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THE FACING FUTURE

2015 Paces for Faces Walk & Family Picnic

Join us for the 19th annual FFC Walk and Family Picnic around Lake Quannapowitt in Wakefield, Mass., on Sunday, October 4, 2015 – rain or shine. The event is a great opportunity to enjoy a fun-filled afternoon of kid-friendly activities and to connect with friends – old and new!

"Last year we raised just over $50,000 and, in spite of a major traffic accident that prevented some of our participants from attending, we still had a very good turnout!" said Ann-Marie Rogers, Executive VP of FFC. "We listened to you and have returned the Walk to a Sunday afternoon. We look forward to another wonderful day with the FFC community and our supporters. We hope to have more than 500 participants this year and have set a fundraising goal of $50,000."

Registration begins at 10:30 am and the Walk kicks off at 12:15 pm, followed by lunch and activities. The addition of a silent auction was a big hit in 2014 so we will be repeating it this year.

This fundraising event supports the Foundation for Faces of Children's ongoing efforts to provide information and programming for children and families affected by craniofacial differences. This includes funding the annual scholarship program, parent support groups, distribution of our videos, educational seminars and other opportunities to enable FFC to fulfill its mission.

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JOHN B. MULLIKEN, MD:
Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons

In the fall of 2014, Dr. John B. Mulliken was admitted as Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, England. Typically a reluctant traveler, Dr. Mulliken was eager to make the trip to London for the induction ceremony in March 2015. He remarked, "This distinction is the highest award I have ever received."

Spring was in early bloom when Dr. Mulliken and his wife, Portia, and daughter, Olivia, arrived in London. Dotty MacDonald also traveled with the Mulliken clan and entertained Olivia, age 4, throughout the week.

British plastic surgical colleagues, many of whom had visited Boston Children's Hospital, converged for the ceremony and celebration at the Royal College of Surgeons.

Wearing an academic bonnet with tassel, Dr. Mulliken in ceremonial regalia looked like a Shakespearean bard. Upholders of tradition, British counterparts marched in procession to ceremonial brass and baton. Dr. Mulliken delivered an inspiring address prior to receiving his diploma.

The week in London was also memorable with fortuitous sightings of the Royals. On the first full day after arriving, Dr. Mulliken's family and Dotty walked toward Buckingham Palace when Her Majesty, the Queen, rode past in her motorcade – to everyone's delight and surprise. On the last day, Prince Charles and Camilla rolled by in their motorcade. None of the Royals waved back to the excited Americans.

The Mulliken clan and Dotty MacDonald visited the Churchill War Rooms, walked through Green Park, Hyde Park, St. James's Park and enjoyed perfect weather the entire week in London.

Dr. Mulliken in ceremonial robes, prepares to receive his diploma from the Royal College of Surgeons, London.

Two weeks after returning to Boston, Dr. Mulliken received national recognition with an award for Lifetime Achievement by Castle Connolly Medical Ltd. A photograph of Dr. Mulliken was prominently featured in the national edition of *The New York Times* for the announcement of the 2015 Castle Connolly America's Top Doctors Award. Dr. Mulliken was joined by family, friends and colleagues for this awards banquet at The Pierre in New York City.

Submitted by A. Portia Chiou, MD

Dr. Mulliken's Lifetime Achievement Award presented by Castle Connolly Medical Ltd.

The Pros Skate in Support of FFC: 2015 Crunch Classic

Three generations of the Parks family came together in support of FFC at the 2015 Crunch Classic: Madison, pictured with dad John Parks (right) and grandfather David Parks.

Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light…

The Syracuse Crunch hockey team took to the ice for their annual "Crunch Classic" hockey game in March, once again donating the proceeds to the Foundation for Faces of Children. Now spanning a decade, this fundraiser is organized by John and Teri Parks along with their 11-year-old daughter Madison who was born with unilateral craniosynostosis.

This was an especially exciting year for Madison: not only did she perform the national anthem at the afternoon Crunch Classic charity game, but also at the evening's American Hockey League game before more than 6,000 hockey fans as Syracuse took on the Utica Comets. (Check out FFC's Facebook page for a link to the YouTube video of Madison's performance.)

An avid Crunch fan, Madison attends games regularly with her family and also plays hockey herself. The Syracuse Crunch hockey team is the AHL affiliate of the Tampa Bay Lightning and the Crunch Classic remains a fixture on their annual schedule, drawing former players, friends and fans. Over the past 10 years, the event has collected close to $12,000 in support of FFC's ongoing work.

FFC is deeply grateful to the Parks family and the Syracuse Crunch team for dedicating their time and athletic skills to further our mission to educate families and medical professionals about craniofacial conditions. Their generous effort benefits families in need of information, support and networking opportunities.

SUPPORT 2015 TEAM FFC!

This August will mark FFC's third year of participation in the New Balance Falmouth Road Race, raising funds to support the Foundation's ongoing efforts, including our scholarship program, parent support groups, workshops and seminars and distribution of our videos. The 2015 FFC team of 12 will join upwards of 11,000 runners in Woods Hole for the event, including many who are running for other causes. "The past two years combined, Team FFC raised more than $15,000 and we hope to raise $12,000 this year alone! We are just about one-third of the way there," says Kate Clark, Team Captain and mother of a 4 ½-year-old son who is cleft affected. Three spots remain open on our team at the publishing of this newsletter so if you are interested in running with a FFC team bib, email Kate Clark at roadrace@facesofchildren.org.

More importantly, the team needs everyone's support. Please consider making a donation through Paypal at www.facesofchildren.org. Or go to www.firstgiving.com and type "Team FFC 2015" into the search bar. Our team page will be listed and you can donate to a specific team member.

