



June 2021

Ready, Set, Achieve!

Thank you to everyone for helping us to raise **over \$70,000!** What a milestone for our first virtual physical activity event.

We had a wonderful turnout at both our organized walks to begin and end our event. It was great to see families, students, staff, board members and community members sporting their Ready, Set, Achieve t-shirts with big smiles on their faces.

Thank you to everyone who created a participant or team page and asked your friends and family to support your efforts.

A special thank you to our generous sponsors:

Adi and Guy Rom, Romans-Barsamian Family, Sharon and Tom Kelley, Heritage Bank of Commerce, Christine and Rob Hutchinson, Thoits Law, Abbott, Stringham & Lynch, Bolton & Company, Katherine and Jan Paul Frey, Judy Huey and Le Levy, Barbara Shapiro and Mark Lewis, PP&Co., Eisenberg Christopher Family, HUB International, Ginny and Todd Marans, and the Pliner Family.

It takes a village and we are so very grateful for all of your support.





A message from Ric Gilbert, Transition Manager

I very clearly remember the day I first stepped across the threshold of AchieveKids 20 years ago and now the time has come for me to retire on July 23rd.

Sometimes words fall short of expressing the thoughts and feelings of something so close to you but I will start by saying...Thank you.

I have experienced the most unique and satisfying work experience that I think I ever could have. What made it this way was our students and staff, incredibly talented, uniquely skilled and dedicated individuals. And the most eclectic group of individuals I have ever worked with.

What fed my soul was watching the daily, weekly and monthly process of gradual change in our students, letting go of old habits and finding a new and better way to live.

For those who are new or only have been working at AchieveKids a short time, know that you have the opportunity to change lives. That is an awesome responsibility. Do so wisely.

To those who are further down the road, be generous with your experience and knowledge and cherish the time you have at AchieveKids, it will go quicker than you think.

I considered myself one of the lucky ones as I could say when I was getting ready for work each day, "What is it I get to do today as opposed to what is it that I have to do?"

Thank you all for being such a wonderful part of my journey.
Ric Gilbert



All of us at AchieveKids wish Ric the best on his retirement. You will be sorely missed.

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