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Success can be measured in many ways. At Inglis we measure our success by how well we are able to help individuals with disabilities become as independent as possible, and how well we have planned for the future to continue removing barriers affecting them.



This issue of *Image* focuses on both of these topics. We highlight the new Inglis Innovation Center, which opened last month, designed to bring our programs and services to more people living in the community. We focus on what independence means to different people. And we take a look at how, through our five-year Strategic Plan, we will maintain our vision and strengthen our ability to support our mission into the future.

Our Strategic Plan will guide us in our role as a leader in serving the disability community as we continue to grow and develop. The plan speaks to our goals to reach more people living independently so they have access to services they need to live the lives they choose. We will also share our expertise to enhance awareness of how person-centered care and adapted technology is used to benefit those living in the community and in Inglis House.

By enhancing our visibility, forming alliances and expanding services along the continuum, we will continue to innovate, grow in a financially-responsible manner, and further redefine ability and independence for the people we serve for many years to come.

A summary of our Strategic Plan may be found in the center of this issue. We hope you will take the time to learn more about our plans and vision for the next five years.

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Friends, members of the Inglis Board of Directors, staff, and collaborators along with PA State Senator Vincent Hughes and Deputy Secretary, PA Department of Human Services Kevin Hancock, gathered for the Inglis Innovation Center ribbon-cutting ceremony on December 17, 2019.

Inglis enables people with disabilities – and those who care for them – to achieve their goals and live life to the fullest. As such, Inglis welcomes great people in all our programs and employment opportunities, without regard to disability, race, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, military service, marital status, or any other characteristics, as protected by law. We encourage all people with disabilities who may benefit from our programs and services to apply for participation; and equally hope those who meet job criteria, including veterans and the long-term unemployed, apply for our employment opportunities.

Planning for our future

It has been a year of looking inward as we seek to strengthen our impact and push the boundaries of independence moving forward.



While independence means something different to each of us, we all yearn for it in one way or another. To get there takes planning, practice and often failures that make us work harder — or differently — to accomplish our goals.

For Inglis, independence means many things. It means the ability to help those we work with accomplish their goals, whatever those goals may be. It also means ensuring Inglis remains strong and relevant as the landscape of health care changes.

We have taken a large step toward both with the opening of the Inglis Innovation Center. While the Center is Inglis' second campus, it is the first site exclusively dedicated to those individuals with disabilities living in the community — a hub for people to participate in services ranging from adapted technology to peer support to employment services.

Our day program, now called *Inglis Connections*, has been enhanced to provide much-needed amenities for individuals living independently, such as accessible bathing facilities with ceiling lifts, and additional nursing services. We have also added an Adapted Technology Research and Development (R&D) Lab designed to forge partnerships and expand possibilities. And we seek to ensure that those who need support navigating a mental health challenge receive it through Inglis Journeys, our mobile certified peer specialist program.

As you read through this issue of *Image* and review our five-year Strategic Plan, outlined in the center insert, I hope you will gain a clearer picture of what independence means to us and how we will work to ensure Inglis remains present and constant, while at the same time enhancing our agility and capacity to serve people with disabilities for years to come.

Best wishes to you and yours this new year.

Sincerely,



Dyann M. Roth
President & CEO

Meet Ben Laudermilch

Ben Laudermilch Joins Inglis as Head of Inglis Housing Corporation

Inglis is pleased to announce that **Ben Laudermilch** has joined the organization as a Vice President of Inglis and Executive Director of Inglis Housing Corporation. Ben oversees all of Inglis' efforts in developing and managing independent living apartments for people with disabilities. He succeeds Kevin Kelly who retired in December after nine years of service with Inglis.

"We are so pleased to welcome Ben," said **Dyann Roth**, Inglis President & CEO. "His wealth of experience in the area of housing coupled with his commitment and passion to serve this population makes him a valued addition to Inglis."

Ben served as the Executive Housing Director for the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services overseeing housing initiatives across the Commonwealth. Most recently, Ben was the Housing Director for the Department of Corrections, focusing on developing housing opportunities for re-entering Pennsylvanians. He also worked for nearly a decade for the Cumberland County Housing and Redevelopment Authorities in various roles, including Executive Director of both.

