Please help us respond to the growing need for support for adults with autism.
Dear Friends:

Eden II’s Genesis Programs urgently needs your support. We are embarking on a capital campaign to renovate and outfit a new building. We’ve recently expanded into the Commack neighborhood of Suffolk County to focus on the growing need for support for adults with autism.

The goal is to provide a new site within the former school building at Christ the King, allowing Eden II to support more adults with autism, integrate into the Commack community, and create additional vocational opportunities. The site will have themed rooms to create a work site atmosphere for vocational training.

Eden II’s Adult Program supports over 40 participants over the age of 21. It offers a comprehensive Day Habilitation Without Walls program that allows participants to engage in volunteer and recreational opportunities in their community. Day habilitation services help participants achieve satisfying and rewarding connections and relationships within their communities. The program targets communication skills, activities of daily living, social skills, vocational skills, and community integration.

Our commitment to evidence-based practices and science offers each participant the best opportunity to achieve their highest quality of life. We recognize the needs of the autism community at large and strive to make an impact on as many people with autism and their families as possible. Understanding and responding to the family’s needs is essential to achieving a high quality of life.

Autism, for most, is a lifelong disability, and we believe that programs and services must reflect the needs of participants across their lifespans. Programming reflects the participant’s personal interests and builds skills using the surrounding community as a lifelong classroom.

Today, we ask for your support as we continue serving adults with autism.

Sincerely,

Michael Giangregorio
Chairman of the Board of Directors

Mary McDonald, Ph.D., BCBA-D, LBA
Associate Executive Director for Long Island Programs
Announcing our
Adult Program Capital Campaign

We are proud to share the exciting news that Eden II’s Genesis Programs will expand our Day Habilitation Program Without Walls Programs. The new building in the Commack neighborhood of Suffolk County will focus on the growing need for support for adults with autism. The new building provides us with an opportunity for growth, improved program rooms, and technology. The site will have themed rooms to create a comprehensive environment allowing the participants we support to explore and learn various skills.

Our goal to renovate and prepare the building is $500,000. To date, over $400,000 has been raised. We need your help to meet our goal and soon occupy this exciting new space. We are counting on families, friends, staff, local businesses, elected officials, and the community to support us.

Thank you!
A Bold Vision for the Future

Our recent expansion into the Commack neighborhood of Suffolk County will allow Eden II’s Genesis Programs to support more adults with autism, integrate into the community, and create an environment that allows the participants to explore and learn various skills and experiences.

The site will have a variety of themed rooms to provide the participants with opportunities for exploration and learning.

All participants in the program will have the opportunity to explore each room to create several meaningful opportunities and experiences.

Art & Entertainment Room
Individuals will have opportunities to explore and participate in the areas of art, music, and theater.

Business Room
This space will provide opportunities for individuals to learn office and computer skills and serve as an onsite copy and print center.

Café Room
Individuals will learn hospitality skills while running an onsite café.

Clinical Room
The clinical room will be used for assessment and individual or group service provision.

Culinary Room
There will be opportunities for learning new recipes, cooking, and baking in the culinary room. Visiting chefs will participate in providing mentorship to our individuals.

Environment & Society Room
Individuals will be engaged in community enhancement volunteer opportunities such as local town beach clean up in both Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

Health & Wellness Room
Activities such as yoga, meditation, exercise, growing organic plants, and learning about healthy lifestyle choices will all be available in the Health and Wellness Room.

Philanthropy Room
Local nonprofit organizations and charitable clubs will work with the individuals in the program on upcoming events and drives (e.g. sorting for food and toy drives, hanging coats donated for veterans groups, etc.).

Seasons for a Reason Room
This room will serve as a distribution center. Our individuals will organize and prepare all “Deliveries by Seasons” products to be sold and marketed to the local community; creating a unique opportunity to increase autism awareness throughout Nassau & Suffolk Counties.

Technology & Recreation Room
Participants will explore leisure activities, socialize and develop new hobbies within this technology-enhanced setting. Individuals can join in social gaming.

For more information on how you can make your gift, don’t hesitate to get in touch with a development associate at info@eden2.org or call 718-816-1422 ext. 1040.
JILLIAN PANNI IS THE DIRECTOR OF ADULT & FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES FOR LONG ISLAND. SHE BEGAN HER CAREER AT EDEN II’S GENESIS PROGRAMS IN 2003 AND HAS OVER 20 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD OF AUTISM. JILLIAN IS INVOLVED IN NUMEROUS AUTISM COMMITTEES ON LONG ISLAND, NYC, AND NEW YORK STATE.

What excites you about Eden II’s vision for the future?

