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# THE EEDA READER

NEWS FROM EAST END DISABILITY ASSOCIATES, INC.



On Saturday, July 14th 2018, Foxrun Farm in Cutchogue held an open house event for EEDA consumers, families, and staff members. Foxrun Farm is one of EEDA's newest community partners, offering therapeutic riding lessons and opportunities for our folks to help tend the horses during the week. Hosted by owners Leonard Dank and Mia Jealous-Dank, the event was a well attended success. Barn and facility tours were given, and professional riders gave a demonstration to onlookers.

To find out more about the therapeutic riding lessons available at Foxrun Farm, please visit www.foxrunfarmny.org or call (631) 734-6199.



## REWEARABLE PROGRAM LAUNCHES



EEDA is carrying out this exciting new initiative in partnership with Adults and Children with Learning and Developmental Disabilities (ACLD). RewearAble is fulfilling both organizations' missions by providing people with special needs the opportunity to obtain skills that will lead to steady, secure employment, where they can earn an income and live more independently.

RewearAble also helps the environment by keeping unwanted clothing and fabrics out of landfills. Experts indicate that roughly 85 percent of clothing material that could be recycled nationwide ends up buried in landfills! This program offers us all the opportunity to clean out our closets, while teaching important job skills.

EEDA will accept your bags of clothing at any of our locations. Please support this effort!

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ACCESSORIES, BEDDING AND
OTHER HOUSEHOLD TEXTILES,
PURSES, AND EVEN RAGS IN ANY
CONDITION.







#### MARION LANE IRA JOINS THE EEDA FAMILY



On July 6th, 2018 EEDA officially acquired 23 Marion Lane through a change of auspice from Catholic Guardian Services (CGS). Marion Lane IRA in East Hampton is home to ten individuals, eight of which live in the main home, and two who live in a separate apartment attached to the house. Let's give a big welcome to the staff that transferred to EEDA from CGS, and thanks to longtime EEDA staff member Sean Belcher, who was promoted to Assistant Residential Manager at this location.

## EVERO AND PAYCOM OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED

This has been a big year for changes at EEDA, including changes in how we collect data, billing and payroll. eVero started with a slow rollout within the Self-Direction department where many (but not all!) the kinks were sorted out. Currently all programs are utilizing eVero for data collection, replacing Precision Care. Paycom has replaced Intuit for payroll and administrative call records. Additionally, EEDA will no longer be issuing paper paychecks, and started using pay cards instead. Paychecks are loaded on a no-fee card that can be used just like a debit card.

EEDA gives a great big thank you to the Reisert Foundation, whose \$20,000 grant helped with the eVero startup costs, and another big thank you to all EEDA staff for your patience and cooperation during these transitions.







On Thursday, July 20th, EEDA held our third Family Advocacy meeting. Led by EEDA Board member Diane Arpaia, a group of engaged parents and EEDA staff discussed topics important to families, as well as brainstormed about future events that would be of interest to parents and family members. Topics included: Care Coordination, the RewearAble Program, consumer self-advocacy, and future fundraising events, including plans for a 5K walk next spring to support EEDA.

The next Family Advocacy meeting will be held on Thursday, August 16th at the Henry Pfeifer Center in Calverton. A light dinner will be served at 6pm, followed by the meeting at 6:30. Onsite Respite service will be available for the duration.





Lillian, Crystal, Barbara, and Seth Hot Doggin' at Splish Splash.





The inaugural Writer's Workshop at the Greek Orthodox Church of the Hamptons. Pictured: EEDA Board member Adrean Northridge, Mark, Alissa, Matt, Christine, Nick, and Kelly.

# Reservations and Sponsorships are Now Available!

John V. Beltrani Golf Classic

Monday, October 22nd 2018 at The Bellport Golf Club

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East End Disability Associates (EEDA) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides supports and services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

EEDA's Mission Statement: "Your Challenge... Our Commitment. Dedicated to creating practical solutions and providing innovative supports to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities on the East End of Long Island."

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