"Housing has been the common thread in my work," said Ben. "I found a real connection, in various communities and across the commonwealth, helping to build strategies to increase housing opportunities for underserved populations including people with disabilities. That is what drew me to Inglis — they have a great track record. Their newest project, Inglis Methodist Gardens, includes a \$4 million leadership gift by

Aetna Better Health of Pennsylvania — that's an indicator that they are doing things differently. I look forward to that kind of thinking," he said.

Jim Logue, Chair of Inglis' Board of Directors added "Inglis has been committed to developing accessible, affordable housing for people with disabilities for more than four decades. Having Ben join the team will help Inglis build on our strong foundation in affordable housing and strengthen our commitment to this important work."

Ben said he is looking forward to helping individuals with disabilities to have access to the housing they need to live as independently as possible.

"I am excited to work with Dyann, the Board and the whole Inglis team to continue their great history in supporting people with disabilities to live as independently as possible — to live how they choose," said Ben.

Now the largest private developer of accessible, affordable housing in the region, Inglis has been creating housing communities since 1974, and today owns and/or manages nearly 400 units throughout Philadelphia and South Jersey.



Residents of Inglis Gardens at Evesham Get Sidewalk Extension

It took **Josephine D'Antonio** more than a decade, but her steady advocacy on behalf of herself and other residents of Inglis Gardens at Evesham has resulted in the allocation of \$275,000 of New Jersey Transportation Trust Funds to add nearly 600 feet of sidewalk for individuals with disabilities to safely navigate from their apartments into town.

Inglis Gardens at Evesham, which has 16 fully accessible apartments, opened in 2003. It is located in a wooded, residential area on the edge of the Evesboro-Medford Road in Evesham Township, NJ. Inglis installed sidewalks along the property line, but the road leading into town is heavily congested and has patches where there are no sidewalks.

"My neighbor has to walk along the road and cross the street twice, and I worry about him," she said. "I have always been an

advocate, especially for people with disabilities."

The new sidewalk will fully connect residents to the shops and needed resources without putting their safety at risk.

"The residents of Inglis Gardens want nothing more than the same independence and safety afforded to every other resident of Evesham Township," **Mayor Jaclyn Veasy** said. "We're thankful to the Department of Transportation for approving our grant request and helping the township complete this meaningful project."

For Josephine, the sidewalk extension shows that "if you are persistent enough, and polite enough, and don't give up, the right person will hear you and things will get done."



Inglis House PEERs Advocate, Educate & Support

Learning how to self-advocate is an important part of being independent. The Pennsylvania Empowered Expert Residents (PEER) Program educates residents of long-term care communities so they can advocate for themselves and others. Inglis' Resident PEER program, started in 2010, is the largest in the Philadelphia Region and has helped shape other programs in the area.

"The PEER Program at Inglis continues to be innovative in the way they try to problem solve," said **Jessica Hartfield**, Ombudsman coordinator for the Center for Advocacy for the Rights and Interests of the Elderly. "The things Inglis implements are often replicated at other places."

Resident PEERs at Inglis House help newcomers acclimate to their new home and provide advice and insight. They listen when individuals are struggling, provide guidance and help others advocate for themselves. They push for more staff when they feel it's needed and press for changes in areas ranging from the daily menu to Inglis House policies.

Mary Czyzyk, Inglis PEER Program President, said her goal is to listen so that she understands and can then help the individual find a resolution.

"I am not there to resolve, but to engage, assist and help them to find a way to resolve whatever is bothering them," she said. "I'll take them to a life leader, a clinical leader and, if necessary, I will go higher. Whatever helps them to resolve their situation."

When **Lisa Evans** was feeling down, she shared that PEER **Ty Klug** helped her refocus. "He told me that for everything I don't like I should try to find something I do, and to concentrate on that," she said. "It worked, I feel better."

Georgina Minter has been a PEER since the program was introduced. "It has allowed me to share my experiences," she said. "It made me grow up and speak up. I learned how to help others and that includes staff as well as residents."

A Volunteer with a 'Listening Ear'

Janet Levit drove past Inglis House daily but never thought much about it until she retired. Then, on a whim, she stopped and visited with Volunteer Coordinator **Patti Veltri**. Since that day about four years ago, Janet has been a steady support to residents who look forward to her weekly visits. A retired social worker, Janet has befriended residents who are less active and need a compassionate listener.

