



# LARADON

PROVIDING LIFE WITHOUT LIMITS

State Major Project of the Colorado Elks Association since 1950

## What is Laradon?

Laradon is a private, non-profit organization that was founded in 1948 as Colorado's first alternative school for children with developmental disabilities. Laradon has grown to become one of the most comprehensive educational, vocational, residential and therapeutic programs in the country for children and adults with developmental disabilities.

## What is the Mission and Vision of Laradon?

Laradon's mission is to be an organization of excellence that provides superior services to children and adults with developmental disabilities and other special needs to help them realize their full potential and maximize self-sufficiency. Laradon provides the training, education, services and support to children and adults with special needs to live and work in the community as productive, valued members.



A participant tells Santa what she wants for Christmas at the annual Elks Holiday party.

## How Can I Help Laradon?

You can help by contributing to Laradon's fundraising campaigns, such as our annual Red Stocking campaign; donating new supplies and equipment; remembering Laradon in your Will. You can also give us the names and addresses of individuals who you think would be interested in donating to Laradon and conducting fundraisers in your community. You can also hire Laradon participants for jobs in your place of employment.



A participant takes a moment to flash a smile for the camera.

## Where Is Laradon Located?

Laradon's main campus is at 5100 Lincoln Street in north Denver and covers approximately six acres. Many of Laradon's program operations take place in private homes, community centers, and in businesses throughout the Denver metropolitan area.



Laradon's Administration Building was built in 1925. It was designated as one of Denver's Historical Landmarks in March 2004.

## Who Does Laradon Serve?

Laradon serves infants through senior citizens. We offer an infant and toddler program for children who have disabilities or are at risk for delays; a school for children and adolescents; a basic skills program for those with more severe disabilities; an employment program for adults; a seniors program; a program for the medically fragile and a host home program. The children and adults have various levels of disabilities and some have co-existing physical or psychiatric disorders.



A participant enjoys the festivities during the annual Elks Holiday party.

## What Is Laradon's Service Area?

Laradon receives referrals for children from school districts and social service agencies from across Colorado, while adults are referred through community-centered boards and other agencies throughout the state.

## How Big is Laradon?

With 11 different programs, Laradon serves over 550 children and adults with developmental disabilities, representing over 600 enrollments annually. Laradon employs 195 people and has an annual operating budget of \$12 million.

## How is Laradon Funded?



A teacher helps a participant in the computer lab.

The majority of Laradon's annual operating revenue comes from local, state and federal government. Laradon receives grants from various private foundations. The Colorado Elks Association provides support through lodge

fundraisers, the annual raffle and other events.

## Why Should I Support Laradon?

Laradon serves children and adults with developmental disabilities from across Colorado. They are our sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, and our friends and neighbors. They deserve to be given every opportunity to contribute and participate in society and to become full and equal partners with those without disabilities.

## What's Special About Laradon?

Laradon is a family. For nearly 60 years, Laradon has represented opportunity, accomplishment, love, nurturing, caring – and hope for thousands of people with disabilities and their families.

That is the Laradon culture.

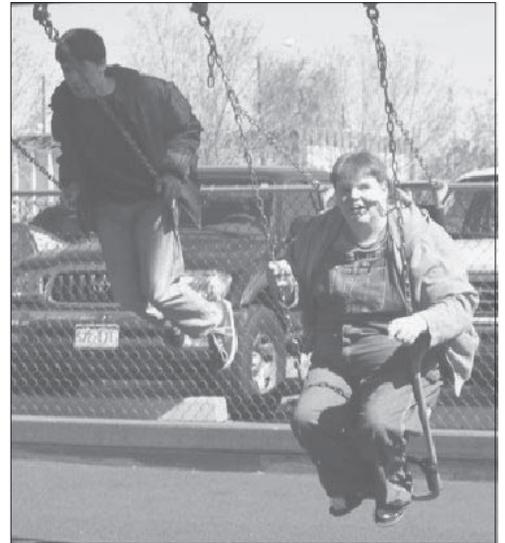
This culture

permeates the organization and manifests itself throughout the staff, the people who receive services and the families of the participants. The Laradon culture stems from the nature of Laradon's origins, its history and evolution and its unique place in society. To survive in the future, Laradon must manage costs, obtain additional revenue, provide "state-of-the-art" programs and services. Laradon must be well-managed and employ the best people. In other words, Laradon must operate as if its very existence depended upon its efficiency and effectiveness-because it does!

## How Can I Learn More About Laradon?

Call Laradon to schedule a tour to see the facility. Get on Laradon's mailing list to receive the Laradon Update newsletter or visit our website at Laradon.org.

To learn how you can help, please call (303) 296-2400.



The Colorado Elks helped Laradon's playground resurfacing project in May 2006.