



Dear Tiegerman Family,

Since 1985, Tiegerman has been a place where miracles happen. While our history and the number of lives impacted over the years are extraordinary, it is abundantly clear that many of our achievements would not have been possible without very strong leadership. In simple terms, leadership helps set direction, assists in solidifying our future, and supports our agency community in moving forward. Dr. Ellenmorris Tiegerman, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Christine Radziewicz, Chief Compliance Officer, Dr. Jeremy Tiegerman, Chief Operating Officer, Lauren Leonardi, Program Director of Tiegerman Schools, and Tiffany Harkless, Program Director of Tiegerman Community Services continue to work tirelessly in assisting our staff to substantively transform the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities from preschool throughout adulthood.

For many who have been part of our family over the years, you know the type of work we do and understand our mission. For those who do not, Tiegerman is an agency that opened its doors 38 years ago to support the needs of children with language disorders. Since then, we have grown substantially and now serve approximately 600 students ages 3-21. In 2012, Tiegerman Community Services was created and we expanded our scope to assisting the developmentally disabled adult population. This year, we are excited to acknowledge a new branch to our family of services in Queens - Tiegerman Preschool at Far Rockaway. Tiegerman received final approval to open the preschool program in Far Rockaway on Monday, July 17, 2023 and has the capacity to serve 102 students in ten classrooms. Please join me in welcoming the staff, students and families to our Tiegerman family and in wishing them the best of luck going forward.

We are committed to providing an enduring opportunity for exceptional instruction and support to ensure that the children and adults that we serve achieve their potential in life. We believe that each individual we work with is extraordinary and through our extraordinary efforts will achieve a more independent and successful future.

Dr. Ellenmorris Tiegerman
Chief Executive Officer

Dr. Christine Radziewicz
Chief Compliance Officer

Dr. Jeremy Tiegerman
Chief Operating Officer

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Message from Tiegerman's Board Chair

Dear Tiegerman family,

It's hard to believe that another year is quickly coming to a close. A year in which Tiegerman has so much to celebrate and be proud of. From placing our name on the Far Rockaway Preschool, to opening another adult residence, having 38 graduates from the High School and watching all our children and young adults work effortlessly to achieve their goals and dreams, it is an honor and privilege to be the Board Chair. At Tiegerman, we believe every child has a voice and thanks to the passion, fire and commitment of Dr. Tiegerman, Dr. Jeremy, Dr. Radziewicz and their respective teams, more of those voices will be heard.



Irene Scalfani , Board Chair

On behalf of the entire Board, thank you for your unwavering support, commitment and

dedication to Tiegerman. We look forward to continued success in 2024 and beyond, especially as we plan to celebrate our 40th Anniversary in 2025. Don't hesitate to ask how you can get more involved. All of you, the Tiegerman family, are the core to this one of a kind program. We celebrate all of you!

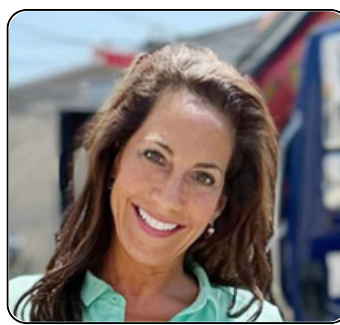
Again, thank you for all you do. It is an honor and privilege to be part of this family. Wishing all of you a happy and healthy holiday season.

All the best, *Irene Scalfani*

We are pleased to welcome the following new Board Members . . .



Jimmy Araujo of West Hempstead is a Rehabilitation Therapist.



Penny Mendelsohn of Roslyn is Owner/President of McFar Contracting Corporation.



Denise Tembelis of Harbor Isle is a volunteer with Bobbi & The Strays.

Name a Classroom!

Tiegerman needs your support to ensure the longevity of our schools and the security of a safe and enjoyable education. You can help by naming a classroom in one of Tiegerman's schools to maintain our space dedicated to caring instruction.

