



THE COORDINATING CENTER
INSPIRED SOLUTIONS

The Center Line

President/CEO, Karen-Ann Lichtenstein Announces Retirement

Karen-Ann Lichtenstein, President/CEO of The Coordinating Center, will be retiring after 34 years of service to The Center. “Karen-Ann has played a critical role in the community of disabilities and the development and success of The Coordinating Center,” stated Tom H. Hall, Chair of the Board. “Under Karen-Ann’s nearly 26-year tenure as President/CEO, The Center has become a well-respected organization and a place people want to work and receive services. Karen-Ann has created an environment where coworkers are respected, their work valued, and the families and individuals The Center supports are cherished.”



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Upcoming Events



Zumbathon

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Ditch the workout and join the party! Join us on December 9th from 1:30 to 3:30 pm at LifeBridge Health & Fitness for a fun afternoon of Zumba with LifeBridge Instructor, Karen Sterling. This event will feature healthy refreshments provided by LifeBridge Health and raffle prizes from local businesses. Each ticket purchase includes one raffle ticket. Additional raffle tickets will be available at the door. Proceeds benefit The Coordinating Center's Family Resource Fund. This event made possible thanks to support from LifeBridge Health & Fitness.



Visit Smoothie King in Millersville at Severna Park Gateway Village on **Wednesdays** and receive a 10% discount when you mention "The Coordinating Center's Family Resource Fund." A portion of each sale will benefit the Family Resource Fund, supporting people with disabilities.



Visit Ledo Pizza in Millersville at Severna Park Gateway Village on **Wednesday, November 14th** and mention "The Coordinating Center's Family Resource Fund" and a portion of your total will be donated in support of the fund.

Year of Service

Since announcing our Year of Service one year ago, nearly 180 coworkers have volunteered a total of 537 hours with 18 organizations across the state. According to Independent Sector, a national nonprofit that brings together a diverse set of nonprofits, foundations, and corporations to advance the common good, this equates to contributing \$12,963 to these nonprofits! We look forward to continuing our Year of Service by making the initiative an annual tradition so that we may reach more organizations and communities.



Dr. Alan Fields Retires



For the past 30 years, Dr. Alan Fields has been the Medical Director of The Coordinating Center. In this role, Dr. Fields has provided us with information, insight and inspiration on the possibilities for home and community care for children and adults with special health care needs. He has been a passionate advocate for our staff and clients as alternatives to hospitalization were contemplated, planned and implemented. Dr. Fields has engaged in ongoing consultation with physicians and other health care specialists to ensure that clients had premium care in medically safe settings. He has earned the highest respect from the medical community, The Coordinating Center staff and the

families whom we serve, and he has done all of this with empathy, sensitivity, and a never-ending sense of humor and grace. We were delighted to honor Dr. Fields and celebrate his outstanding work at our annual board meeting held on September 14th.

Featured Reading

[Read Madeline's Story](#)



Madeline knows what it is like to be a part of a big family. She is the youngest of 10 children. She has four children of her own and more than 25 grandchildren and great grandchildren. Even with all the love and support from her family, sometimes Madeline likes to discuss her health concerns and needs with someone else other than a family member. Thanks to the WISH Program, this is possible!

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Did you know that 74% of voters have a disability or have a family member or close friend who does? According to a poll conducted on behalf of RespectAbility, "more than half of Americans with disabilities have reached out to their elected officials or attended a political rally in the recent past versus 39% of Americans without a disability or any disability connection."

The Center Celebrates Case Management Week Celebration



In honor of National Case Management Week, The Coordinating Center celebrated coworkers across all divisions and roles by holding our annual Coworker Appreciation Breakfast and Community Resource Fair at the BWI Hilton on October 8th. Board Member of The Coordinating Center, and Senior Vice President of Human Resource for Erickson Living, H. Joseph Machicote gave an interactive keynote entitled *Journey to Newland*, based on the book *A Road Map For Transformational Change, Journey to Newland* written by Bill Poole. Coworkers learned strategies for navigating and negotiating change both on personal and organizational level. More than 300 coworkers attended, inclusive of 200+ care managers. Coworkers interacted with 22 companies from across the state to learn about new technologies and services for people with disabilities and complex needs. Thanks to participating sponsors, more than \$10,000 was raised for The Center's Family Resource Fund. Companies

interested in participating in next year's event should contact rdain@coordinatingcenter.org. Special thanks to our 2018 sponsors:

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