Eden II Programs & Genesis Programs understands the needs of adults with ASD. We are also looking to expand our transitional services to better prepare students with ASD, and our vision will include a comprehensive program involving transitional services. Our Social Enterprise, Seasons for a Reason, provides career training opportunities for participants with ASD. The new Commack space enables us to expand our program and enhance our participants’ lives by providing a specialized location that creates opportunities to explore various specialties such as cooking, health and wellness, and business development. Our goal with a space for our adult learners is to provide the highest level of services to enable them to generalize acquired skills into the community.

What do you see as our greatest strengths and challenges?

Our greatest strength is that we continue to look for and find innovative ways to support our adult learners through the evidence-based practice of applied behavior analysis (ABA). Although we provide services in a group setting, we do our best to find the right fit for every individual based on their unique abilities and needs. Our greatest challenge is to provide services in a location that will provide a comprehensive and individualized program. We hope that the experiences provided in this new state-of-the-art location will improve the quality of life for the participants we support.

When first opened in 1995, Eden II’s Genesis Programs began with a school program, and soon after, based on the students’ needs, they developed an outreach program and family support services. As the students transitioned into adulthood, they opened a day habilitation program, without walls, with three participants in 2007. When one of the students went to a residential school program out of state, they immediately began working on developing a residential program. Within five years, Eden II opened their first group home on Long Island, which enabled the students to return home to be close to their families. As part of this journey, Eden II continues to address each participants needs, and with innovative program development, they continue to change lives one at a time.
SUPPORT OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TODAY!

A custom donor recognition wall is being created to acknowledge gifts of $100 or more. The donor wall will have five levels of plaques, each engraved with a donor’s name or message.

Visit eden2.org/LICC to make your gift to support our Adult Program Capital Campaign.

Every gift is 100% tax deductible & greatly appreciated!

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With a new building, there are many opportunities to honor someone, continue a person or corporation’s legacy of care and compassion, or promote a business. Naming opportunities have been created for each of the themed rooms.

Gifts can be made one time or for up to three years. For example, a donation of $5,000 can be divided into a plan that works for you. Perhaps a monthly or quarterly check or an automatic credit card charge by our development staff on a regular schedule.

Our dedicated development staff will work to build the gift and payment schedule that best fits your situation.

Some naming opportunities can be found below.

- $10,000 Arts & Entertainment Room (SOLD)
- $10,000 Business Room
- $10,000 Café Room (SOLD)
- $10,000 Clinical Room
- $10,000 Culinary Room (SOLD)
- $10,000 Environment/Society Room
- $10,000 Health & Wellness Room
- $10,000 Philanthropy Room
- $10,000 Seasons for a Reason Room (SOLD)
- $10,000 Technology & Recreation Room (SOLD)
- $5,000 Smart Board (FOUR NEEDED)

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Since 1995, Eden II’s Long Island-based Genesis Programs has provided participants with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) specialized services across the lifespan, in center-based and community-based programs, to enable participants with autism to achieve the highest possible quality of living across their life spans.

We provide the most comprehensive and effective services across a variety of programs by utilizing research-based teaching methods based on applied behavior analysis (ABA). ABA has been scientifically evaluated and demonstrated to be effective in the instruction of participants with ASD.

"As the Eden II Programs Board Chair, Framing Our Future Campaign Leader, and, most importantly, father of an adult with autism, I recognize the need to support our children and help them thrive so they can be their best. We want our adults engaged with individualized programming that focuses on their strengths and capitalizes on their abilities, precisely what we will achieve at our new Center. We chose Eden II’s Genesis Programs for our son, Nicholas, when he was nine years old because of the organization’s commitment to serving people throughout their lives. Fast forward 12 years later, and Nicholas is transitioning from Eden II’s school program into the adult program, and the organization’s commitment has never wavered. The new center in Commack exemplifies their commitment and allows Nicholas and his peers to continue a specialized journey while carrying their previous experiences with them. The program continuity is essential for his success, and the well-planned transition has highlighted the effectiveness of lifelong learning regardless of age. I am confident that the new center will allow space for Nicholas and all of Eden II’s participants to continue learning, thriving, and shining! With limited options for children and adults with autism, with higher support needs, Eden II is unique and special. We cannot succeed in making this growth a reality without significant support from the community and you, our Eden II’s Genesis Programs family."

"We are excited to see our longtime vision finally becoming a reality. We are creating a state-of-the-art adult Center for adults with autism. The Center will provide adults with ASD with a place where they can engage in career exploration with the support of qualified staff. Some career areas will include culinary, business, hospitality, and wellness. There will be opportunities for participants to practice and hone their skills in the Center and then take those skills out into the community. The program’s goal is to provide the greatest quality of life through meaningful experiences and community involvement. We believe it takes a village... And we thank you for being a part of ours."