

East Bay Innovations Creating Opportunities



“What will happen to her later in life?”

In LIFE magazine, December 1996, the Oakland-based photographer, Leon Borensztein, posed this question about his daughter, Sharon.

It was important to Leon that Sharon experience a loving, full childhood. For many years, he alone provided the extensive daily care that went along with her having a visual impairment, seizure disorder, and autism. All the while, they spent time exploring and enjoying their Bay Area community. They were regulars at the farmers’ market, routinely went to local events and performances, participated in recreational activities, and even travelled internationally.

Just last year, after Leon spent years searching for the “right” placement for her, at the age of 29, Sharon moved into an apartment with a roommate and began receiving services through EBI.



Described by EBI staff as having a “joyful spirit,” Sharon is clearly loving life. Beyond the intensive individualized care she requires, her days are filled with painting and drawing, using the computer, and participating in activities in the community.

Leon watches his daughter grow and appreciates the richness of her life today. And he’s grateful for what appear to be simple things, like seeing Sharon contentedly eating dinner alongside her roommate. To Sharon, who never had a social world of peers, this routine is wonderful.

Your gifts make it possible for EBI to serve many more sons and daughters. Your support helps parents begin envisioning the future. **YOUR DONATIONS CHANGE LIVES.**

Tom Heinz, Executive Director

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P.S. If you’ve ever asked the question, “What will happen later in life?” then you know just how important your donation is.