 2020, the Stroke Comeback Center introduced the fully virtual *Stroke Comeback Trail*

With over 280 participants from 16 states and more than \$12,000 in donations and sponsorships, our community came together to support survivors and families along their road to recovery, proving that there are no stop signs on that journey.



"Thanks for putting on such a great event. My team and I enjoyed being part of something bigger than us. See you down the Comeback Trail!"

– Terry, SCC member

