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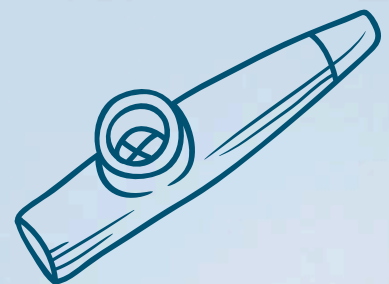
A kazoo can put a smile on anyone's face. It's a simple musical instrument that anyone can play.

But behind every kazoo are many hands, using complex machines to assemble multiple parts that all work together. Remove any piece of the process, and the kazoo simply wouldn't work.

Because we make kazoos at the Original Kazoo Company in Eden, I probably think about these things more than most. And I've realized that the kazoo is a lot like SASI itself. What we do may look simple from the outside, and it certainly brings joy to many. But it takes people, processes and partnerships to make the magic happen.

Each of you matters - the people we support, families, employees, volunteers, donors, vendors, partners, friends, and supporters. Thank you for playing your part in the beautiful symphony that is SASI. I hope you enjoy learning about the achievements you made possible in 2025.

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2025 SASI Foundation Grants

Grant Amount	Program	Project	
\$957	High Hurdles	SureHands Lift Motor replacement	
\$7,810	Derby Day Hab	Window Blinds	
\$1,172	North Blossom IRA	Patio Furniture	
\$11,849	Elliott Woods Apartments	Walkway and Shelter	
\$1,172	Porterville IRA	Patio Furniture	

2025 Revenue and Expenses

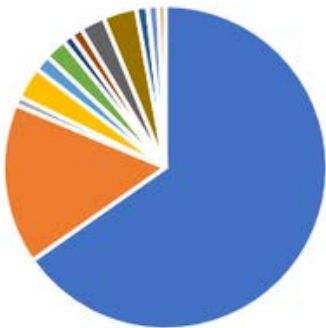
Revenue



- Government Revenue
- HUD
- Subcontract Sales
- Program Participant Fees
- Clinic 3rd Party Reimbursement
- Investments
- Contributions
- Gain on Disposal of Assets
- Miscellaneous

Government Revenue	\$49,727,747	83.98%
HUD	\$56,605	0.10%
Subcontract Sales	\$3,314,465	5.60%
Program Participant Fees	\$3,131,389	5.29%
Clinic 3rd Party Reimbursement	\$401,721	0.68%
Investments	\$1,273,459	2.15%
Contributions	\$922,057	1.56%
Gain on Disposal of Assets	\$292,412	0.49%
Miscellaneous	\$97,276	0.16%
Total Revenues	\$59,217,131	

Expenses



- Personal Services
- Fringe Benefits
- Professional Fees
- Supplies
- Utilities
- Building Maintenance
- Leased Facilities
- Insurance
- Equipment Expense

Personal Services	\$37,604,071	65.27%
Fringe Benefits	\$9,258,174	16.07%
Professional Fees	\$493,747	0.86%
Supplies	\$1,845,732	3.20%
Utilities	\$933,065	1.62%
Building Maintenance	\$1,254,717	2.18%
Leased Facilities	\$568,015	0.99%
Insurance	\$658,010	1.14%
Equipment Expense	\$1,409,849	2.45%
Individual & Staff Transportation	\$1,915,049	3.32%
Workshop Expense	\$643,775	1.12%
Interest Expense	\$50,300	0.09%
Depreciation Expense	\$581,206	1.01%
Miscellaneous Expense	\$395,772	0.69%
Total Expenses	\$57,611,482	

Net Deficit/Surplus:
\$1,605,649

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2025 Grants SASI Received

Foundation	Project	Amount
 KELLY <i>for kids</i> FOUNDATION	Kelly Drive Moving Miracles Renovations	\$7,500
 THE CHILDREN'S GUILD FOUNDATION <small>Purpose and Passion for Children with Special Needs</small>	Abbott Road Respite	\$125,000
JH Cummings Foundation	Abbott Road Respite	\$50,000
CHOP Foundation	Purchase of AEDs	\$10,000
  LUTHERAN FOUNDATION FOR LONG-TERM LIVING	Lauren's Sensory Path	\$100,000
The M&T Charitable Foundation	Lothlorien Revitalization	\$15,000
  HYDE FAMILY FOUNDATION	Lothlorien Classroom	\$15,000
SourceAmerica 	Regulatory Compliance Support for SAGE	\$25,000

