



NEWSLETTER

Seeking Employment, Equality and Community
for People with Developmental Disabilities

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Learning from the challenges caused by the pandemic, SEEC developed innovative approaches this past year to ensure the people we support can work, live, and thrive! Let's dive into what made 2022 a year of learning, success, and promise for our SEEC community and everyone with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

#Live

We continued to support people living independent lives in their own homes and community. We developed a new service called "Moving Out" to empower the people we support in their decision-making process to live independently. Our direct support workforce received training to allow them to partner effectively with the people they support and increase the quality of our services. We also started an Assistive Technology pilot. SEEC's person driven tech initiative is aimed at giving people more autonomy in their lives through the use of enabling technology, such as iPads.



"Low and High Tech" training at SEEC to add assistive technologies to our services.



The first cohort of people taking part in SEEC's Moving Out program

#Work

We focused on opportunities in the job market and our local connections with the business community to find work for the people we support. Our Employment Outreach Team, job developers, job consultants, and Business Advisory Council advocated for the employment of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



Project SEARCH interns taking part in a mock interview session with volunteer professionals from the community.



SEEC's outreach team participated in a round table at the Greater Silver Spring Chamber of Commerce.

#Thrive

Inspired by how the people we support adapted and adjusted their plans and dreams, SEEC also re-envisioned its services. Our new approach aims to find opportunities for connections in and contributions to the community by walking in neighborhoods where people live to explore with a renewed look at their surroundings. People we support reinforced their memberships in their communities and increased their social capital. We also developed a new initiative focused on health and wellness with a Physical Therapist to offer an individualized training program as well as classes about healthy living.

Pictured on right: SEEC's Physical Therapist is working individually with people we support on strengthening exercises to limit fall risk.



People SEEC supports volunteer for a wide array of local organizations to develop membership and learn about their skills and strengths.

#Community

The notion of community is central to SEEC. In 2022, SEEC shared its expertise through communities of practice with other national providers during conferences like the Association of People Supporting Employment First (APSE) and the Project SEARCH conference. SEEC developed new partnerships with local higher education entities and developed a robust summer internship program with students who learned about different

aspects of the disability sector. SEEC is an essential agency in the business, academic, research, and political community as it relates to providing Community Engagement services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



Project SEARCH team members at the Project SEARCH 16th Annual Conference in Baltimore last summer.



SEEC summer 2022 interns “wrapping up” their internships at SEEC with Ethan Litvin, Volunteer and Intern Coordinator at SEEC.

SEEC 2021-2022 Impact Report: Growing Connections



**GROWING
CONNECTIONS**

IMPACT REPORT

JULY 2021- JUNE 2022

Read SEEC's 2021-2022 Impact report on SEEC's website to learn more about SEEC's accomplishments during the period July 2021-June 2022.



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Mission**

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Your donation confirms that you believe everyone should have an opportunity to be a part of the community and flourish.
Thank you for being part of our success.





SAVE THE DATE

Wine & Cheese Tasting

FEBRUARY 9, 2023 | 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.



Save the date for a sneak peek at our brand-new office and an exclusive wine and cheese tasting with wine and spirits expert Kristi Delovitch and cheese connoisseur Katie Moore on Thursday,

February 9th at 7pm. We are so lucky to have both Kristi, who is the Broad Market Sales Director for the DC and Maryland area for Winebow, and Katie, co-owner of Barn Door Ciderworks, lead the event. We hope you can join us!

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