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Full Circle: Zach's Journey

Zach's story with Bello Machre is one of resilience, love, and determined support — a journey that has come full circle. After a life-altering accident in 2010, Zach was left with a traumatic brain injury (TBI), which required extensive surgeries and therapies.

His family's strength and determination led them to Bello Machre's Ray of Hope Program in 2012, where Zach received funding for adaptive equipment like an iPad and a specialized bike. These tools helped him regain essential skills and live a more independent life.

Fast forward to 2024, and Zach once again turned to Bello Machre. He is now receiving Personal Support Services and working one-on-one with his Direct Support Professional, Lawanda, to engage in meaningful activities that continue to enrich his life. From gym sessions to park walks and trips to the movies, Zach is thriving once again. His mother, Angie, recalls Bello Machre's pivotal role saying, "Who knows where we'd be if Zach didn't have the iPad and bike to help him at home. Bello Machre has been there since the beginning."



Twelve years and counting with Bello Machre!



Zach with Lawanda

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MISSION

To provide a lifetime commitment of *loving care, opportunity, and guidance* for people with developmental disabilities in Maryland.





Dr. Robert T. Ireland
PRESIDENT & CEO

What an amazing story of perseverance!
As I read through Zach's journey, I'm filled with **inspiration and hope.**

Can you feel it too?

Zach's story reminds me of the many remarkable individuals supported by Bello Machre over the years. Despite the challenges ahead, Zach and his mother pressed on with unwavering determination. We've been honored to support him at various stages of his life — starting 12 years ago through our Hertha & Jesse Adams Ray of Hope Program, where we provided essential resources for him and his family. Today, he's thriving with our Personal Supports Services, engaging in meaningful activities and living life to the fullest.

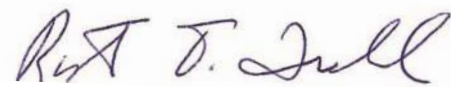
As we celebrate Zach's journey, we also take pride in Bello Machre's milestones that shape our community. This past September, we celebrated the 40th Anniversary of our Annual Golf Tournament, a cornerstone event that not only raises vital funds for our programs but also strengthens our incredible community of supporters.

Our flourishing Community Services continue to provide meaningful access to the community through job opportunities and avenues for building friendships. Our Residential Services recently began constructing five new homes that will provide safe, nurturing environments of growth and love for years to come.

I want to again express my heartfelt gratitude for your generous support. It's because of YOU that Bello Machre can make a lasting impact on families like Zach's. Our enthusiasm to serve knows no bounds, and your support allows us to expand our reach to those who need it most.

This giving season, I hope that you'll consider making a financial contribution that can transform a family's future. Your generosity truly makes a difference, and every contribution helps us not just sustain but grow our important mission.

Thank you for your continued support. We're grateful to have you with us on this journey. 



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Zach on his bike thanks to Ray of Hope funding.

Today, Zach's journey is still evolving. His mom is training to become his primary support, bringing closer their bond and his connection with Bello Machre. "It truly feels like Zach and his family's journey with Bello Machre has come full circle," explains Chris Engler, Bello Machre's Community Services Director. "From receiving Ray of Hope funding to enjoying engaging activities through our Personal Support program, and now with his mom preparing to become a Direct Support Professional — that's exactly what we love to see at Bello Machre."

Zach's journey with Bello Machre exemplifies our dedication and care for individuals and their families. What started as one act of support through Ray of Hope has evolved into a meaningful relationship, creating a long-lasting impact in Zach's life today. Families place their trust in Bello Machre for the personalized care that empower individuals like Zach to thrive while ensuring continuous support. At Bello Machre, we are deeply honored to create meaningful changes that profoundly impact lives and hearts. 



Having fun in the community! Zach and Lewanda enjoy taking fun and enriching trips together.

Bello Machre means home of my heart in Gaelic.

This meaning is reflected in our mission: a lifetime commitment of loving care, opportunities, and guidance for people with developmental disabilities in Maryland. For over 50 years, we have provided residential and community-based services that help those we support live rich, fulfilling lives. Each person served by Bello Machre will always enjoy a meaningful day based on their needs and desires. Learn more about our programs and services below.