Community Support Services

Non-certified Community Apartments

The Ennio Cerquetti and Elliott Woods apartment buildings each have twelve single apartment units available for rent to people diagnosed with a disability. These units provide affordable, accessible housing in a community with a variety of resources and access to public transportation. Elliott Woods experienced one tenant move out in December 2025 and that unit was quickly filled by January 2026. Ennio Cerquetti did not have any tenant movement in 2025.

The facilities team and property manager worked together throughout 2025 to identify and complete updates to several of the units throughout including upgrades to flooring, wall repair/painting, and appliances. In addition, through support from the SASI Foundation, a new accessible outdoor space was developed for the tenants to utilize throughout the year. This project includes pouring concrete walkways and foundation for an outdoor shelter. While the majority of work for this project was completed throughout the summer and fall of 2025, the final touches to the structure will be made in spring 2026.



Community Support Services

Support Brokerage

Through the use of self-direction people have access to a variety of unique opportunities that fit their lives and allow them to coordinate their supports. Support Brokers assist people with service planning decisions, identifying appropriate staff, and ensuring that the person's budget is meeting their needs.

At the end of 2025 the Support Broker team at SASI was providing services to 179 people, which is an increase of 56 people enrolled throughout the year.

This team continues to thoughtfully reevaluate staffing structures to ensure we're supporting as many people as possible while maintaining quality service provision. The Support Broker team anticipates further growth and development in 2026!

The Housing Subsidy Program

Funded by the New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities, the Housing Subsidy Program provides financial assistance to people transitioning from a certified setting, family home, or require financial assistance to live independently in the community.

This financial assistance is provided through monthly subsidies that can be used toward either rent or mortgage costs. Through this program we are also able to process requests for transition stipends that provide funding for various housing essentials such as furniture and appliances.

This program continues to steadily grow and provided support to an additional 17 new enrollments throughout 2025.



Community Support Services

Community Respite Programs

Traditional In-Home Respite, Agency Supported Self-Directed (ASSD) Respite, and Recreation Respite continue to provide vital caregiver relief and meaningful support to families in the community.

Traditional and ASSD In-Home Respite offer personalized support to people in their homes and communities, allowing primary caregivers time to rest and recharge from caregiving and supervision responsibilities. Recreation Respite provides engaging, group-based opportunities through planned outings and activities designed to foster socialization and community inclusion. This program intentionally creates opportunities for people to connect with peers while participating in integrated, interest-based activities across the community.

Enrollment increased across all community respite programs, with Recreation Respite delivering more units of service in 2025 than in any previous year, highlighting both growing demand and program success.

Community Habilitation Programs

Traditional Community Habilitation, ASSD Community Habilitation, and Community Habilitation-R (CH-R) support people living in the community by helping them develop and maintain the skills needed to live as independently as possible.

Participants work one-on-one with Community Support Professionals to build skills in key areas such as household management, financial planning, social development, and community safety. These supports are individualized to reflect each person's goals, interests, and abilities.

Community Habilitation-R (CH-R) provides additional support to people living in certified residential settings. Through CH-R, participants work alongside residential staff on goals related to increasing independence within the home and broader community. People also access volunteer opportunities and community outings tailored to their interests and skill levels, while receiving appropriate support and supervision from trained staff.

