

## A Message from our CEO

I wanted to provide you with an update on where things stand at The Summit Center as we begin week eight of the closure of our school, Summit Academy, as well as most of our programs. I also want to inform you about some important actions we are taking to preserve our financial health.

### First, the good news:

- **Summit Academy staff** continue to provide support to students at home through phone/video calls. In addition, we are providing SEIT, OT/PT and Speech via tele-therapy to more than 100 students who have those services included on their IEPs. We are also regularly adding new resources to our website to help support learning at home.
- **Providers in our Community Services Division** continue to support families by delivering groceries for parents who are unable to get to the store. They are also staying in touch with program participants and offering fun activities including "virtual talent shows" to keep them engaged. We are also providing packets of activities for individuals to complete at home, maintaining regular contact with participants and their families via telephone or Facetime and regularly adding resources to our website, including videos illustrating things that people can do while at home.
- **Psychologists in our Behavioral Pediatrics Clinic and care managers in our Health Homes program** continue to offer services to clients via telehealth. Many of those clients struggle with anxiety and depression and these services are more critical than ever right now.
- **Our on-site day care center, Discovery Kids**, continues to provide care to children of essential business workers in our community including first responders.
- **As you may know, we've made the decision to convert our annual Autism Walk**, scheduled for April 25, to a virtual event with activities happening June 1 - 6. Additional information is available on our event website at [www.SummitWalk.org](http://www.SummitWalk.org). Your support has never been more critical than it is right now, and I hope we can count on you.

To read the rest of my letter, please visit our Resource page at [www.TheSummitCenter.org](http://www.TheSummitCenter.org).

Sincerely,



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# We're Here For You!



**Discovery Kids Learning Center** has remained open through the pandemic providing child care for workers who are deemed "essential." Here are just a few of them with an important message for our community.



**Summit Academy** student Teddy has been doing a wonderful job learning from home! In addition to completing his online assignments, he also requested to learn more about geography and enjoys learning by phone with his teacher!



Cayden, a student in our **Early Autism Program**, has responded wonderfully to our tele-health services. He's been working with his teacher Ms. Jessica on mini circle time, crafts and even baking with the help of his mom!



Melanie has been working with **Summit Academy staff** and is thriving learning from home! Check out her beautiful "Yo Gabba Gabba" chalk artwork! She's also been practicing her basketball and exercising skills.



The **Building Friendships Friday (BFFs)** Virtual Talent Show was a success! Talents included: DJ-ing, guitar playing, dancing, stand-up comedy, and singing. We have such a talented group of individuals at Summit!



# Resources For You!

## ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

### RESOURCES:

- **TEMPORARY AID TO NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF):** 716-858-8000; NO IN-PERSON INTERVIEW REQUIRED; INTERVIEWS DONE OVER THE PHONE
- **SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP):** 716-858-7239; [MYBENEFITS.NY.GOV](http://MYBENEFITS.NY.GOV)
- **HEAP:** 716-858-7644; [MYBENEFITS.NY.GOV](http://MYBENEFITS.NY.GOV)
- **MEDICAID:** 716-858-6244
- **FOSTER CARE:** 716-858-7274
- **YOUTH SERVICES:** 716-923-4000
- **CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES (TO MAKE A REPORT):** 1-800-342-3720
- **ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES:** 716-858-6877
- **ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES:** 716-858-8000; [WWW.ERIE.GOV/SOCIALSERVICES](http://WWW.ERIE.GOV/SOCIALSERVICES)



## Videos From Summit Staff



### Reading

Mr. Kenny Reads "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie"

Ms. Marie Reads "Frog on a Log"

### Creative Arts

Earth Day Craft

Create a Rainbow Project!

Make a Paper Flower

### Fitness

Fun Movement Warm-ups

15 Minute Workout

Movement Games with Mr. Vinny

### CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)



**You can help prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses with these actions:**

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose & mouth.
- Practice social distancing by putting space between yourself & others.
- Wash hands often with soap & water for at least 20 seconds.

[cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://cdc.gov/coronavirus)

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View Additional Resources at [www.TheSummitCenter.org](http://www.TheSummitCenter.org)

Pro Tips: For Parents/Caregivers as they Support Teaching Their Child at Home During COVID-19

The Summit Center Yoga Flow Online Learning 2020 with Ms. Rachel

Free Online Trainings



# THE SUMMIT CENTER'S VIRTUAL AUTISM WALK



Presented by West Herr Automotive Group



Who is your **1 in 54**?

Join us in walking for 54 minutes in honor of the  
1 in 54 children affected by autism.

Complete your walk all at once or throughout the week.  
Walk alone or with your family and friends.

Support autism and The Summit Center in  
your own creative way!

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**June 1st - June 6th**

Walk in your neighborhood,  
a nearby park, on your treadmill or  
anywhere you can!



*"We may be separated geographically, but we are joined together by  
our love and respect for someone with autism".*

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- Go to [SummitWalk.org](http://SummitWalk.org)
- Click "Register"
- Follow steps to sign up
- Start fundraising!



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## Join Virtual Autism Walk Facebook Group!

Although we are physically apart, we want everyone to stay connected. After all, we are bonded by our love for Summit and our desire to see people with autism thrive.

So we've set up a Facebook group! Please join by clicking [here](#)!

You'll be joining a community of other dedicated walkers committed to supporting Summit's mission. We hope you'll share your photos, videos, stories, and connect with other walkers here. We'll also host weekly discussions and challenges



Visit Our Website: [www.TheSummitCenter.org](http://www.TheSummitCenter.org)



With a staff of 500 professionals and expertise in autism and social/emotional development, The Summit Center is Western New York's leading provider of evidence-based educational, behavioral health, adult, and community programs to 1,350 children and adults each year with developmental, social, and behavioral challenges.