

FY2013 Year-End Accomplishments

Our **mission** is simple:
To improve the lives of
individuals with autism
and the people who care
for them.

We accomplish this
through a variety of
programs and services,
which are offered **FREE**
of charge.



PATHFINDERS
FOR AUTISM

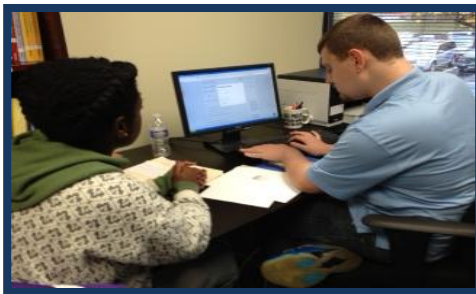
FY2013 by Numbers

- **1,109 clients** were personally served through telephone or email inquiries through the Pathfinders for Autism Resource Center.
- **5,127 individuals** were reached directly through awareness events such as resource fairs and presentations.
- **860 parents and professionals** attended **36** trainings and workshops hosted by Pathfinders. Each workshop featured experts in the field presenting on a variety of relevant topics such as: potty training, advocacy, vocational planning, special diets, the IEP process, and social skills.

Building Employment Skills at Pathfinders for Autism

This year, Pathfinders began serving as a **job training site** for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

While at Pathfinders, **students and adults learn important skills** such as data entry, database management, and office etiquette. Pathfinders works with local experts in vocational training, such as Itineris and the Forbush School, to match tasks with each trainee's **interests and skills**.



Quinn is hard at work updating our database.

Thousands Experience Free Family Fun Events

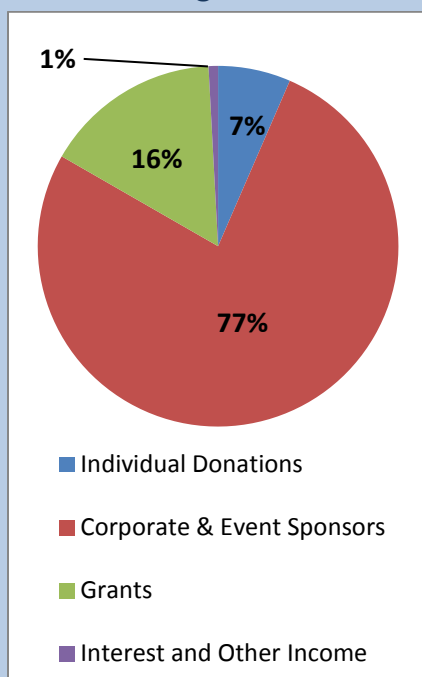


Families loved sailing on the Inner Harbor.

- Over **1,723** families attended our **Free Family Fun Events** across the state.
- We introduced our **Summer Baseball Series** where over **400** individuals cheered on the Aberdeen Ironbirds, Delmarva Shorebirds, Bowie Baysox, and Frederick Keys.
- Other events included **mini golf**, the **Downtown Sailing Center**, and the **National Aquarium in Baltimore**.



Funding Sources



First Responder Trainings Expand

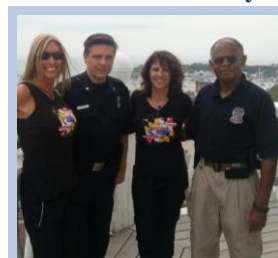
Our newly developed **safety initiatives** took hold this year, with Pathfinders for Autism conducting **autism awareness trainings** for nearly **400 emergency personnel** throughout the State, including counties such as Carroll, Anne Arundel, Worcester, and Queen Anne's. Among those trained were:

- Maryland Capitol Police
- Maryland State Police
- Emergency Medical Services
- Centreville Police Dept.

With autism training now required by the Maryland Police and Corrections Training Commission, **our program continues to be in high demand.**

"We have continued to call on [Pathfinders] for each subsequent Entry Level State Police Academy class . . . Our candidates leave . . . with a comprehensive understanding as to why this Autism training is important and how it will play into their daily work experience."

**– Sgt. Mark Rauser
Maryland State Police**



Trish and Shelly trained the **Annapolis Capitol Police**, among many others, on autism and its challenges.

What Our Families Are Saying

"Thank you so much for the aquarium tickets. We had an **awesome time and due to the expenses of my son's diet, biomedical and therapy treatments, **we would not have gone on our own** because of the cost."** – *Rebecca B.*

"Love this!!! Thank you! I just forwarded The DSM-5 and Autism to all of my autism colleagues in the Office of Special Education. A **great tool – so simple and easy to read. BRAVO!"** – *Debbie P.*

"All that I have seen so far that Pathfinders offers and puts together for the families, is **outstanding and I **applaud you for it!** Knowing that . . . we can **get help** and have our questions answered is **very comforting**."** – *Gale G.*



Nearly **1,000** participants attended our **3rd Annual Run Wild for Autism 5K** at the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore.



Pathfinders for Autism sponsored **50** of the 200 children and young adults with Autism that participated in **Surfer's Healing**.



Sponsors such as **Morgan Stanley** made some of our **Free Family Fun Events** possible.



Students learned about Autism **awareness and sensitivity** through our in-school presentations.