High Hurdles

28 Years of High Hurdles

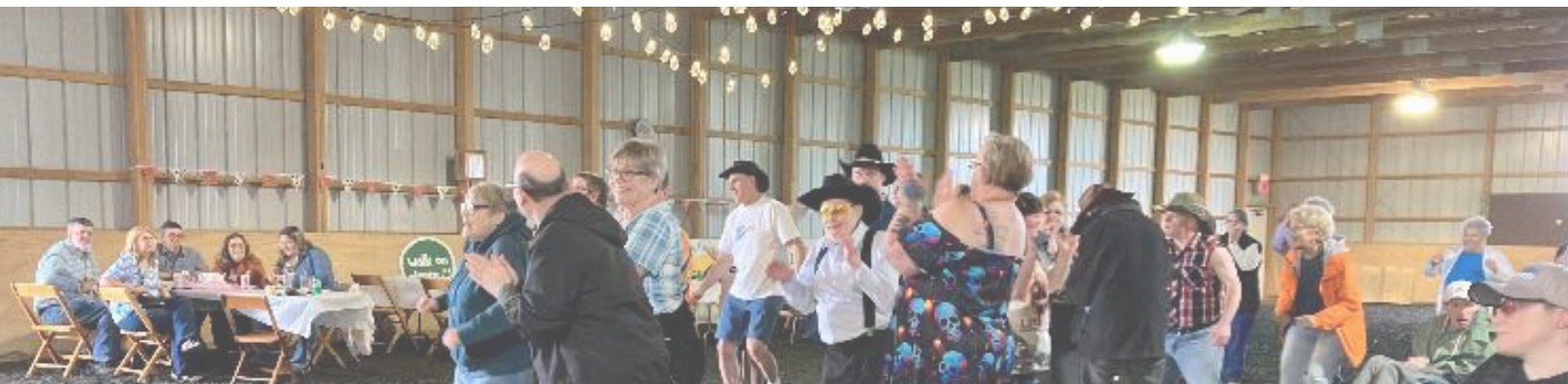
High Hurdles reached its 28th year this year, and what a year we had! The main spotlight of our year was the addition of Lothlorien to SASI, and the partnership it has created for High Hurdles. Staff between the locations were able to collaborate about lesson planning, share knowledge and spark ideas about the futures of the programs.



High Hurdles welcomed several new horses this year, Hank, Dreamer and Dottie, as well as saying goodbye to Chance and retiring Indy. We had more facility improvements this year including two hay huts, a maintenance shed moved to the barn, smaller equipment/lesson tool upgrades. We continued to build on the momentum of our previous events and added a Chicken BBQ/Square Dance event that was a lot of fun.

This year, we supported 75 unduplicated riders, providing 1,015 individual lesson hours throughout the season, an increase again for a third year in a row.

We are looking forward to even more outreach and opportunities for the community in the coming year, and thankful for what 2025 brought us!





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Strengthening a 42-Year Legacy Through Partnership

2025 marked an exciting new chapter for Lothlorien Therapeutic Riding Center (LTRC). In June, Lothlorien officially became an affiliate of SASI, uniting two organizations that share a deep commitment to empowering people through therapeutically based equine activities.

The affiliation, approved by both Boards of Directors, took effect on June 28, 2025, ensuring the continuation of Lothlorien's mission: to assist people in developing their highest potential through therapeutic riding. Just as importantly, the partnership preserves what makes Lothlorien so special to the community. The center retains its name, its experienced instructors, and its scenic 10-acre property on Reiter Road in the Town of Aurora—maintaining continuity for riders, families, staff, and volunteers.

SASI was uniquely positioned to offer long-term stability and expanded support, building on its established equine programming at High Hurdles Therapeutic Riding Center in Sardinia. With shared expertise and infrastructure, the affiliation opens the door to sustainable growth while honoring the traditions that have defined Lothlorien for more than four decades.

"This partnership ensures that Lothlorien's legacy will continue to thrive," said outgoing Lothlorien Board Chair Kathleen Miller. "We are grateful that SASI has the knowledge, capacity, and commitment to keep Lothlorien strong and active for many years to come."

Oversight of both equine programs now falls under Shelby Dytschkowskyj, Director of Equine Assisted Services, who has successfully led High Hurdles since 2021. Shelby brings firsthand experience with Lothlorien's operations, having worked closely with the program over the past year and a half.

"This transition represents a meaningful step forward," Dytschkowskyj shared. "Lothlorien's impact goes far beyond riding—it's about the people, the horses, and the connections that change lives. I'm honored to help carry that forward."

