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in Cathy's honor. Cathy's commitment to Kennedy Krieger is unmatched, and her enthusiasm is infectious, as evidenced by the many family members and coworkers who have joined her in supporting the mission. Michele Huffman, special event manager at Kennedy Krieger, recalls, "Cathy has always told me it wouldn't feel like the holidays if she didn't volunteer at Festival. Well, I can say it wouldn't feel like Festival without having Cathy there!"

We are so grateful to Cathy for her passion and commitment to the Institute—she truly is an example of leadership and the power of volunteerism in the community.

If you are interested in volunteering at this year's Festival of Trees, please contact Cathy at 410-470-9072, or email [festivaloftrees@kennedykrieger.org](mailto:festivaloftrees@kennedykrieger.org).

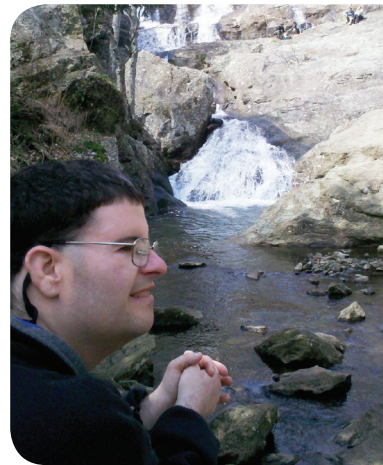
## Grateful Parents Pay it Forward

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Neurobehavioral experts at the NBU helped him learn to cope with his anxiety and control his behavior. His therapist even worked with his new school, developing a behavioral plan and personally training staff so that Jeffrey would receive consistent reinforcement.

His parents' appreciation inspired a tradition of donating to Kennedy Krieger's NBU program every year on their son's birthday. "The people he worked with at Kennedy Krieger were as interested in Jeff's success as we were," says his father. "It is important for us to give, so that others who are like Jeff can receive the same attention." Jeffrey, now 32, recently started his own pottery business—Uncle Jeff Enterprises—and has found a true passion, in part thanks to the dedicated staff at Kennedy Krieger. According to his grateful parents, the NBU helped get Jeffrey on the right track so he could begin to blossom to his full potential both artistically and, more importantly, in his interactions with people.

To see Jeffrey's talent that turned into a business opportunity, visit [unclejeffenterprises.weebly.com](http://unclejeffenterprises.weebly.com).



◀ *Exelon's Energy for the Community Employee Volunteer Award Ceremony. Pictured from L to R: Mark Huston of Constellation; Jim & Cass Schreiner, Cathy's parents & Festival of Trees volunteers; Michele Huffman of Kennedy Krieger Institute; Cathy Schreiner; Calvin Butler of BGE.*

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### One Volunteer's Dedication to Festival of Trees Earns an Award and a \$10,000 Donation to the Institute

We are grateful for all of the dedicated volunteers who give back to help the kids at Kennedy Krieger, but there is one volunteer we just couldn't do without. **Cathy Schreiner** has dedicated countless hours and energy every year for 23 years to ensure that our largest fundraiser, Festival of Trees, runs smoothly.

As the volunteer chair for Festival of Trees, she recruits and organizes more than 600 volunteers each year. Cathy maintains a database of more than 2,000 volunteers throughout the year, and as the event gets closer, she enlists and schedules hundreds of community members—everyone from Girl Scout Troops to Santa—to help set up, run, and break down the Festival activities. On the first day of the three-day event, Cathy is onsite for 15 hours managing the Volunteer Headquarters, where she gives volunteers assignments, makes sure all positions are staffed, and takes care of any last-minute emergencies. When Festival of Trees ends, she goes right back to preparing for the next year.

*Cathy Schreiner taking some time to enjoy all the sights Festival of Trees has to offer.*



An employee of Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE), Cathy first got involved with the Institute at the suggestion of her boss—then a member of Kennedy Krieger's Board of Directors. Cathy says she became hooked when she was taken on a tour of the hospital. "I was blown away by what Kennedy Krieger does for children," she says. "Once you see and experience it, you get it. When I saw the great work they were doing, I couldn't say no."

Because of Cathy's dedication to the Institute and Festival of Trees, she was recently awarded the Energy for the Community Employee Volunteer Award through Exelon (BGE's parent company). The award came with a \$10,000 donation to Kennedy Krieger Institute

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## Grateful Parents Pay it Forward

### For 15 Years and Counting, Parents Donate Every Year on Son's Birthday

Although it has been over 15 years since Jeffrey Ratnofsky was treated at the Institute's Neurobehavioral Unit (NBU), his parents, **Sue and Alex Ratnofsky**, still recognize Kennedy Krieger as a "key factor to his success." In the spring of 1998, Jeffrey was treated at the NBU for Klinefelter and Prader-Willi syndromes—rare genetic chromosomal disorders that affect physical and cognitive development. In Jeffrey's case, these disorders manifested in developmental delays, extreme anxiety, and dangerous outbursts.