"She does a lot of room visits with people who need more emotional support and she provides them with something to look forward to each week," said Patti. "She understands Inglis and is a constant source of support for the people she visits. She's just great."

For Janet, spending time at Inglis House is an opportunity to share her knowledge and to be inspired by the positive people she meets.

"I think the stuff that goes on here is amazing," said Janet. "Residents are active. The staff is great — there's so much sensitivity and an appreciation for each individual. I really do enjoy the visits and get a lot from coming here."



The Inglis Innovation Center is now open!

From concept to implementation, the Inglis Innovation Center has been a labor of collaboration and love. The Innovation Center is Inglis' second campus, created to serve individuals who live independently in the community. All our community-based programs and services will be housed in the Center to allow individuals we serve to have access to what they need to live the life they want, the way they want. We look forward to reaching more people living in the community.

The Center's ribbon-cutting was attended by program participants, Inglis board members, staff and state officials. **Kevin Hancock, Deputy Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, Office of Long-Term Living** who read a proclamation from Governor Tom Wolf, and **State Senator Vincent Hughes** both spoke about Inglis' history of leading the way for better access for individuals with disabilities. "The Inglis Innovation Center will be the anchor for the community-based services and supports for people with disabilities in the area and will enable so many to live more independently," said Senator Hughes. "It's a great example of how things can be done and should be done."



Inglis House's Social Services Team



The social work team (from left to right): Jenna Elkan, LSW (Social Services Lead), Jackie DellaVecchio, MSW (Social Services Coordinator, 2nd floor), Alice Muludiang, MSW (Social Services Coordinator, 1st floor), Anna Shore (Social Services Coordinator, 3rd floor), Dr. Elly Engel (Psychotherapist).

For **Maria Fritzsche**, a recent resident of Inglis House, having a Social Services Team has eased her anxiety as she settles into her new life.

One of the things that makes Inglis House unique is its full-time Social Services Team, a group of professionals who are ready to provide emotional and practical support to residents as they work to live as independently as possible in a long-term care setting. Helmed by Social Services Lead **Jenna Elkan, LSW**, the team includes a full-time social services coordinator for each floor and a full-time therapist for Inglis House residents, **Dr. Elly Engel, EdD, LCSW, ACSW, QCSW**. Elly provides therapy to residents, helping them identify potential solutions to problems that cause emotional turmoil, as well as promoting behavior change and optimal mental health.

"Sometimes I feel anxious," said Maria, "and being able to talk to Dr. Elly or one of the social service coordinators has really helped. There is a focus on

my mental health, which I need extra support with, and Dr. Elly checks in with me once a week. She makes me feel comfortable and is open to talk about challenging topics, like trauma." While Dr. Elly delivers therapy sessions, the social service coordinators provide a variety of additional services meant to enhance a resident's psychosocial experience while living at Inglis House. Every three months residents have a "Plan of Care Conference" during which they meet with their interdisciplinary care team — including their social service coordinator, recreational therapist, life leader, clinical leader, dietitian and family members — to assess their well-being and ensure they are on track to achieving their goals and living well-rounded lives. The Social Service Team also guides residents in the practical pieces of life, including financial planning, accessing benefits, and working with legal services.

The team also works hard to help residents who wish to transition to live independently in the community. In her four years at Inglis, Jenna has been part of a team that has assisted approximately 40 residents in reaching their goal of moving out of Inglis House and into the community.

Jenna and her team work closely with Therapeutic Recreation, Adapted Technology, and the Neighborhood Life Leaders to form the "Quality of Life Team" that builds solutions for residents.

"The Social Services team at Inglis connects residents with the resources they need to live fulfilling and autonomous lives," said Jenna. "At the core, being part of the social services team at Inglis means persistent advocacy for the people we work with; forming strong relationships with residents, families, staff, and community entities; and helping individuals identify and start conversations about the things they value and their goals."

Innovation Center Opening (opposite page)

Top Row - (l. to r.) Former Inglis Board Member, Alysse Einbender, Tom Quinn, President, HMS School for Children with Cerebral Palsy, and Marie Logue, Co-Chair of Inglis' Annual Golf Outing & President of the Board of the HMS School; Inglis Board Members Karen Thomas & Ellen Pulver Flatt, Linda Litton, resident of Inglis House and Vice-Chair, PA Dept. of Human Services Subcommittee on Managed Long-Term Services & Supports; Jeremy Boothe, AT Therapist shows Inglis Housing Corporation Director, Christine Lacy, the new AT Computer Lab

Middle Row - (l. to r.) Scott Dalinka, Flatiron President, Robert Watson, Inglis Manager of Engineering Services; Participants in Inglis' Connections Day Program using the AT Stations in the new Connections space; Kevin Hancock, Deputy Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, Office of Long-Term Living reading the Governor's Proclamation.