As SASI and Lothlorien move ahead together, the focus remains clear: preserving a trusted program, expanding opportunities for riders with disabilities, and ensuring that therapeutic riding continues to enrich lives across the community for generations to come.

Moving Miracles

27 Seasons of Moving Miracles!



Moving Miracles dance studio celebrated its 27th season, but first full season at their new location on Kelly Drive! In May 2025, Moving Miracles hosted its annual recital with a “Lets Get Down to Business” theme and first ever solo showcase! Both the recital and solo showcase were a huge success and the studio is looking forward to continuing to host solo showcases in future seasons!

Throughout the 2024-2025 dance season, the studio cultivated a variety of opportunities to participate in community functions and form exciting collaborations! Moving Miracles was invited to perform again at the Make Lemonaide fundraiser in the spring of 2025. In addition, the dance instructors held monthly classes at the Center for Handicap Children to increase the studio’s outreach efforts. The studio also offered a variety of drop-in style classes throughout the summer to keep dancers engaged and allowed people to try different types of dance and exercise programming.

In total the 2024-2025 dance season provided 3,912 units of service, which is an increase of 789 units from the 2023-2024 dance season. In addition, 99 units of service were provided throughout the summer session which is an increase of 14 units from the previous year.

The studio has 126 dancers enrolled in the current season and is working to build new class opportunities! Several of the Dance Instructors are currently participating in DrumFit and Yoga certification courses. The studio team, dancers, and their families are all excited for new class offerings and additional opportunities being developed at Moving Miracles throughout 2026!



Community Support Services

2025 Year End Total Enrollment	
Community Habilitation (Tradition, ASD, CH-R)	93
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The Housing Subsidy Program (Subsidies & Stipends)	78
Elliott Woods (Uncertified housing)	11
Ennio Cerquetti (HUD subsidized)	12
Support Brokerage	179

Day Programs

In 2025, Day Services supported participants at our Elma, East Aurora, Angola, Derby, Cheektowaga, Sardinia, and Yorkshire locations.

Participants enjoyed meaningful community experiences including City Hall walking tours, the annual Buffalo Bisons game, visits to Explore & More, Moving Miracles, Letchworth State Park for picnics, the Burchfield Penney Art Center, sunflower field trips, 7-Eleven Slurpee Day, and frequent coffee outings — a crowd favorite!

We proudly completed Lauren's Walkway, an accessible sensory nature trail at our Elma site. Participants can enjoy the gazebo and interactive sensory features, creating an inclusive outdoor space for all.

Construction began at our East Aurora site to enhance program space and create a new workspace for our Supported Employment Department. Construction is projected to be complete by Spring 2026.

Lauren's Walkway - Nature Trail



Community Prevocational Services

Offered in East Aurora, Cheektowaga, Derby, and Sardinia, this program blends classroom learning with real-world work experiences. Volunteer partnerships include:

FeedMore WNY, American Legion, Goodwill Industries, Astronics Corporation, Evangola State Park, and the East Aurora Classic Ice Rink to name a few.

SASI Community Prevocational services embarked on a new journey last year, and began producing and selling artisan soaps.

Participants sold handmade soaps weekly at the East Aurora Farmer's Market and through pop-up events, building marketing, money handling, and social skills.





2025 Highlights

SASI Opened New Facility in Cheektowaga

The new location houses a new day hab, clinic, and Moving Miracles Dance Studio!

In 2025, SASI marked a significant milestone with the opening of its newest facility on Kelly Drive in the Town of Cheektowaga. The grand opening, held on June 4, celebrated the consolidation of several key SASI programs under one roof, creating a more integrated and accessible environment for the people the organization supports.

The new facility houses SASI's day program, clinic services, and the Moving Miracles Dance Studio. This move follows the sale of the former West Seneca Day Hab on Indian Church Road to the SPCA and the relocation of both the day program and Moving Miracles from their previous sites. SASI President and CEO Jeff Paterson noted the strategic vision behind the consolidation, emphasizing the benefits of having these services in a single, purpose-designed space.

Moving Miracles Loved the Move!

Moving Miracles staff and participants have expressed enthusiasm about the improved atmosphere of the new studio, highlighting features such as natural lighting, fresh air, and the uplifting proximity to the Kelly Drive DayHab, which fosters a stronger sense of community and connection.