How to Name a Classroom

- Honor a Loved One - Dedicate a classroom to a family, friend, staff, student, business or even pet that you would like to have a presence in Tiegerman Schools.
- Leave an Impactful Message - Classrooms can carry a special message that's meaningful to the donor and positively impacts the students. Plaques can be engraved with a name, greeting, mantra or short poem and are good for the lifetime of the school.
- Name a Classroom \$5,000 - \$10,000
- Kindly contact development@tiegerman.org or 516-609-6230 for more information.

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Dear Tiegerman Family,

My name is Lauren Leonardi and I am so honored to write to you as the new Program Director for Tiegerman Schools.

I have worked at Tiegerman for over 19 years. Throughout my career, I have had the privilege of working in various educational roles. I began my journey as a teacher at Tiegerman Elementary School. It was during this time that I realized that I wanted to continue my education and pursue a degree in administration. In 2009, I was afforded the opportunity to work at Tiegerman High School as the Curriculum Coordinator and building Principal for the past 12 years. These opportunities have provided me with valuable insights into the diverse needs of students, parents, and educators. My experiences have helped me understand the social, academic, and behavioral transitions our students encounter from kindergarten through senior year of high school.

As Program Director, I aim to build upon and continue the existing Tiegerman culture of excellence and achievement. In addition, I will work collaboratively with our exceptional staff to provide an enriching educational experience for all students. I believe in fostering a positive and inclusive school culture that celebrates student success in all areas and values the unique talents and contributions of every individual. I am genuinely excited to embark on this journey with all of you and look forward to supporting our students and families.



Lauren Leonardi

Lauren Leonardi
Program Director, Tiegerman Schools



Under sunny skies, Tiegerman Administration, Staff, Families, Board of Directors, Elected Officials and community members gathered at 264 Beach 19th Street to celebrate the opening of Tiegerman Preschool at Far Rockaway.

It was a great undertaking and we greatly appreciate everyone's support. We look forward to many years ahead filled with achievements, accomplishments, and adorable smiles.

Tiegerman is very excited to be part of the Far Rockaway community and thank all for helping us get where we are today!



Assemblywoman Pheffer Amato presented a citation to Tiegerman for all their hard work.



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Tiegerman Preschool at Far Rockaway



First Day!

On July 17, 2023, Tiegerman Preschool at Far Rockaway, Tiegerman's 5th school site, opened its doors to students for the first time. It was a wonderful day of celebration for Tiegerman staff, students, and families!

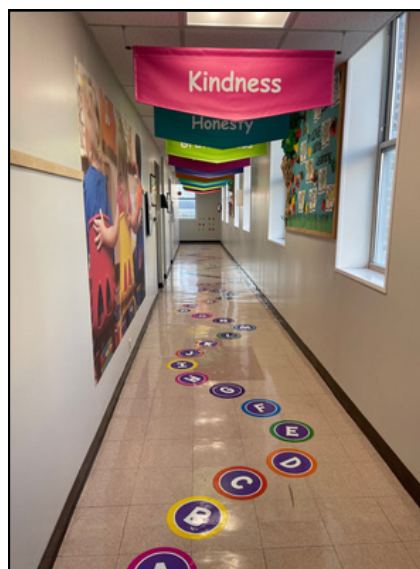
Open School Night

On Wednesday evening, October 11th, Tiegerman Preschool at Far Rockaway held its Open School Night. Parents and families were invited to meet their child's teacher, teacher assistants and related service providers. Administration, social workers and the school nurse were also present. Staff shared information related to the school's philosophy, curriculum, transdisciplinary model of communication, policies and language-focused methodology.

New Sensory Path

Tiegerman Preschool at Far Rockaway recently installed a *Back to School Art* Sensory Path on its first floor. It contains a watercolor countdown palette, a paint tube loopy line, stepping shapes, a large pencil, a push and trace wall, crayons, paper clips and rainbow AlphaDots. Children use its decals to balance, turn, jump, step, push and hop. The path is offered when students need a sensory break from the classroom. It allows them to refocus and self-regulate before returning to class. The sensory path also allows them to practice skills, such as number recognition, letter fluency, shape and color recognition, and following directions.

