

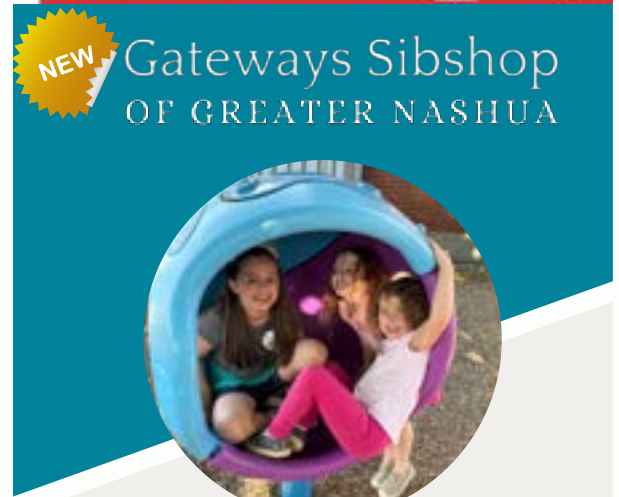
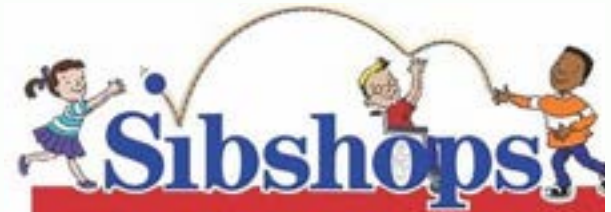


Visit *Sandy's story*



Sandy Pelletier - President and CEO

Sandy was named the 2024 Nonprofit Leader of the Year by NH Business Magazine. She is only the second person to earn this award. Sandy has dedicated her career to helping infants, children and adults with developmental disabilities, chronic health conditions, elders and persons with autism to live fulfilling lives in their communities. She has played a pivotal role in shaping NH's service system for individuals with disabilities. Sandy's determination to find community partners to deliver new and better ways to serve Gateway's clients and attract workers to meet growing needs continues today. Gateways has joined forces with the city of Nashua and NeighborWorks Southern NH to address the housing shortage for individuals with developmental disabilities. They are collaborating on demolishing a Gateways-owned property in need of extensive renovations and reconstruct it as a nine-unit apartment building with a community room for residents. It will not only provide affordable housing for people with developmental disabilities, but it will also provide housing for employees who will live on site and provide support services.



Gateways Autism Center is now offering a sibling support group for siblings with disabilities.

Sibshops provide siblings of kids with disabilities with peer support and information in a lively, recreational setting.

- Meet other sibs
- Talk about the good and not-so-good parts of having a sib with support needs with others who "get it"
- Explore how other siblings handle sticky situations
- Laugh, play games & have fun
- Learn about the services their sibling receives

If you are interested in learning more about this support group, email sibshop@gatewayscs.org

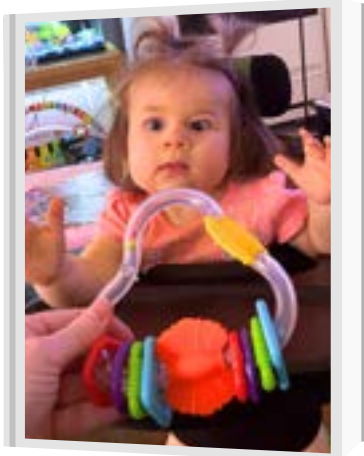
The Sky's The Limit

Nick Languirand

Nick Languirand, a Nashua Community College graduate and Gateways client, has been passionate about martial arts since he met Randy Allen from Inner Dragon Martial Arts in Hudson, NH. He has been training in Kenpo Karate, a modern martial art that combines self-defense and fitness, since February of 2009. Randy helped Nick modify the material that he needed to receive his first-degree black belt in 2012.

Nick continues to train and teach with Randy at Inner Dragon and was recently promoted to third-degree black belt in November of 2023!

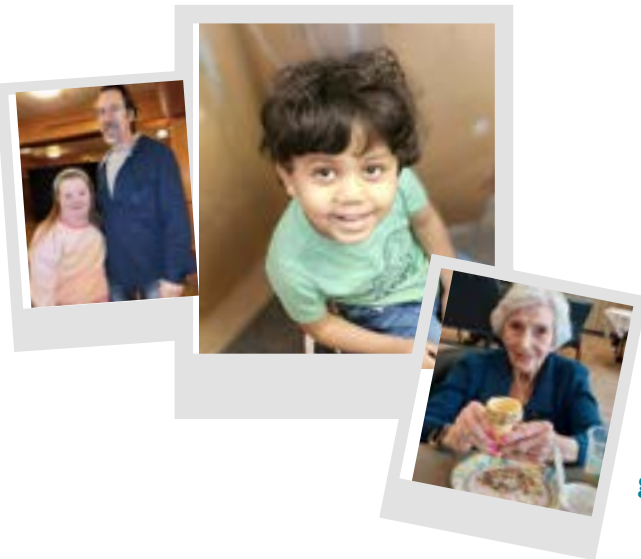
Nick is the only person in the studio with a physical disability in a wheelchair. Nick and Randy are currently working with students with multiple cognitive disabilities and are always willing to work with people of all abilities from ages three years and up.