The facility's transformation was made possible through funding secured by former New York State Assemblymember Monica Wallace, supporting critical remodeling efforts. Early feedback from the people SASI supports has been overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing how much they value and enjoy the new space!



June 4, 2025
Ribbon-Cutting

2025 Golf Tournament



Driving Impact on the Green

On June 20, 2025, SASI's Annual Golf Tournament brought our community together for a memorable day at Harvest Hill Golf Course—uniting golfers, sponsors, and supporters around a shared commitment to empowering people with disabilities across Western New York.

Thanks to the generosity of everyone involved, the 2025 tournament was our most successful to date, raising more funds than ever before. From friendly competition on the course to a celebratory dinner and awards ceremony, the day was filled with connection, purpose, and gratitude.

Every swing, sponsorship, and raffle ticket helped strengthen SASI programs and services, proving once again that when our community comes together, meaningful impact follows.

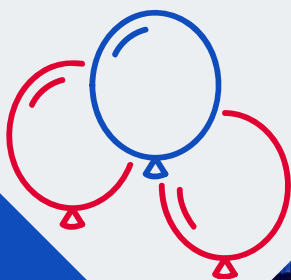


2025 Golf Tournament



2025 SASI Bash at Buffalo Riverworks

On September 6, 2025, SASI's Rally on the River VIP Bash at Buffalo RiverWorks once again delivered an unforgettable celebration while advancing our mission, serving as the premier kick-off event for the 2025-2026 football season. Hosted along the iconic Buffalo River, this signature fundraiser welcomed more than 3,000 guests and proudly served as the Official After Party for the Fourth Annual Mafia Boat Parade.



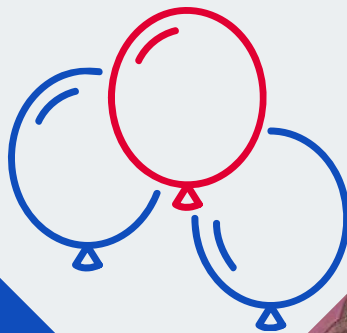
SASI Bash 2025

The event brought together supporters, partners, and the greater Buffalo community for an energetic day that showcased the power of connection, celebration, and collective impact.

SASI proudly introduced the “Rally on the River” VIP Bash Experience, elevating the event experience for our most dedicated supporters. Ticketed VIP guests enjoyed exclusive access to the upper deck at RiverWorks - the premier viewing location for the boat parade, along with a VIP-only bar, curated food offerings, and a commemorative gift. Event sponsors were treated to a private Gold VIP experience, featuring exclusive patio access and sweeping views of the Buffalo River and parade, creating a memorable and engaging opportunity for sponsor recognition and stewardship.

The SASI Bash featured live music, local food, community vendors, and a basket raffle, ensuring there was something for everyone to enjoy. Beyond the festivities, the event played a vital role in supporting SASI’s programs and services, reinforcing the generosity and passion of the Buffalo community. The 2025 SASI Bash not only celebrated the start of football season - it strengthened partnerships, expanded awareness, and helped fuel SASI’s continued impact throughout Western New York.

**Together
we raised
nearly
\$25,000!**



SASI Bash 2025



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EXPERIENCE, 50/50, AND
RAFFLES WILL BENEFIT
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SASI VIP EXPERIENCE

THANK YOU!
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SASI Bash 2025

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TICKETS

A Legacy That Hums

SASI Honored by the Buffalo Music Hall of Fame



In 2025, SASI struck a truly joyful note. The Original Kazoo Company, owned and operated by SASI, was inducted into the Buffalo Music Hall of Fame. For an instrument built on inclusivity, simplicity, and fun, the honor couldn't have been more fitting.

The big news dropped in July at a press conference at the Buffalo History Museum, where the Original Kazoo Company was announced as an inductee of the Hall of Fame's Class of 2025. By October, the celebration hit full volume at Samuel's Grande Manor, marking a milestone nearly 120 years in the making.