A banana visual discrimination tree was also added to the second floor! Students 'go bananas' as they try to locate all the letters of the alphabet. The wall helps develop visual discrimination skills, tracking and literacy while also using proper proprioceptive input. Two mini sensory paths will soon be installed on the second and third floors as well!



Sensory Path

Banana Visual Discrimination Tree



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Tiegerman Preschool/Elementary School

The impact an education at Tiegerman has can best be exemplified by the words our very own students say. Yeirys, a student in one of our school age classes says, *“Everyone is nice to each other. I like how the teachers are nice and I trust them.”* Liam says, *“There are more teachers for each class.”* Dean says, *“My teacher helps me and takes care of me.”* Jaycob says, *“I like the hands-on science experiments.”* Naomi says, *“Guided reading is helping me become a better reader.”* Ellis says, *“In science we used gummy bears and toothpicks for the EDP (Engineer Design Process) to try to hold up a book. I had to look that up myself!”*

When walking around our school, you can feel the vitality, palpable warmth, focus on learning and positive interactions. You hear the staff giving support and accolades to our students. You can hear them discuss the best strategies on how to differentiate instruction for each student. Whether it is Science Week, Expanding Expression Week, Read-a-Thon, Catch a Reader, Halloween, Water Day or a dance lesson from the North Shore Hispanic Chamber, we make it happen at Tiegerman. Mikyle, another school age student always says to new families, *“Welcome to Tiegerman, it’s the best place to be!”*

Halloween at Tiegerman!



Preschoolers had fun playing games in the gym including Halloween Twister.



Students take a break from marching in the Halloween parade.



Preschoolers had lots of fun picking pumpkins from our school pumpkin patch.



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Tiegerman Middle School

Tiegerman Middle School welcomed back their students with excitement for the start of the 2023/2024 School Year. A special welcome to all new families at Tiegerman Middle School. We look forward to working with each and every one of you this year. It is our goal to create a learning environment that promotes academic success while supporting all students' social and emotional well-being. We invite and encourage our families to partner with us and become active participants in your scholar's education because your support is so important to their success. Please reach out if you have any questions at all. Let's make this year the best one yet!

Unity Day

Tiegerman Middle School celebrated Unity Day on October 18th. Students wore orange to show unity for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion and to send a visible message that no child should ever experience bullying.



Fall Festival

Tiegerman Middle School's Fall Festival was a blast - students celebrated with carnival games, face painting, bounce houses, cotton-candy and dancing!



Tiegerman High School



An Independent Future for Tiegerman Kids

Tiegerman has created a unique vocational training program that prepares students with language, developmental and autism spectrum disabilities for the world of work.

By partnering with PVH retail brands Calvin Klein and Tommy Hilfiger, the High School has developed two retail stores within the school that provides students with the skill set to work in retail upon graduation. The stores are managed by students and provide direct learning and training on front-end and back-end operations in a typical retail setting that prepares students so they are “work-ready!”

The program also entails internships in the retail stores at Tanger Outlets in Deer Park, evolving into a comprehensive vocational program. While many of our graduates go on to college or trade school, others pursue a career in retail. We are the first such program in the PVH family of services, helping establish the vision and philanthropy of PVH as a worldwide business. We are now expanding this program in Tiegerman’s Middle School in Glen Cove and the Tiegerman School at Woodside..

Alumnus Spotlight

“I attended Tiegerman School from 1st through 12th grades. My teachers were so patient with me. Some of my favorite teachers were Mr. Wagner, Ms. Iadevaia, Ms. Groy, and Ms. Bambara. My favorite subjects were science and math. Sometimes it was a struggle for me but I always kept on going. I had a great time with my friends and teachers. I made many friends that I am still in contact with today. I remember so many wonderful times at Tiegerman such as socials and field trips - my favorite field trip was to Deer Park where I worked at the Calvin Klein and Tommy Hilfiger outlets.

