

APHASIA CENTER of CALIFORNIA



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Aphasia Newsletters

Aphasia (uh-fay-zhuh): A loss or reduction of language (i.e., speaking, understanding, reading, and/or writing) following brain damage, typically as a result of a stroke.

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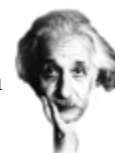
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"Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile."

Profile

[Aphasia Center participant Mary Jane Laufenberg is an inspiration to live with mild Aphasia.](#)

Albert Einstein



Center Celebrates Second Anniversary



by Roberta J. Elman, Ph.D.

Be Informed

[Know the warning strokes, reducing your risk.](#)

It is hard to believe that the Aphasia Center of California (ACC) has just celebrated its second-year anniversary. And looking back over the last two years, we have so many things to celebrate! I am extremely proud of the ACC's mission, our hard work, and our compassion. Everyday we are improving the lives of those with aphasia and their families--and our commitment and frugality has translated into the ACC providing more than 2,000 group visits to people from throughout the Bay Area in just this past year.



In addition to providing direct care to stroke survivors with aphasia in the Bay Area, we are also providing information and referral services to anyone who calls, writes, or e-mails us at the ACC. Our new website is allowing us to reach people from all over the world. In the last month, we have answered questions from people in Virginia, Texas, Michigan, and even Argentina and Germany. The ACC programs are quickly becoming a recognized model of quality treatment for aphasia. Since January, our speech-language pathologists have been invited speakers at professional conferences. In addition to these presentations, we have recently