As the oldest, and now only metal kazoo factory in the world, the Eden-based operation was celebrated not just for its history, but for what it represents today: innovation, community pride, and a whole lot of heart.



The story quickly spread across regional media outlets. The East Aurora Bee, Spectrum News, WIVB, The Buffalo News, and Buffalo Spree highlighted the factory's remarkable past, and its powerful present which consists of 30 adults with disabilities who hand-assemble, finish, and inspect every kazoo using century-old machinery. They are earning paychecks, mastering skills, and taking pride in work that resonates far beyond the factory walls.

For SASI, this honor was about more than music history.

It was proof that meaningful employment, creativity, and opportunity can take center stage. The kazoo became a symbol of what's possible when people are empowered to shine.

As we look ahead, the Buffalo Music Hall of Fame induction stands out as a defining moment of 2025. Every kazoo that hums carries more than a tune. It carries a story of purpose, possibility, and a mission that continues to make joyful noise throughout our community.



2025 Founder's Award Breakfast & Staff Awards



The 2025 Founder's Award Breakfast celebrated the dedication, compassion, and resilience that define SASI's workforce. The event emphasized that the heart of SASI remains its people. Employees were recognized not only for extraordinary moments of heroism, but also for the daily commitment, integrity, and care that sustain high-quality supports across the agency.

A central theme of the program was recognizing staff who rise up when it matters most. The Respected Rescuers award honored employees whose calm, decisive actions in emergency situations saved lives, reinforcing the importance of training, composure, and willingness to act. This theme of courage and professionalism was further highlighted through regional and state recognitions, including Brianna Deck's selection as the Western Region DSP Award winner for her response to an apartment fire.

The presentation underscored SASI's evolving culture through the B.I.G. Awards—Belonging, Integrity, and Growth—which reflect the organization's core values and its commitment to inclusion, trust, and leadership development. New award categories such as Fire & Ice, Magic Maker, and Quiet Hero expanded recognition to those whose steady problem-solving, positivity, and behind-the-scenes contributions often go unseen but are essential to the agency's success.

The program concluded with the 2025 Founder's Award, honoring the legacy of SASI's founders—parents whose determination and vision created opportunity where none existed. This year's recipient, Mindi Mellon, exemplified that legacy through innovation, advocacy, and tireless service to both the people SASI supports and the wider community. Her work transforms ideas into meaningful opportunities that build skills, confidence, and inclusion.

Together, the 2025 awards celebration reinforced a shared message: SASI's strength lies in the everyday actions of its staff, whose compassion, creativity, and commitment continue to move the mission forward.



2025 Founder's Award Breakfast & Staff Awards Photos



2025 Staff Award Recipients



FOUNDER'S AWARD 2025

Mindi Mellon

Fire & Ice Award

Jade Zgoda

Magic Maker Award

Jennifer Gallaway
Kevin Ramos

Quiet Hero Award

Amy Schadt
Bridgette Zittel
Deb Cantie
Todd VanSon

Belonging Award

Becca Smith

Integrity Award

Felicia Ploetz

Growth Award

Jessica Schwartz

Respected Rescuers

Adam Bitnun

Ann Alves

Becca Swatsworth

Dana Selmensberger

Darlene Rogers

Erin Hoelscher

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Renee Fleckenstein

Tami Marsh

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Brianna Deck

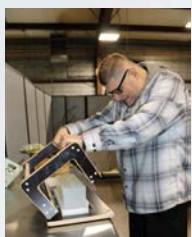
Community Business Incubator



Reimagining Opportunity in Sardinia

SASI launched its Community Business Incubator in 2025 at the Lois Jackson Center in Sardinia, marking an important milestone in the organization's continued shift toward innovative, community-based employment opportunities for the people we support.

For many years, Sardinia was home to SASI's only remaining site-based prevocational program. As service models across New York State have evolved, and the needs and goals of participants have changed, SASI concluded that program and reimagined the space to better support inclusion, skill development, and real-world business experience. The incubator provides training and meeting space alongside opportunities for small enterprises to grow, creating stronger connections between SASI, local entrepreneurs, and the broader community. This approach reflects SASI's commitment to forward-thinking, outcomes-driven services that promote independence and meaningful participation.