I live in Queens with my parents. After attending Guttman Community College for three years, I recently graduated with an associate's degree in Information Technology (IT). I am currently job hunting and am very excited about working in IT!

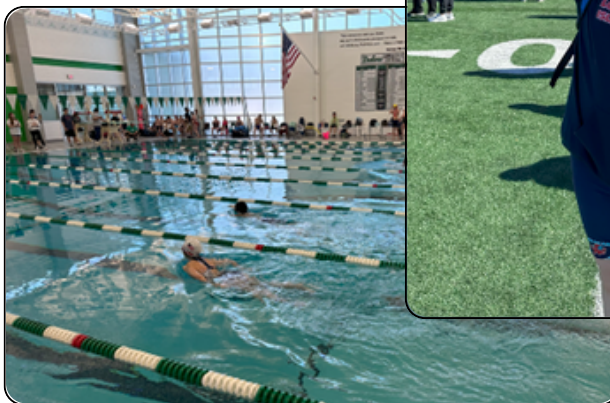
I am so grateful for all the help I received throughout my years at Tiegerman.”

Caroline Reyes, Tiegerman Class of 2019

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Tiegerman School at Woodside

In May, Tiegerman School at Woodside's 9th grade student, Christopher Toften, participated in the 2023 Special Olympics. Christopher won a silver medal in the 25-yard back stroke and 4th place in the 25-yard breast stroke. We are so proud of Christopher and this wonderful accomplishment!



Field Trips

During our Summer Session, Tiegerman School at Woodside students went on many field trips including the Bronx Zoo, NYC Transit Museum, and Astoria Bowl. Our students had a blast on these trips!



School Clubs

Clubs are held every Friday afternoon at Tiegerman School at Woodside. Students have the opportunity to participate in "after-school-like" activities of their choosing including Sports & Fitness Club, Movie Club, and our brand new addition, Board Games Club! We received a generous donation of board games from "Board Games for the Better." A special thank you to Ms. Kerins for arranging this donation for our students!



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Field Day

Tiegerman Community Services (TCS) had an exciting summer leading into Fall. All TCS Day Habilitation Programs participated in our Annual Field Day held at Bethpage State Park on September 21st. Individuals from each program enjoyed kickball, racing, horseshoe pitching and interacting with their peers from other programs.



Empowerment Collaborative of Long Island

The L.I. Without Walls Day Habilitation Program has a new volunteer opportunity - *Empowerment Collaborative of L.I.*, a food pantry. The opportunity provides an avenue for participants to learn new skills, socialize, and meaningfully contribute to the community.



Halloween at TCS

Tiegerman Community Services programs celebrated Halloween. Participants wore costumes and enjoyed Halloween parties. The Queens Day Habilitation program made gingerbread houses for Halloween.



Kings Park Residence

Construction for the Kings Park residence is in progress and we are happy to announce that the new residence will be ready to open in January 2024! TCS staff had the opportunity to join the new residents in celebrating their annual block party. They met several neighbors and discussed the agency and TCS programs. The neighbors were welcoming and shared the history of the neighborhood, their block and their families. TCS is excited for the opportunity to provide residential supports to the six young men who will be returning to Long Island from out of state schools. The Kings Park residence will afford these young men the opportunity to be closer to their families on Long Island.

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Thanks to our sponsors, vendors and guests, Tiegerman's 20th Annual Chefs for Children Food & Wine Tasting held on October 5th at the New Hyde Park Inn was a wonderful success! Honoree Sherry Algreto was recognized for her advocacy efforts and Louis Marrone, a member of Tiegerman's 2024 graduating class, shared his impressive journey as a Tiegerman student. A highlight of the evening was the more than 75 prize baskets that were raffled off. All proceeds benefit Tiegerman's extraordinary children and adults with language, developmental and autism spectrum disorders.

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Honoree Sherry Algreto (right) receives an award from Program Director Lauren Leonardi in recognition of her advocacy.



Tiegerman student Louise Marrone receives the Distinguished Student Speaker Award from Dr. Ellenmorris Tiegerman, Founder & CEO (left) and Lauren Leonardi.

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