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*Jeffrey Ratnofsky, once treated for severe behavioral problems at Kennedy Krieger, now owns a pottery business.*



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# Society Reception Recognizes Generosity and Loyalty

More than 135 Guests Attend Spring Reception

The 17th annual Kennedy Krieger Society reception was held on May 14 at the home of Marla and David Oros. Notable guests included members of the Kennedy Krieger Society—a distinguished donor association comprised of individuals, corporations, and foundations that make an annual gift of \$1,000 or more. The reception kicked off with Institute President **Dr. Gary Goldstein** and Chairman of the Board **Atwood Collins III** welcoming and thanking Society members for their generosity and invaluable support to the Institute. Atwood Collins presented the Baklor Award for Volunteerism to **Michael Beckner** (accepted by his wife, Deborah), owner of **Brick Oven Pizza**, to honor his generous food donations and a food drive he organized to benefit Kennedy Krieger. The Zanvyl Krieger Award was given to **Willard Hackerman** for his exemplary and continued dedication to the children of Kennedy Krieger. The Henry A. Rosenberg, Jr. Community Award was presented to **Steve Nickel** (pictured at right, holding award), owner of **Sports Tickets Unlimited**, who has donated thousands of tickets for professional sporting events and amusement parks to patients and families at Kennedy Krieger. He is pictured with Atwood Collins.



▲ **Jim and Mary Keilty** stop to pose for a picture.



▼ **Lainy LeBow-Sachs** mingles with host **David Oros**.



▶ **Bob and Carolyn Wallace** enjoy the annual society reception.



▲ **Toby Bozzuto** and wife **Robin** take a moment to smile for the camera.



▲ **David and Kristine Garbarino** arrive at the reception.



▲ **Ed and Missy Berge** enjoy the evening.

To learn more about the Kennedy Krieger Society, please contact the Office of Development at 443-923-7300 or visit [helpkids.kennedykrieger.org/society](http://helpkids.kennedykrieger.org/society).

# Thank You for Making a Difference

Here are just a few of the many recent events that are making a difference in the lives of children who need us most.



The **Parent Association of Kennedy Krieger School: Fairmount Campus** held a virtual fundraiser to raise money for iPads. Parents, staff, and friends of the school joined together to raise over \$13,000—enough to purchase 21 iPads and a charging cart. This technology will give our students new tools to help with their unique learning and communication challenges. To support the campaign, visit [kennedykrieger.org/teaming4technology](http://kennedykrieger.org/teaming4technology).

*Pictured L to R: Jeremiah Josey and Jaden Gerrity*



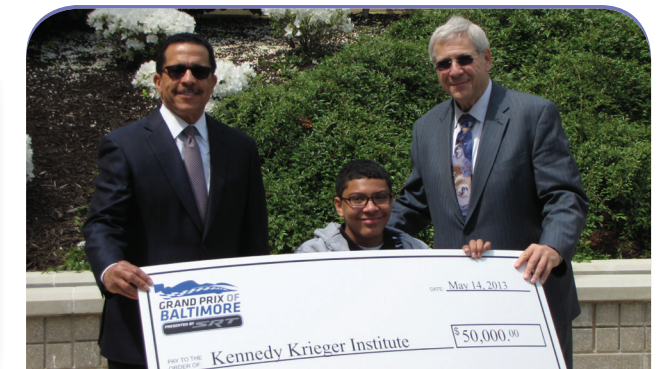
The **ROAR for Autism Mascot Challenge** was the highlight of this year's event, which raised more than \$214,000 for Kennedy Krieger Institute's autism programs.

*Pictured from L to R: Mascots from Kona Ice of Central Maryland, Pirate's Booty, Towson University, Kennedy Krieger School Fairmount Campus, Baltimore Orioles, Kennedy Krieger School Montgomery County Campus, Baltimore Ravens, Loyola University, and St. Elizabeth School.*



**Kennedy Krieger High School students in the Construction Trades program** will benefit from a generous donation from **Milwaukee Tools**—including multi-tools, a router, a vacuum, a portable band saw, and sanders. This equipment will be used during instructional time and to create items that will be sold through the student business.

*Pictured L to R: Students Jacob Kulikowski, Ian Fontain, Brandon Conley (in goggles), and Rafael Marrow with representatives from Milwaukee Tools and the Building Congressional Exchange Foundation.*



The **Grand Prix of Baltimore** chose Kennedy Krieger Institute to be its **2013 charity partner**. Race fans had the opportunity to make a \$1 donation when purchasing Grand Prix tickets online. To kick off the campaign, **J.P. Grant**, managing partner of Grand Prix of Baltimore promoter **Race On, LLC**, presented the Institute with a **\$50,000 donation**.

*Pictured L to R: J.P. Grant; Kokayi Thomas, patient; Dr. Gary Goldstein, president of Kennedy Krieger Institute.*

## HAVE A GREAT EVENT IDEA? WE CAN HELP MAKE IT A REALITY.

No fundraiser is too small—every dollar counts! Contact Kennedy Krieger's Office of Development at [events@kennedykrieger.org](mailto:events@kennedykrieger.org) or visit [events.kennedykrieger.org](http://events.kennedykrieger.org).