Bottom Row - (l. to r.) Jeremy Boothe talks with Charles Horton, Inglis Senior Director for Advocacy & Inclusion; Anita Weinberg, Inglis Board member, Ben Laudermilch, Inglis VP & ED, Inglis Housing Corp., Meredith Waldron, Inglis Senior Director of Development, talk with Walter Proschinger, resident of Inglis Gardens at Belmont and potential participant in the Innovation Center's programming.

Celebrating & Underst

Independence means different things to different people. That's why Inglis focuses on working with individuals along the continuum of care to help maintain their independence as their abilities change and their lives shift. That shift may mean they have moved into Inglis House after a stroke causing paralysis because they want to re-learn skills needed to eventually live in their own apartment. Or they may need assistance to continue working as their illness advances and their abilities shift. It may also mean that prior to connecting to Inglis they could not use a computer and now, with adapted technology

and Inglis' support, they are connected to the world around them. Or it may simply mean being able to do what they want, when and how they want.

As we celebrate the recent opening of the Inglis Innovation Center and our ability to reach more people living in the community, we want to pause and reflect on what Inglis is about — the whole organization — providing individuals with the opportunity to live as independently as possible, however they choose to define it.

What is independence?



Eric Strouse

A strong voice is the key to everything for Eric Strouse. For Eric, who is 62 and has MS and quadriplegia, maximizing his voice enables him to control the television and radio, surf the internet and manage emails.

"I require assistance for everything from getting dressed to scratching my nose," he said. "Independence for me means not having to rely on others to accomplish everyday tasks — tasks as basic as turning on and off the television, making phone calls on my own, and using my computer. Being a quadriplegic and needing complete support for activities of daily living from my aides means that anything I can do without assistance is a step toward being 'normal!'"

Eric is currently working towards using his voice to make and receive phone

calls, so that he doesn't have to rely on others to hold the phone or dial a number. Inglis' Adapted Technology department is working with Eric to streamline the technology he uses and adapt it when necessary.

Fred Schwartz

Fred Schwartz lives life to the fullest. He skydives to raise money for the National MS Society. He works as a tax preparer, even if he has to do it from his bed. And he uses technology to accomplish as much as possible on his own. "To me, independence means not having to ask others for help doing something, and not having to wait for their help before I can do it."

His hard work has helped him to accomplish something he didn't think was possible: the chance to stand again. He recently purchased a standing wheelchair. "I can finally look someone in the eye when we talk," he said.

"Independence is being in my son's life and being able to be a positive influence on him however I can."

David Kline,
resident of Inglis House

Dumyra Nelson

Dumyra Nelson loves to socialize and attends Inglis Connections day program daily. She works to learn new things, such as cooking, so she can be more self-sufficient. Dumyra says her independence is "my wheelchair and doing things on my own. It took me 25 years, but I have a transit pass and can come to Connections on my own. Independence means I can do some things without people helping me."



anding Independence



“Independence is hard, living on your own you have to make sure you take care of everything before you leave the apartment. I look out for my wife, I look out for my neighbor. I make sure we have the right aides to help us in our apartment. That’s what independence looks like for me.”

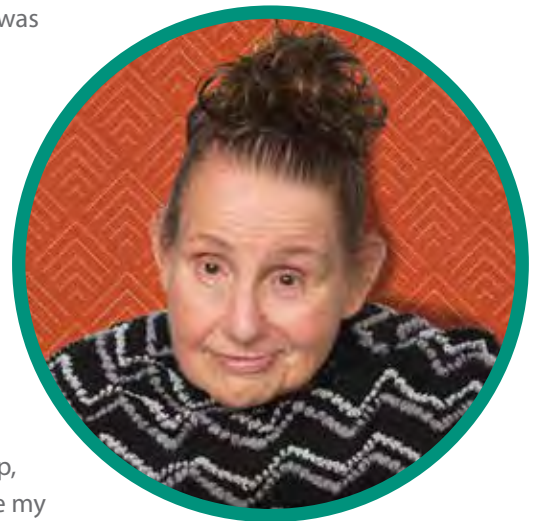
Sevell Lincoln,
resident of Morris-Klein Apartments

Melanie Wilkins

When Melanie Wilkins was 46, she had a massive brainstem stroke that left her quadriplegic and unable to use her voice. Melanie said, for her, the first step was learning how to use a mouth stick.

