



LEGACY
DINNER



2023

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THE LEGACY

Early in the existence of CTC, our founder, Jean Silbar, looked a parent in the eye and said **"I can help your child."** Having run into countless people who didn't understand how to help a young person who was highly autistic, this family was finally able to breathe a sigh of relief. Now, more than 25 years later, our therapists are still looking caregivers in the eye and saying **"I can help you."**

Coming alongside individuals with varying diagnoses, Autism included, still drives our mission forward every single day. Not long ago, one of our Speech-Language Pathologists walked out of a multidisciplinary evaluation, looked at her partner, an Occupational Therapist, and said "This child most likely has Autism. This mom is not ready to hear that." Immediately, our therapy team started brainstorming ways to build a relationship with the caregivers to ensure that, eventually, this child (who we'll call David) would get the diagnosis he needed to receive support that would help him gain independence and success.

"Let's start with social skills and expressive language," said the Speech-Language Pathologist.

"And I'll start with some sensory processing tools to help him feel calm and in control," countered the Occupational Therapist.



That day, our therapy team joined hands with this family on a journey to open doors that David's family did not realize were available to them. Over the course of the next several months, he came in for therapy and, while working diligently on his goals, the therapists were actively working on building trusting relationships with the caregivers. They gave tools to use at home such as swinging daily, compression tactics, and a visual checklist for chores. They worked on taking turns in conversation and being patient while playing board games.

More than a year later, David has an official Autism diagnosis and the doors for support are wide open! He still comes to see us every week and is finding success in school, interacting with his siblings, and attending events with neurotypical peers. Our therapy team is helping the whole family find success.

"I've learned from and enjoyed watching the therapists play in ways that challenged [my child]. I've enjoyed learning about the basic skills and ways to have fun when we learn together." - Caregiver of a recently diagnosed Autistic child.



With support from the community, our therapists will continue looking disheartened caregivers in the eye and saying, "I can help you." Please consider joining forces with CTC to remove the obstacle of financial strain for our families. Our goal is to never allow money to be a barrier to providing services, just like when Jean first started the agency in the basement of her home. While we work with several insurance companies, our services are often not covered. During the seven weeks of Therapy & Fun, we offered more than \$75,000 in scholarships. Year round services required another \$25,000 in scholarships.

From a handful of kids to over a thousand served in a single year, CTC has grown exponentially. We are excited for the next 40 years and hope to reach even more individuals with developmental disabilities. Please help us carry Jean's torch through the next leg of the CTC legacy.

"CTC has an awareness of what it means to be a special needs family and we found growth for our whole family while here." - Therapy & Fun Caregiver

ABOUT CTC

OUR MISSION

Established in 1982, Comprehensive Therapy Center's mission is to meet the therapeutic and educational needs of adults and children with disabilities who are at-risk or disadvantaged, through skill building, academic enhancement and social emotional support.

We help adults keep or increase their independence.

We help children to walk, talk, learn and play.

Comprehensive Therapy Center (CTC) has been reaching into the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities for more than 40 years. Jean Silbar, our founding Executive Director, recognized the need for children who received support during the school year to also receive services during the summer months. From that idea, Therapy & Fun was created and began in Jean's basement with a friend, and a handful of clients. Today, we serve thousands of children in multiple settings, including schools, our clinic and throughout the community with year-round programming.

THE LEGACY DINNER

For over 40 years, Comprehensive Therapy Center has been helping children with disabilities walk, talk, learn and play. This longevity would not be possible without the therapist, volunteers and community members who make CTC what it is. This February, we will be holding our first ever CTC Legacy Dinner, where we'll be honoring three individuals who have made a significant impact to our organization.

All proceeds from this dinner will go towards our Therapy & Fun scholarship fund, ensuring that all children who need it can participate in our program regardless of family income.

When?

Thursday, February 2, 2023

5:30pm – Cocktail Party

6:00pm – Dinner

6:30pm-8:00pm – Programming

Where?

Aquinas College – Wege Ballroom

1700 Fulton St. E.

Grand Rapids, MI 49506

How Much?

\$100 donation per person

Tickets include entrance to the dinner and your choice of garlic herb sirloin or pasta marianna. Drink menu TBA. Catering provided by Aquinas College.



GUESTS OF HONOR

At the event, we will be honoring 3 individuals who have significantly impacted our organization:



Jan Wilks joined Comprehensive Therapy Center (CTC) in 1990, working as the Activity Coordinator for the Therapy & Fun (T&F) program. During her tenure at CTC, she was promoted to Director of Therapy & Fun and moved into the position of Programs Director in 2019. Before working with CTC, Jan taught at Grand Rapids Public Schools. She's a graduate of Western Michigan University, with a Bachelor of Science and a Masters of Arts. Jan is married, with two adult children and six grandchildren. Her interests include spending time with her family, and travel.



Rodney Martin served CTC for over 25 years as a member of our board and as board president. Rodney has practiced law with Warner Norcross + Judd LLP for over 42 years. Working to support children has been a passion for Rodney. He's also served as group facilitator, board member, and board chair of the Youth Development Program at East Grand Rapids High School, as a Cub Master and Scoutmaster in the Boy Scouts program, and as Program Director for the Gerald R. Ford Council. Supporting CTC was a family affair for Rodney: Both of his children worked as volunteers for Therapy & Fun and were on staff when they were in college. Rodney is an amateur landscape photographer whose work has appeared in national publications and exhibited at the Glen Arbor Art Center.



Macie Zack is currently pursuing a Master's degree at Grand Valley State University in Occupational Therapy. CTC played an important role in her professional development and career path. She started volunteering at Comprehensive Therapy Center in 2011 by referral of her mother, who works for the Grand Rapids Community Foundation. She volunteered for the summer therapy and fun program for 6 years and worked at CTC for 2 years in 2017 and 2021. While in graduate school, she has continued her involvement with CTC, collaborating on various projects. Macie attended East Grand Rapids High School, and graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Science degree.



SPONSORSHIP TIERS

CTC is looking for sponsors to help cover the costs of our Legacy Dinner.

NOTE: Tiers include the perks of any other tiers below them

TITLE SPONSOR

- "CTC Legacy Dinner presented by..." tag with sponsor name.
- Full page advertisement in event program.
- Option to introduce speakers during event.

\$20,000
PLAY

- Reserved table for 8 at event
- "Dinner or cocktail hour presented by" branding

\$10,000
LEARN

- Option to be featured in our "What does Philanthropy mean to" video series
- "Photography, bar, music or decorations... sponsored by" tag with sponsor name
- 1/2 page advertisement in event program

\$5000
TALK

- "We supported CTC" video you can share on social media, newsletter, etc.
- Social media posts about your sponsorship
- Table sponsorship signage + event entrance signage

\$3000
WALK

- Reserve table for 4 at event
- 1/4 page advertisement in program

\$1500
WRITE

- Recognition on all social media, Website, CTC monthly newsletter, and event program

<\$1500
READ



Legacy Dinner Committee Members

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