

## Ann Storck Center, Inc – Southeast Region



The Ann Storck Center is dedicated to enriching the lives of children and adults with developmental disabilities.

### Resident/Family Testimonials

Parents/guardians are encouraged to become active members of the Circle of Support for the individual receiving services to assure that the hopes, dreams, and desires of those we serve are fully realized. Parents/guardians have access to a nurse, social services, or program managers in the Residential, Preschool, and Adult Day Training Program, so that the opportunity to achieve dreams and how the Center might provide services is assured. The individuals served and those who support them are kept informed of the individual's progress through participation in annual and quarterly meetings and through written reports.

*-“As a parent, you never want to give up hope that you can provide for your child’s every need, disabled or not. I realized that for my son’s sake, he needed constant professional care and stimulation. The Ann Storck Center blew away my preconceived notion of a ‘group home for the disabled.’” – Russ Cramer (father of ASC resident)*

*-“I am grateful for the Center and for all the years of care that have been provided to my daughter. I know that she is safe and well taken care of.” – Parent of ASC resident*

*-“I love the Ann Storck Center. I love the staff. We are all like family. I always have something to do and I love going on community outings with the staff.” – Linda Cothran, ASC Resident*

*-“A rejuvenated board of directors concentrates its efforts on strategic planning to meet immediate challenges and position the organization for a fulfilling future..... Teamwork is abundant within this organization, which considers itself a family for all those involved with it....” – CARF Survey Team.*

*-“I am very happy and amazed at my daughter’s participation in the art program! She appears to be so happy and content!” – Virginia Benenati, Parent of ASC resident*

### Locations

#### **Fort Lauderdale**

Intermediate Care Facility  
Ann Storck Center, Inc  
1790 SW 43<sup>rd</sup> Way  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33317

#### **Pembroke Pines Cluster**

Intermediate Care Facility  
Pembroke Pines Cluster  
871 SW Douglas Road  
Pembroke Pines, FL 33025

#### **Fort Lauderdale Facility**

The Ann Storck Center is a nationally accredited, highly acclaimed 501 (c) (3) non-profit human service organization serving the needs of children and adults in South Florida who present severe and multiple developmental disabilities including Epilepsy, Cerebral Palsy, Autism, and Mental Retardation. The Fort Lauderdale ICF campus was built with a combination of donations and private investment funds. The Center strives to discover and build upon the uniqueness and strengths of each person it serves in order to provide life-enriching experiences.



This facility has three residences on the Center's main campus that provide a therapeutic yet nurturing environment, dedicated to assisting children and adults with disabilities. Each resident is served by a qualified team of nurses, direct support professionals, therapists and other staff to offer the highest quality care through an exceptional staff to resident ratio of 1:3.

### **Pembroke Pines Cluster**



The Pembroke Pines Cluster is operated and managed by the Ann Storck Center under contract with the State of Florida. It is in a unique setting with three family-like homes serving adults with severe multiple disabilities on one "campus" Comprehensive and prescriptive residential services are provided to the 24 residents served in the Pembroke Pines Cluster. Along with specialized medical treatment, speech, physical, & occupational therapy, the staff also teach daily living skills and provides an abundance of encouragement and devotion to each resident at the Cluster in order to build independence and to discover abilities.

### **Programs Available to Residents**

The Ann Storck Center provides year-round residential programs to the children and adults it serves. In addition, an Adult Day Training (ADT) Program for adults 22+ who, because of multiple disabilities, are not eligible for vocational rehabilitation training or supported employment placement. The ADT, known as the Developmental Training Program, operates Monday through Friday year-round.



The Center also provides its children and adults with services in the following areas:

- Occupational Therapy
- Recreation and Leisure Therapy/Music Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Social Services
- Speech Pathology
- Academic Services and Habilitation Training
- Psychological Services
- Behavior Services
- Fine Art Sessions
- Nutritional Services
- Medical Services (including Orthopedic, Dental, Neurological, etc.)
- Nursing Services

These services are available to the children and adults served by the Center through licensed professionals and trained staff. Each individual receives these services based upon their individual needs and interests

## **Staff**



More than 300 professional and paraprofessional staff provide services in the respective programs of the Center. The Ann Storck Center staff is noted for its commitment to excellence and has received well deserved recognition, as individuals and as a group, with awards and citations by both accreditation organizations and other monitoring authorities.

