

Ellen Beaudin spent her professional career motivated by one passion, the care of children with ASD. Her quiet and calming nature helped children and their parents navigate through a disorder that little was known about or understood when she began.

Following undergraduate and post graduate degrees from Goddard College in Vermont, she chose to stay in the northern New England area, a community that was dramatically underserved. She would often drive over a hundred miles round trip to work with clients in rural areas, without worrying about being reimbursed for gas, or how many hours she worked.

Her love for children and families in need extended to her personal life. She adopted her son Gregory, a newborn from TX, with undiagnosed neurological issues of his own. Despite the challenges of being a single white mother of a black child in rural New England, she balanced work and parenting without sacrificing the dedication she brought to either.

She touched the lives of so many with humility and empathy, with only one goal in mind, helping young children and their families live their best lives.

Tragically, Ellen suffered a traumatic brain injury following routine surgery and spent the next 12 years of her too short life suffering from constant migraines, unable to continue the work that she loved. Unfortunately, she also lost Gregory during this time, but despite the constant debilitating pain and grief, she never lost her resolve to help the children and causes most dear to her.

Ellen lived simply and modestly. She passed away in March, and her final wish was to establish a lasting charitable fund that would continue helping the children and families she held so dear.