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# LEADERSHIP REPORT

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One of the highly specialized programs offered at Bacharach helps people coping with physical challenges to learn to drive a car safely.

The Bacharach Driver Re-Education Program, one of only eight centers in the tri-state region, assesses a client's driving skills through both a Pre-Driver and Behind the Wheel Evaluation/Training. The Pre-Driver evaluation measures vision, motor skills, reaction time and cognitive skill. The Behind the Wheel Evaluation/Training measures the client's ability to safely and independently perform basic driving skills in a variety of road situations, utilizing Bacharach's adapted driving vehicle with dual-controls.

Some clients require special adaptive driving equipment to operate a vehicle. For example, a spinner knob may be attached to the steering wheel for a client who only has the use of one hand. A left foot accelerator cross-over pedal may be mounted on the floor for a client who is unable to use the right foot on the gas pedal and brake. Hand controls may be attached to the vehicle for a client who is unable to use their legs for driving. Many times, clients with visual deficits caused by a brain injury or stroke are trained to help them safely and independently operate a vehicle.

People under medical care for conditions such as brain injury, spinal cord injury, cerebral vascular accident, amputation, dementia or vascular disease should be referred to a driving program for a driver evaluation.

Our driver program specialists also work with teenagers and young adults who have not driven before due to various developmental issues. Typical driving schools are not equipped to handle the equipment modifications that these new drivers require to drive a vehicle safely.

Other clients may simply be elderly drivers whose skills have deteriorated over time. The objective results of this comprehensive program if the driver is deemed unsafe make the transition easier for everyone in the family.

We are proud of this unique and highly specialized program. Our individualized driver re-education training program is an important way to help restore overall independence and well-being for our patients to ensure the safety of our drivers in Southern New Jersey.

Sincerely,

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President & CEO

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