“My mouth stick is necessary for my independence,” she said. “I started using one when I resided at my house on Adams Ave. Now that I am at Inglis, my mouth stick has been upgraded. Diane Windle, my therapist, has introduced me to a mouth stick stylus, a mouth stick for holding paintbrushes. I now turn pages in a magazine. I work my TV and bed remotes. I would be lost without my mouth stick.

“Another thing that is very important to me is the computer. I knew nothing before I came here. Now I’ve learned to use new technology and I use Tobii Eye Gaze daily. Learning this equipment has enabled me to expand my horizon. I explore the computer with my eyes. Using my eyes I email, shop, use Facebook, read books, etc. The computer and mouth stick have given me my independence back.” Because of Melanie’s tenacity and commitment to making her voice heard through adapted technology, Inglis selected her to be the first recipient of its Pioneer Award.



“Independence to me is being able to make my own decisions. Having choices and being a part of what happens in my life. Also letting those of us who were not born disabled but became disabled know that this is just the beginning of a new era of their life and not to let anyone dictate how they’re going to live their life.”

Virginia Simmons,
resident of Inglis Gardens at Elmwood

Adapted Technology at the Innovation Center

As Inglis works to increase its reach and provide services to more people living independently, some of our current programs and services offered are expanding to meet the need. For more than 30 years, Inglis has been a thought leader in Adapted Technology services — supporting the residents of Inglis House with assessments, training and opportunities to use computers and technology to achieve the goals they set for themselves. Now, with the new Inglis Innovation Center, our three decades of experience can be more fully applied to those living independently in the community as well.

The Innovation Center has its own Adapted Technology Suite, including a computer lab with eight fully-equipped stations for community members to use and explore their personal goals — people can visit to surf the internet, pay bills, shop online, play games and engage with family and friends through emails, social media or other communications. Additionally, we have opened an Adapted Technology Assessment Lab, provided by the **O'Neil Family**, as well as a second Research & Development (R&D) Lab.

The Adapted Technology Assessment Lab at the Center will continue the work developed at Inglis House since the inception of the AT Program and will assess individuals who live in the community to determine the technologies and software best suited to help them. The program is unique in its approach. Training is goals-based rather than curriculum-based — allowing individuals to customize their learning based on interests, not AT skills. The AT team does extensive interviews and exploration with each individual in the new Assessment Lab to develop a personalized approach for technologies, systems, and training to assure goals can be met. Once comfortable with the technologies, individuals can continue their use in the AT Computer Lab at their leisure.

The goal of the new R&D Lab is to experiment, conduct research and develop solutions that will enhance the lives of people with disabilities. It enables Inglis to test technologies to determine if they are a good fit for those we serve. It is similar to the smaller R&D Lab that remains in Inglis House but is dedicated to individuals living in the community. “The R&D Lab is a resource hub for people in the disability community” says **Charles Sammartino**, Adapted Technology Research Coordinator. “It is a space meant for creation and collaboration.”

The new R&D Lab features three new 3D printers, including one that uses a method called stereolithography — which builds the 3D objects using a laser beam applied to a liquid polymer. “Stereolithography is really exciting because it opens the door to more advanced and higher quality products to be created,” said Charles. “With the R&D Lab the possibilities are limitless. The individuals in the community who use the space have the power to dictate what it is now and what it will become in the future.”



Visitors learn about adapted technology in the Computer Lab (top). The AT team shows off the new R&D Lab at the Innovation Center (bottom).



