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

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
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,

Suzanne Coyle
Executive Director

—

Leadership Team

Suzanne Coyle, MA, CCC-SLP
Executive Director
Amy C. Georgeadis, MS, CCC-SLP
Program Director
Brooke Hatfield, MS, CCC-SLP
Rockville Center Coordinator
Melissa Richman, MS, CCC-SLP
Virtual Center Coordinator
Connie Dupuy
Development Coordinator
Julie McGraw
Financial Administrator

2020 Board of Directors

Joyce McCarty, JD, Chair
Counsel, Retired, Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP
George D. Vincent, Vice-Chair
Executive Vice President, Redcoats, Inc.
Joanne Addas, Secretary
Vice President & Associate Tax Counsel, Global Tax, Capital One Services, LLC
Art McMahon, Treasurer
Former Director for Economic Outlook and Bank Conditions, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, U.S. Department of the Treasury
Queenie Kemmerer, AHS
Vice-President and Founder, Home Marketing Services for Seniors, LLC
Lisa Koches, MEd, CCC-SLP
Speech-Language Pathology Consultant
Lee Anne Philbin
Owner and Operator, Hablee Home Care & Services, LLC
Dana Rizzo, RN BSN ACMA
Area Manager Business Development, Waltonwood Ashburn
Eric Robinson, Esq.
President and Patent Attorney, Robinson Law Office

Founder

Darlene S. Williamson, MA, CCC-SLP

Emeritus Board

John D. Phillips, Ph.D.
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.

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.
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.

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?

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Feature</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Meeting people from other centers</td>
<td>70%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Variety of classes</td>
<td>60%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>No need to travel</td>
<td>80%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Can join from anywhere</td>
<td>50%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

According to our members, VIRTUAL CLASSES are . . .

- Varied and challenging
- FUN!
- Helpful because I don't have to go anywhere
- Convenient and enlightening
- Helpful to keep in touch with others

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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Session</th>
<th>Growth</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Session 2</td>
<td>50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Session 3</td>
<td>100</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Session 4</td>
<td>150</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Session 5</td>
<td>200</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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
The list below recognizes those supporters who, over the course of their years as donors, have contributed a cumulative $25,000 or more. We gratefully acknowledge these generous and steadfast donors who have provided us with a foundation for our efforts. (* denotes support of $50,000+)

**LIFETIME DONORS**, $25,000+ ($50,000+ DENOTED WITH*)

Anonymous *
Anonymous
Double Wood Farm *
Gen. Charles and Ann Dyke
Freedman Boylan Family Trust *
The Giving Circle of HOPE
Paul and Lisa Koches/Koches Family Foundation, Inc. *
Raymond and Julie McGraw

Philip L. Graham Fund
John Phillips and Paula Kuebler *
Christine Reynolds
Rotary Club of Vienna
Shrewsbury Foundation *
John and Michele Vernon
George and Kathy Vincent *
Paul and Darlene Williamson *

Thank you to all our committed supporters.

Your Support = Our Impact

**2020 GOLD KEY PARTNERS** ($25,000 and above)
Anonymous

**2020 SILVER KEY PARTNERS** ($10,000-$24,999)
Double Wood Farm
Christine Reynolds
George and Kathy Vincent

**2020 BRONZE KEY PARTNERS** ($5,000-$9,999)
Joanne Addas
Anonymous
Paul and Lisa Koches/Koches Family Foundation, Inc.
Joyce McCarty
Fred Palloni

**2020 IRON KEY PARTNERS** ($1,000-$4,999)
Adventist HealthCare
Mary Agee
AMR Commercial, LLC
Anonymous
Christopher and Christina Arnold
Babette Atz
The Benevity Community Impact Fund
Paul Berger and Stephanie Mensh
Joyce Bolton
Janet Brown
Capital One Services, LLC
CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield
Anita Carroll
Corina Higginson Trust
Philip and Marianne Coyle
Suzanne Coyle
Vincent and Angela Coyle
Susan Crown
Joan Curtis
EagleBank
ExxonMobile Foundation
Freedman Boylan Family Trust
Michael and Amy Georgeadis
Patricia Harley

Elwood and Elizabeth Howerton
Carl and Rylan Hutzler
Jerry and Virginia Jasper
Marianne Kelly
Peter Kiefer
Gary and Vicki Kirkbridge
Gary Knipling
Leesburg Daybreak Rotary Foundation, Inc.
Bruce and Kimberly Levin
William and Jennifer Manders
Virginia Mars
Michael Mazzuchi
Nancy McCarty
Raymond and Julie McGraw
McLean Mortgage Corporation/Vince Coyle Group
Arthur and Cristabel McMahon
The Monitor Group, LLC
Robert Morgenthau
Pebble Beach Associates
Peter Knapp Realty Group, LLC
John Phillips and Paula Kuebler
John Rachlin
Howard and Melissa Richman
Gretchen Robenhymer
Robert and Nancy Mason Family Fund
Rockville Rotary Club Foundation
Rotary Club of Vienna
Richard and Pamela Sauber
Elizabeth Scott
Shrewsbury Foundation
Josh Sickle
Randolph D Rouse Foundation, Inc.
Linda Soldo
St. Mark Catholic Church
John and Janet Tysse
United Way of the National Capital Area
Michele Vernon
Katharine Vincent
Janet Weller
Stephen Woodberry
Margaret and Paul Zusky
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
Thank you for another year of support, connection and community

A special thanks to those who give so generously to the center through workplace giving, including the United Way of the National Capital Area and the Combined Federal Campaign, Benevity Foundation, America’s Charities, Give Back Foundation, and the BASF Corporation and many others. Your support makes our work possible.

Please join us in 2021 as our community continues to expect the un-expected

Partners for a Brighter Tomorrow honors those who have chosen to make a lasting investment in Stroke Comeback Center, allowing us to meet the needs of our community now and in the future. Planned gifts are as simple as naming Stroke Comeback Center in your will or living trust, as a beneficiary of your IRA or life insurance policy, or gifts of stock and appreciated assets.

Planned gifts enable you to create a meaningful philanthropic legacy and will help us to support stroke and brain trauma survivors and their families for years to come. To discuss planned giving opportunities, please contact Connie Dupuy at 703-255-2950 or connie@strokecomebackcenter.org.

VIENNA CENTER 145 PARK STREET, SE VIENNA, VA 22180 703-255-5221
ROCKVILLE CENTER 50 W EDMONSTON DR, STE 301 ROCKVILLE, MD 20852 301-605-7620
VIRTUAL CENTER VSCC@strokecomebackcenter.org
WWW.STROKECOMEBACKCENTER.ORG