Standing With Support

This little cutie, Layla, has participated in Early Supports and Services (ESS) for a year now and is making steady progress. Her muscles are still weak from her medical issues and needs the help of a standing frame to be upright and be able to look and reach for toys. Gateways Early Supports and Services Physical Therapist, Laurie English, gave Layla a standing frame to use as a trial until she gets her own.

Now that Layla is up on her feet with support, she is making strides everyday!



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Become a **Community Builder** with a **Monthly Donation** and make a lasting impact. As a recurring donor, you play a vital role in the community to ensure all individuals lead a meaningful life.

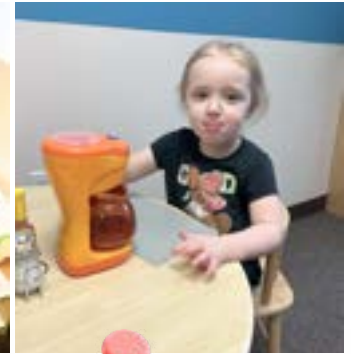
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The newly designed space is made up of four rooms.

- Restaurant & Kitchen area
- Grocery Store
- Train Table & Jungle Jumperoo
- Cause & Effect room

The new cause and effect area includes numerous STEM activities - a wind tunnel, lighted table, coaster track building and gears!



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- ✓ **Communication**
- ✓ **Problem Solving**
- ✓ **Cooperative Play**
- ✓ **Exploratory Play**

We are beyond thankful for the generosity of our donors!

Grant Impact

Thanks to a grant from the **The McCartney Family Foundation**, 15 individuals, ages 4-17 will receive camperships to community and specialty camps in the area. This includes the YMCA, Boys & Girls Club, Wrestling, Gymnastics, Karate, Horseback riding, Church camps, Acting, Film Making and Scouts.



A \$3,000 grant has been awarded to Gateways to purchase classroom equipment for the children of the our Autism Center.



This grant is made possible by the **Helen L. Kelly Trust Fund** through the NH Charitable Foundation.

The classroom equipment will teach participants at our Center how to tolerate a classroom setting. Young children with Autism typically require exposure to environments and repeated practice of skills to learn new skills. With the classroom items, we will be able to provide this environment to practice learning those skills before they transition to kindergarten.



*Thanks to you, we raised over **\$3,000** on NH Gives day!*

We are so grateful for our generous supporters who gave during #nhgives. Each gift made during this campaign will allow us to further our mission. Thank you to all who took part in this day with us!

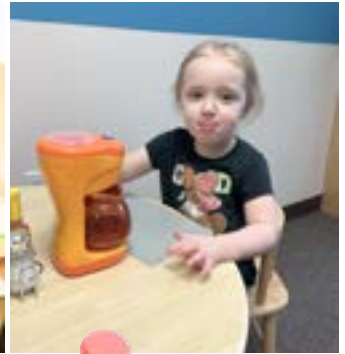
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Thank you for making a difference!



Gateways Board Member, Mark Thornton and Katelyn Copeland, Senior Director of Children's Services having some fun in the new space!



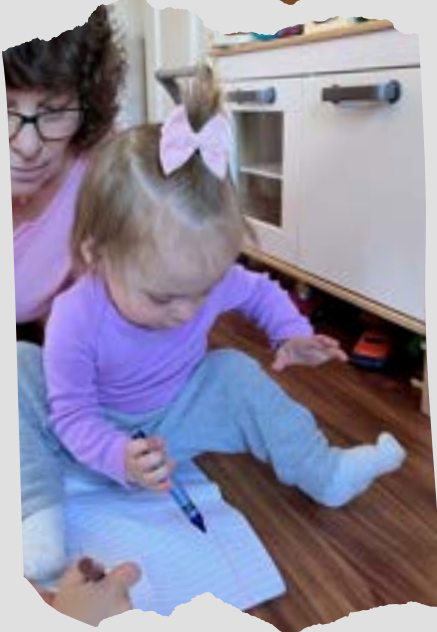
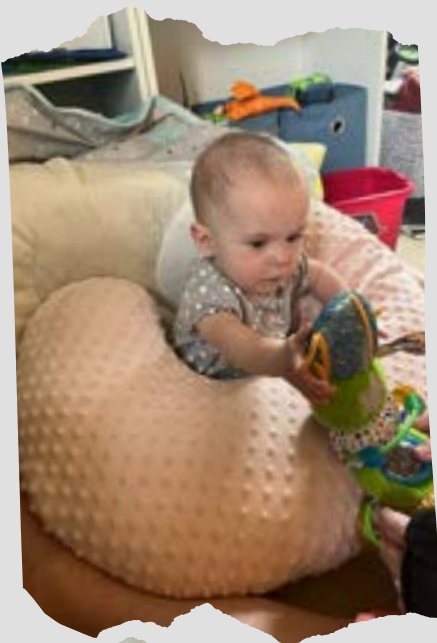


Early Support Services Katie's Story



Katie was born 2 months early and demonstrated some motor differences that warranted watching. Her family participated in home sessions and learned ways to promote motor progress in her daily routines with toys they had at home. Recently, at her one year re-evaluation, her family and Gateways team determined that she has done so well and is no longer eligible for services (this is great news!).

Katie's mom said, "everyone was genuinely invested in helping Katie and doing what was best for her. You were flexible with her goals and adjusted them as she grew and learned".



These sure are exciting accomplishments for ESS therapists and families. Katie's mom said she now loves swimming and is starting to use a little potty!! Yay, Katie!!



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October 17, 2024

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**Sky Meadow Country
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