Connections Fundraising Committee

Inglis Connections, our day program with enhanced services, is always looking for ways to strengthen the abilities of participants. Recently, some participants expressed interest in creating a committee to raise funds so they could decide how to use them. Committee members from left to right: **Akira James, Taliba Headen, Deborah Faulk, Eileen Wells-Bennett and Raymond Canalas** (missing, **Carol Ballard**). They said being part of the committee helps them to become more independent by:

Carol

- Voicing my opinion to a group
- Working on skills such as planning, creativity, and communication



Eileen

- Making decisions
- Contributing to the group
- Improving my teamwork skills



Akira

- Socializing with other peers
- Being confident
- Learning to be on time for deadlines



Debbie

- Making me be more responsible when taking up a role, such as being the cashier at a bake sale
- Being able to communicate with my group in a respectful manner
- Helping with my memory



Talibah

- Improving interpersonal skills when listening to other opinions
- Making me more comfortable with verbalizing my thoughts without holding back
- Helping me to build ideas and thoughts that contribute to the group



Raymond

- Improving my memory
- Improving my math skills and money management
- Communicating with the Inglis staff and my group in a friendly manner
- Offering help and asking for help



Problem Solvers, Innovators and Influencers — Inglis Staff Making Headlines

For nearly a century and a half, Inglis has been at the forefront of care and support for people with physical disabilities. As thought leaders, Inglis staff often participate in regional and national associations and conferences to share best practices, key learnings and insights, to create opportunities for partnerships and collaborations, and to learn from others.

Inglis staff have participated at conferences on such topics as adapted technology and the innovative Inglis Journeys program, among others, but they have also been recognized for their knowledge and leadership in the disability services community. Here's a summary of some of our team's recent opportunities and honors.

Honors

Nicole Pruitt, Director of the Inglis Innovation Center, was elected to The National Adult Day Services Association (NADSA) Board of Directors in October. NADSA is the leading voice of the adult day services (ADS) sector and the national focal point for ADS providers. The organization draws outstanding leadership from across the United States and it is a great honor that Nicole and Inglis have been included. Nicole is also currently an elected officer on the Pennsylvania Adult Day Services Association Board and will continue the role for her final two-year term beginning in April.

Inglis Care Manager **Jennifer Schwartz** was honored by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society as 2019 Healthcare Professional of the Year. The award is presented to an individual who is involved in the delivery of healthcare or medical solutions while affecting the quality of life and care of people with MS. Through Inglis' long-standing partnership with the Jefferson Comprehensive Multiple Sclerosis Center and the Greater Delaware Valley Chapter of the National MS Society (*their president, Kevin Moffitt presented the award to Jennifer*), the Care Management team helps individuals find the necessary supports and services as their needs change. Jennifer has worked on the Care Management team for 12 years and has helped hundreds of people during her time at Inglis.

Jae Lee, Recreational Therapist, has been honored with the "Excellence in Therapeutic Recreation" at the New Jersey/Eastern PA Therapeutic Recreation Association (NJEP-TRA) Annual Conference in November 2019. The award is given to someone who has "demonstrated outstanding service to the field." She was nominated not only for her more than 30 year commitment to therapeutic recreation, but also her unwavering commitment to student mentorship. Over the years Jae has supervised dozens of interns and provided a quality experience every time.



Influencers

This past October, members of the Adapted Technology (AT) team moderated a panel at the B.PHL Innovation Fest, a city-wide conference on innovation. They presented on how Inglis uses high- and low-tech solutions and 3D printing in a unique way to promote independence and help individuals with disabilities accomplish goals. Included on the panel were **Arman Rowshan**, Business Development Specialist; **Jeremy Boothe**, AT Therapist in Community-Based Services; **Katie Griffith**, AT Therapist; and **Charles Sammartino**, AT Research Coordinator. Arman and **Quaron Rowe**, Adapted Technology Specialist, also hosted a 60-minute interactive session on smartphone accessibility on both Android and iOS platforms.

In November, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives **Theresa Jenkinson**, along with Director of Adapted Technology **Michael Strawbridge** and Director of Care Management and Behavioral Health **Maria Bell**, led a session on Inglis Journeys, our mobile certified peer specialist program, at the National Center for Complex Health and Social Needs conference in Memphis, Tennessee. At the session titled, "Technology-Enhanced Peer Support for People with Disabilities," **Michelle Pfeffer**, a Resident Services Coordinator at Inglis, joined the panel virtually to discuss her physical disability and mental health needs, and how Inglis Journeys and technology-enhanced peer support will benefit individuals living with physical disabilities. Michelle also recently became a Certified Peer Specialist.



