



Coming Soon: Phase Two!

Music and Performing Arts

Many GEC participants have unique talents and abilities. Every artist seeks to improve skills and to find venues to perform, and GEC's participants are no different. Our Music and Performing Arts program will encourage our artists to hone their skills and reach new audiences!

New Work Opportunities

Community work sites have already been established and new opportunities are in development. Our new location offers exciting new possibilities to reach out into the world of volunteerism and work!

Independent Living Options

The four apartments above our new program will be developed to accommodate up to eight individuals, providing a safe, supervised living environment that will encourage independence and growth. Privacy, security and comfort are primary concerns in all GEC residential offerings and this will be ensured by the design of the apartments and the individualized oversight we provide.



At GEC, our mission is to help children and adults living with developmental disabilities lead dignified and satisfying lives, reaching their fullest potential and assisting families in every step of their journey.

- I would like to support GEC's Mission with my contribution of \$ _____
- I would like to sponsor a Naming Opportunity.

Benefactor Naming Opportunities

Benefactors will be indicated on a plaque in the specified area and contacted re: the inscription. If you have formed a group to sponsor a Benefactor "Naming Opportunity", please call the Development Office at 718-833-6633 x228 to make the necessary arrangements.

I would like my donation of \$ _____ to be designated for the area checked:

- Computer Center (\$50,000)
- Culinary Arts Center (\$30,000)
- Learning Lab (\$25,000)
- Lounge/Activity Center (\$20,000)
- Art Center (\$20,000)
- Garden Area (\$20,000)
- Conference/Serenity Room (\$15,000)
- Reception (\$15,000)

Patron Naming Opportunity

Patrons will be listed on a plaque in the entrance

- Patron (\$1,000)

Please Print

Name: _____ Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: (Home) _____ (Work) _____ (Cell) _____

Email: _____

- Enclosed is my tax-deductible donation of \$ _____

(Kindly make your check payable to the GEC Building Fund)

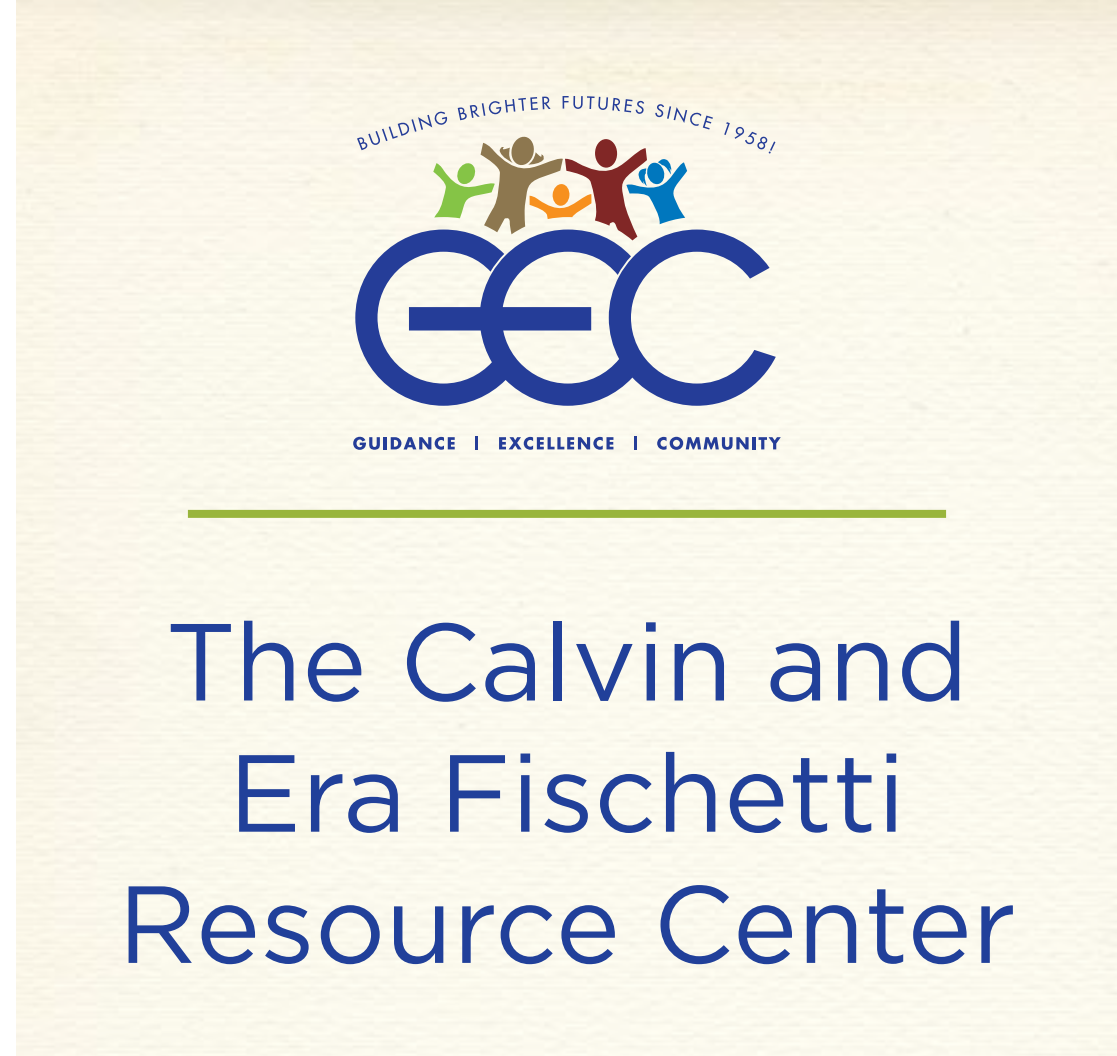
- Please charge my donation of \$ _____ to Visa Mastercard AmEx Discover