A Proven Anchor: SASI Soap

At the heart of the incubator is SASI Soap, a successful initiative that now serves as the program's anchor. The project began as a simple idea and became a thriving operation because of the leadership of Mindi Mellon, Team Leader with Sardinia Day Habilitation.

Mindi transformed the concept into a true small-business experience by providing initial materials and equipment. She involved participants in every step of production - fostering pride, responsibility, and skill development. Her continued commitment, including weekly early-morning participation at the East Aurora Farmer's Market, helped establish SASI Soap as a visible and sustainable community venture. SASI extends sincere appreciation to Mindi Mellon for her creativity, dedication, and entrepreneurial leadership. Her work exemplifies how staff innovation can drive meaningful organizational change.

As the incubator continues to evolve, SASI staff at the Sardinia site remain central to this effort, providing continuity, encouragement, and leadership as new opportunities emerge. The launch of the Sardinia Community Business Incubator represents SASI's mission in action—evolving with purpose, strengthening community partnerships, and creating inclusive pathways to meaningful work.

Reunited at Last: Teddy and Cindy's Story

In August 2025, when 83-year-old Theodore “Teddy” Clark moved into the SASI’s Killarney residence in Derby, no one could have imagined what would soon unfold. What began as a routine transition quickly became an extraordinary story of family, intuition, and rediscovered connection—one that would touch hearts across Western New York.

Living in the home was another longtime resident, 74-year-old Cynthia “Cindy” Clark. Almost immediately, Cindy began telling staff something that seemed impossible at first: “That’s my brother.” She repeated it again and again, certain in a way that needed no explanation.



At first, staff were unsure what to make of it. The Clark surname is common, and there was no documented record connecting the two residents. But as the days passed, caregivers began noticing striking similarities. Teddy and Cindy shared the same pale blue eyes, facial expressions, mannerisms, and even small habits, like wearing their watches higher up on their forearms. They walked with their walkers in nearly identical ways. Everything about them just felt... familiar.

That intuition proved to be right.

After careful research, staff discovered an obituary that listed siblings named Theodore, Cynthia, and Geraldine. With additional confirmation from surviving family members, it became clear: Teddy and Cindy were indeed brother and sister—separated for decades by systems that once placed people with developmental disabilities into large, distant institutions.

Teddy had spent much of his early life in the former Newark Developmental Center, while Cindy remained closer to home with family before eventually entering community-based care. Though their lives ran parallel for years, they had never truly shared adulthood together—until now.

A New Chapter Together

Today, Teddy and Cindy share simple, meaningful moments that define what family truly is: sitting together at the kitchen table for tea, coloring side by side, watching television in the evenings, and enjoying holiday traditions they never had the chance to experience together before. Cindy looks out for Teddy every day, asking staff how he's doing and making sure he feels comfortable and included. Teddy, still learning what it means to be a sibling, follows along quietly—content to be near his sister.

Their connection has brought joy not just to each other, but to everyone in the home.

As one staff member shared, “They may not have grown up together, but they’ll spend the rest of their lives together—and that’s something incredibly special.”

Sharing the Story with the Community



The reunion of Teddy and Cindy quickly captured the attention of local media, shining a compassionate spotlight on the humanity at the heart of community-based care. Coverage by The Buffalo News and WGRZ-TV shared their story with thousands of viewers and readers, emphasizing not only the emotional power of their reunion, but also the importance of dignity, stability, and lifelong connection for people with developmental disabilities.

WGRZ's feature brought viewers inside the Killarney home, offering a rare and honest look at the joy found in everyday moments—moments that are made possible through thoughtful, person-centered support. The coverage sparked an outpouring of encouragement from the community.

Teddy and Cindy's reunion is more than a heartwarming moment—it reflects our mission in action.

It speaks to the importance of knowing each person's story, honoring their voice, and supporting lives rich with belonging and purpose. It also reminds us how far systems of care have come, and how vital community-based homes are in helping people thrive—not just survive. In 2025, Teddy and Cindy reminded us that it is never too late to find family, to be seen, or to come home.

In loving memory of those we lost in 2025

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