



Barbara Brennan, Owner
President and CEO Emeritus



Kerry Brennan Bertram
President and CEO

Barbara Brennan had a child who was born with hydrocephalus. Joey never walked or talked and he was blind by the time he was three and his life ended shortly before his eighth birthday. The outgrowth of this personal experience is why the Brennan family today continues working for and with special needs adults - it is our way of life.

In 1988 the Brennan's purchased RC Ink, a sheltered workshop and renamed it Stride, Inc. (Stride). By purchasing the business, the Brennan's were able to transition from a not-for-profit organization to a for-profit. The Stride name worked because their employees were making strides in their development and quest for independence.

Adults with intellectual delays come from all walks of life. No area of the population is immune. Often they become dependent on the government for support. They can, and indeed, desire to be productive members of society.

Stride knows that working, mastering a task and gaining a skill, is the best builder of self-esteem in the world. Some workers will stay at Stride forever, but they always have the opportunity to grow within our organization. Some Stride employees have moved up into management positions. Others need a combination of employment and aide. The important thing is having a job to go to each day, in an integrated environment, where *our* goal is to uncover what they are good at doing.

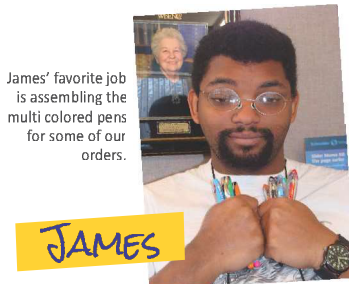
Many of our employees ride public transportation to work; hours are flexible to accommodate transportation and other unique needs. Business decisions are always made with Stride employees in mind. When Stride moved, a new location was chosen on a bus route so the workers could get to work easily.

One of Stride's earliest success stories was the development of a line of rollerball pens that met the government's exacting specifications. Those rollerballs had a writing tip purchased from Schneider of Germany. The two companies formed a close and trusting relationship. In 1993, Stride and Schneider signed a partnership agreement for Stride to be Schneider's exclusive agent in the U.S. All Schneider pens sold in the U.S. are packaged, labeled and/or shipped by Stride employees and product is hand assembled when possible.

In 2000, Stride partnerec with QuickFit® binders to become the exclusive distributor of QuickFit® in the U.S. It is through these partnerships that Stride has become a diversity leader in the office products industry.

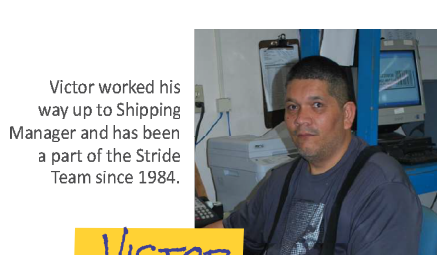
As the importance for diversity suppliers came into the purchasing arena, Stride became certified as a small, woman-owned business (WBE). This has led to Stride's inclusion in major office product catalogs through their Diversity Programs.

In 2013, Barbara retired but still remains very active in the business and the reins have been passed to her daughter, Kerry Brennan Bertram. The mission remains the same. Stride's growth and reputation has been a factor in our survival and success, as well as embracing a green philosophy when manufacturing. Stride's philosophy is to supply customers with the highest quality products at competitive prices, while employing our very valuable personnel.



James' favorite job is assembling the multi colored pens for some of our orders.

JAMES



Victor worked his way up to Shipping Manager and has been a part of the Stride Team since 1984.

VICTOR



Marie has been a part of the team since its inception, she knows every job that needs to be done.

MARIE