Most notably, the Ann Storck Center has received five successive accreditations by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF). CARF agents come every three years and review detailed records, observe staff and events, and evaluate the Center's practices against rigorous national standards. Accreditation with commendation is a great badge of honor and defines our commitment to excellence.

## **Unique Features**

- ❖ The residences of the Fort Lauderdale Facility and Pembroke Pines Cluster provide 24 hour staffing and nursing care by highly qualified staff.
- ❖ Each room in the residences has its own unique décor. The décor of the living areas and bedrooms rival that of any home, with coordinated furnishings, window treatments and specially selected original art and posters adorning the walls. Often, the residents themselves are involved in the decorating process.
- ❖ The Staff Advocacy Program is offered to those staff members who form special bonds with their residents. The program allows staff members to become the internal advocates for persons receiving services. The advocate assists the individual with service development, shopping, decorating, and birthday celebrations.
- ❖ The Shooting Star Day Program is offered to those who are too medically fragile to attend the Adult Day Training Program. The Shooting Star Day program is held in one of the Fort Lauderdale Facility's residences and includes a specially adapted sensory stimulation room.



- ❖ The Ann Storck Center's ADT is an adult day training program that operates 6 hours a day from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. for 242 days per year. Services provided include training in activities of daily living, self-advocacy, health management services, adaptive and social skills, as well as a variety of curriculum enhancements that explore self-expression, and choice. Such training services are intended to support the participation of those receiving services in daily, meaningful, valued routines of the community. Each curriculum area shall respond to the likes, dislikes, preferences, and needs of its participants and shall be age and culturally appropriate. [www.annstorckcenter.org/dtp.html](http://www.annstorckcenter.org/dtp.html)



- ❖ The Expressive Arts program provides the opportunity to experience freedom from disability through creative expression. The Program not only brings enhanced self-esteem, but promotes a sense of accomplishment as an artist, a musician, a performer and as an individual. The Program consists of the Fine Art and Music Therapy Departments. [www.annstorckcenter.org/expressivearts.html](http://www.annstorckcenter.org/expressivearts.html)



- ❖ The Fine Art Program was designed to give its participants the opportunity to explore self-expression with the artistic vocabulary of form, color and rhythm through various two and three-dimensional media. In addition to promoting communication, developing physical movement, and freeing artistic ability from disability, the artists' sense of self-esteem and self-worth are enhanced. The exhibition and sale of original art objects and commercial application of the Fine Art that is created provides monetary rewards for those whose works have been accepted as well as greater mainstream community inclusion for participants whose works are submitted for exhibitions/competitions. [www.annstorckcenter.org/arts\\_fineart.html](http://www.annstorckcenter.org/arts_fineart.html) To View our permanent art collection, go to: [www.annstorckcenter.org/art/index.html](http://www.annstorckcenter.org/art/index.html)



- ❖ The Arts in Motion Music Therapy program strives to give every individual the opportunity to create, relax and use technology to increase expressive and receptive skills. The participants benefit from the opportunity to communicate, socialize, learn and create. The program includes services in Music Therapy and Performing Arts for children and adults. Each participant has an opportunity to explore a variety of options to increase their independence in the arts and in their daily lives. [www.annstorckcenter.org/exparts\\_musictherapy.html](http://www.annstorckcenter.org/exparts_musictherapy.html)
- ❖ The I.M.A.G.I.N.E. (Interactive Music and Graphics Images Nurturing Education) Program offers the opportunity for creative expression with images, graphics, orchestration, and sound. Each individual program in I.M.A.G.I.N.E. allows individuals to independently choose, create, and develop original recordings and projects through this unique software and multimedia application. [www.annstorckcenter.org/exparts\\_imagine.html](http://www.annstorckcenter.org/exparts_imagine.html)



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