Name as it appears on card: _____ Card No: _____

Security Code: _____ Zip Code: _____

Signature: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Gift in Honor of: _____ In Memory of: _____



A State-of-the-Art Facility

GEC's newest day program opened its doors in February 2013. The Calvin and Era Fischetti Resource Center is located in Marine Park on Quentin Road, and offers adults with intellectual disabilities the opportunity to participate in a comprehensive and life-enhancing program.

The center offers a variety of activities that are aimed at enhancing existing abilities, developing new skills, and socializing with friends in a beautiful, modern facility and under the supervision of trained staff. The program emphasizes the creative arts and also includes a learning lab and culinary center.



Working Together to Gain Independence

The Calvin and Era Fischetti Resource Center has been designed in response to the many things that we have learned after providing day services for over five decades. The philosophy is of course based on a person-centered approach; each person is acknowledged as an individual with distinct inclinations, capabilities, strengths and life goals. The plan is designed to hone each person's capabilities and promote greater independence with less supervision.

During the program day, individuals have the opportunity to work on culinary skills, independence in traveling in the community, participation in community work sites, recreation, dance and exercise, and computer and academic skills. During the course of the week, there are also recreational outings to a wide variety of cultural and community events. Individuals enjoy the opportunity to go to Aviator sports complex, museums, parks, shopping centers, restaurants, community events, movies, baseball games and other worthwhile destinations.

Mastering Meal Preparation

Some clinical and small group activities involve assisting individuals in the development of interpersonal and social skills. Many of the individuals have been working with staff on developing culinary skills and a popular program has been the development of a lunch program which is planned and prepared with the support of staff on a regular basis.

Many skills are developed during the culinary process and to name a few: planning a nutritious meal, developing a list while considering pricing and budget, shopping and chopping as well as measuring. And, of course, the actual preparation, serving and enjoyment of a communal meal.

The garden is beginning to grow, thanks to the program staff and individuals who have planted many lovely seasonal flowers. Hopefully the basketball playing occurring in the yard won't interfere too much in the growth of the garden.

A Hi-Tech Learning Lab and Crafts Center

Individuals have regular opportunities to work on academic skills with the support and assistance of the staff. They are encouraged to hone their computer skills with touch screen computers and to further their academic and other skills with the use of the smart board. Many of the individuals already have good computer skills and have been enjoying the technology available at our brand-new resource center.

Many beautiful works of art are being created by our talented group; some of which are on display in the program and they have also begun working on group art and creative arts activities.



Opportunities Abound: From Team Sports to Work Skills

The group enjoys sports activities at Aviator Sports Complex twice a month. There they have the opportunity to engage in aerobic exercise and team sports which has helped to team build this diverse group of people who have come from different GEC programs as well as being very new to our agency.

Some individuals have expressed interest in being able to work gainfully in the community; the program is assisting them with enhancing work skills in order to begin to work on their own a couple of days for some and perhaps full time which may be a longer term objective for several people. GEC staff are assisting along the way with encouraging the development of those skills necessary to make the acquisition of part time or gainful employment a reality.

Individuals can opt to spend a majority of their time working in the community at a variety of worksites. Current sites include stores, a local gym, a local church, several Party City locations, Petco, Kid City, a dollar store, Kingsborough Community College.