The Band With No Name But all the Heart

*Inglis House is full of talented, creative musicians and artists who often get together to collaborate and have fun. Recently, the "Band with No Name" (an homage to the song "Horse with No Name" by the band, America) made its debut appearance at the fall concert at Inglis House. Band members are from left to right: **Dan Culver** on Guitar; **Kevin Ryan** on Vocals (red Hat); **Chris Hinchey** (Piano); and **Keith Crass** on Drums. Also pictured is Music Therapist **Steve Cozzolino**, Music Therapy Intern **Naomi Thompson**, and **Dan McGowen**, guitar, piano & drum instructor.*



(l. to r.) Jim Logue, Inglis Board Chair; Jamie and Joyce O'Neil, donors; Dyann Roth, Inglis President & CEO; Michael Strawbridge, Director of Adapted Technology at the opening of the Adapted Technology Assessment Lab at the Inglis Innovation Center.

Joyce and Jamie O'Neil: A Family's Investment in Innovation

In this issue of *Image*, we highlight **Joyce and Jamie O'Neil**, who for the past nine years have quietly and generously supported Inglis in important ways. They contribute to the Ability Fund (the annual fund of the Inglis Community), support our holiday gift drive to ensure residents receive a gift during the holidays and support the annual Golf Outing each year. Jamie is also on our Board of Directors and helps guide the organization as it expands to reach more people living in the community. Most recently the O'Neil Family provided the funding for the Adapted Technology Assessment Lab at the new Inglis Innovation Center.

Jamie says Inglis is special to them because of our person-centered approach to finding ways to help people live as independently as possible. The couple chose to provide the AT Assessment Lab at the new Innovation Center because they have confidence in Dyann Roth's leadership, and strongly believe that helping individuals enhance their understanding about technology is crucial.

"Technology can change the life of someone with a disability," Jamie said. "I appreciate the idea of the Assessment Lab. I work in finance and have several screens in front of me all day long, but I am not very good with technology. If I have a problem, I call someone to help. I personally connect with the need for technology and, most importantly, the need for the right team to help teach it and support its ongoing use."

The Assessment Lab team will evaluate the ability of an individual, discuss what goals they want to accomplish and find technology to help bridge any gaps. They will also help people to learn how to use different technologies to enhance their independence.

"Inglis is always looking for ways to improve the quality of life for individuals with disabilities and I hope the AT Assessment Lab will provide important insight about technology," Jamie said.

Inglis is incredibly grateful to the O'Neil Family for this leadership gift and their support of the Inglis Innovation Center!

A Tribute to Ann Fussell Schellenger

Inglis celebrates the life of **Ann Fussell Schellenger**, who passed away on September 29, 2019. For four decades, Inglis was lucky to have Ann as a friend, Board Member, volunteer, and passionate supporter. She was committed — with both her time and resources — in making a difference for the people we serve.



Witnessing the challenges her sister experienced as a wheelchair user, Ann began a decades-long commitment to advocate and care for those with disabilities. At Inglis House, she was an active member of many committees, joining the Inglis Board of Directors in 1981. She became Board Chair from 1990-1996, and Trustee of the Foundation and Chair of the Nominating Committee. Ann was also generous with her time to new board members and guided them as they began their journey with Inglis.

"Mrs. Schellenger was a mentor to me as a new Board Chair," said **Lauren DeBruicker**, who was the Inglis Board Chair from 2013 to 2019. "She had a deep knowledge of Inglis' history, and both a dedicated interest in and great hope for its future. I am grateful to her for so generously sharing her time and wisdom with me, and for her lifelong contributions to Inglis."

Ann's legacy at Inglis can be seen in so much of what we do today. She oversaw the expansion of rehabilitation services and the construction of our Therapy Building. She helped expand community-based programs, including the creation of the Inglis Day Program, now called Connections, which provides stimulating social, educational, therapeutic and wellness programs. Ann also generously supported major renovations at Inglis House, helping to replace elevators to ensure access for our residents and was a member of the Annie Inglis Society, which honors those who include Inglis in their estate plans.

The Harvest Ball



The Harvest Ball is always a special event at Inglis House. Residents choose outfits weeks in advance & Inglis Staff make sure everything is perfect. The day of the Ball is filled with a flurry of activity as residents get ready. Thanks to everyone who helped make this year's Harvest Ball perfect.



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