The Jesse and Hertha Adams Ray of Hope Program —

We provide financial assistance to help meet the needs of individuals and families. From specialized summer camp to physical therapy and adoptive equipment expenses, Bello Machre will help families no matter the challenges they face.

Personal Supports Services — We offer people with developmental disabilities the opportunity to achieve their personal goals in a meaningful way that allows them to live as independent a lifestyle as possible. Direct Support Professionals work with individuals in a 1:1 setting to support them in accessing community-based social, educational, and leisure activities. Although Personal Supports Services focus on providing supports in the community, day-to-day living supports are provided as needed.

Respite Care is an add-on service to Personal Supports that provides planned or emergency relief for primary caregivers. We can arrange for community-based or in-home care for an extended period of time, up to 21 days.

With Personal Supports, your loved one will grow and thrive in the community.

Meaningful Day Services — We provide community-based adult day services, including Community Development Services and Supported Employment Services, for people with developmental disabilities ages 21 and above.

Community Development Services include social, recreational, and volunteer opportunities in a 1:4 (staff to individuals) setting so that the people we serve can be active members of the community.

Employment Services focus on helping your loved one find competitive employment opportunities in the community. Employment specialists assist the people we support to explore career options and provide job development, training, and coaching services.

No matter what, our focus is to enrich the lives of those we support through activities within the community that promote your loved one's personal and/or professional growth.

Residential Services — We care for people in Bello Machre-owned homes where they feel safe and loved. A Family Living Director (house manager) and other Direct Support Professionals guide and help those we serve so they can grow, develop, and live life to the fullest.

Share Your Life — Contact us today to find out how you can develop a meaningful connection and have a direct impact on the people we serve.

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Amy's sky-high Adventure


Since joining Bello Machre's Residential Services in 2018, Amy's life has blossomed with joy and personal growth.

With the unconditional support of her dedicated care team, she's embraced new experiences and built a vibrant, fulfilling life. Recently, Amy achieved something she's always dreamed of — skydiving!

Though jumping from a plane wasn't on the agenda this time, Amy's adventurous spirit still soared high at iFLY Baltimore, an indoor skydiving center. Thanks to the incredible Bello Machre staff, especially Direct Support Professional, Hannah, Amy had the time of her life as she experienced flying. Hannah, alongside other friends and staff from Amy's home, cheered her on every step of the way.

What made this day truly special wasn't just the thrill of the skydive. It was Amy's love, care, and friendship with her support team. As Annette Dietrich, Amy's mother, shared, **"They don't just do their job — they enjoy it. They make every moment count."**



Thanks to Bello Machre's passionate commitment to empowering individuals with developmental disabilities, Amy's dreams became a reality. This unforgettable day is a powerful reminder of the incredible opportunities possible through her caring and supportive staff. Amy can't wait for her next adventure! 

The iFly Team got to enjoy the experience and cheer her on!



Hannah (right) and Amy's mom (left) were with Amy every step and enjoyed every moment together.





Fundraising hits \$140,000 on our 40th!

We are thrilled to announce that Bello Machre's 40th Annual Golf Tournament was a tremendous success! Thanks to perfect weather and the support of our generous sponsors and golfers, we raised over \$140,000 to benefit the hundreds of individuals we serve.

This year, we welcomed 140 golfers for an exciting day of golf and giving. The Sausage Stop at the 9th hole was a highlight, serving over 300 sausages! While several golfers came close to the \$25,000 hole-in-one challenge, no one claimed the big prize.

A special thank you goes to our title sponsors: Mike Saldi of SCLogic and Shane Ireland and Quinn Salamandra from Tential, each contributing \$25,000. Your support makes a huge difference! Thank you to everyone who helped make our 40th tournament such a success. We look forward to seeing you next year for our Annual Golf Tournament on Wednesday, September 10, 2025!



2024

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Elena Sallitto is a principal with Stavely & Sallitto Elder Law, LLC, in Annapolis, where she focuses her practice on elder law and working with families and individuals with disabilities.

Elena is Bello Machre's legal expert for creating wills and trusts as well as:

- Public Benefits
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- Special Needs Trusts
- ABLA Accounts
- & More!



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