Members of our 2014 team sport FFC jerseys as pre-race excitement builds in Falmouth. *Left to right:* Jocelyn Brault, Jessica Purdy, Angela Hoye, Jason Hoye, Kate Clark and Christina Chatalian. *Team members not pictured:* Sherry Antonellis, Juliana Blazuk, Joe Carroll and Kelly Kretschmar.

FFC Newborn Bags

In January, FFC began distributing "Newborn Bags" as gifts for parents of infant patients in the Craniofacial Clinic at BCH. The fashionable and useful totes work great as diaper bags and inside each is a onesie, a bib, a copy of the feeding video and a packet of useful FFC information.

2015 FFC Scholarship Awards Program

The Foundation for Faces of Children hosted a reception Friday, June 26 for the presentation of the 2015 FFC Scholarship Awards to four deserving young adults. Beginning this year, the Foundation has made a commitment to annually award up to $20,000 in scholarships. Meet this year's recipients:

The Dr. John B. Mulliken Scholarship

Awarded to someone who demonstrates excellence in academic scholarship and leadership.

Hannah Brown, of Cape Neddick, Maine, graduated from York High School. Active in sports, she competed in field hockey, skiing and cross country. Hannah also served as varsity softball team captain. She was inducted into both the National Honor Society and the World Language Honor Society and was a member of the Yearbook staff and Interact Club. Her volunteer efforts include: assisting at the York Thrift Shop, volunteering in elementary school classrooms, organizing at the York Food pantry and visiting and assisting elderly residents in the community as part of the YHS Action team. In her junior year, she "job shadowed" an anesthesiologist at York Hospital, cementing her desire to enter the medical field. In addition, Hannah held numerous part-time jobs outside of her school activities.

Hannah will be attending Holy Cross in the fall where she will follow a pre-medicine track. Her dream is to become a pediatric surgeon and hopes to be working in Boston.

The Dorothy MacDonald Scholarship

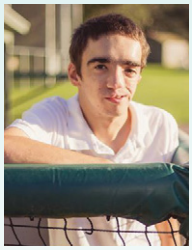
Awarded to a young adult pursuing a career in the health profession.

Stacie Rotatori of Enfield, Conn., graduated from Enrico Fermi High School. She was active in sports, participating in soccer as well as mentoring in U-8 youth soccer. She is an officer for the DECA- marketing club where she has done extensive fundraising. Other activities included a community service club, Relay for Life and Future Business Leaders of America. She has volunteered extensively with Rays of Hope Walk, Mercy Hospital and Make a Wish Foundation. In addition, Stacie held part-time jobs outside of her school activities throughout her junior and senior years.

Stacie will be attending the University of New Hampshire in the fall where she will be studying occupational therapy. Her hope is to live in the Boston area and become a pediatric occupational therapist working with children with developmental delays.

The Jane C. McDaid Memorial Scholarship

Awarded for strong community service.



Nathan Garran of Eastham, Mass., attended Nauset High School and currently attends the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth. He volunteers for the Orleans Firebirds Cape Cod League baseball team and the Leo Club where he served as both the charter president and treasurer during his high school years. He has been inducted as a member of both the Lion's Club and the Fraternal Order of Masons. An Eagle Scout, Nathan built a handicap ramp for the Eastham United Methodist Church for his service project. Within his Boy Scout career, he has held numerous leadership positions. This past year, he volunteered as an income tax preparer in the New Bedford area.

Nathan looks forward to graduating in accounting at UMASS. He hopes to also complete a master's degree and pass his CPA exam.

The Barbara Seltzer Memorial Scholarship

Awarded to a young adult with cleft lip/palate who was active in the arts or who will be pursuing a career in the arts.

Olivia Chaves graduated from Saugus High School where she was active in sports including varsity tennis and the ski and snowboard club. A ski instructor at Wildcat Mountain in New Hampshire, Olivia has the distinction of being a Professional Ski Instructor of America. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Model United Nations and served on Student Council. Active in the humanities, she plays in the Jazz band, is a member of Chorus and Drama Club and serves as president of *Vistas*, a literary magazine. She also volunteers as an English tutor at her school, a teaching assistant at her church and within the Saugus Youth and Recreation Department. Olivia also held part-time jobs outside of school activities through her high school years.

Olivia will be attending the University of Vermont where she will be studying psychology. In ten years she hopes to be working to raise awareness for individuals with psychological disorders.

Our Sincere Thanks to Jack Condon for his Service as Board President

FFC would like to thank our exiting President, Jack Condon. Jack's commitment over the last two years has been instrumental in leaving us on a strong footing. The Foundation remains financially stable, has added programming and has increased support to our families. Jack will continue his involvement with the Foundation by remaining on the Board of Directors. Ann-Marie Rogers, the acting Vice President says, "Jack's friendship and guidance will be difficult to match, and it was my pleasure to work beside him."

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Because of your ongoing support, we are now dedicating $20,000 each year toward scholarship awards and will soon begin production on our third video.

The Walk continues to be an opportunity for families to meet new members and old friends. All are encouraged to register and bring their entire family for a day of fun and raising awareness.

Get Involved

Just follow the five steps listed at right.

STEP 1: Form a team. Invite family, friends and co-workers to do the walk with you. The more, the merrier! Individual walkers are welcome, too!

STEP 2: Sign up. To register, go to **www.crowdrise.com/PacesforFaces2015**.

STEP 3: Fundraise. Create a team fundraising page on Crowdrise then it's easy to ask family and friends to support your efforts! Email the link, share it on Facebook, or tweet it to all of your followers! Or, download and print sponsor sheets by visiting **www.pacesforfaces.com** (Bring completed sponsor sheets and collected pledges to the walk).

STEP 4: Check in and walk. Check in and walk. Meet on the common by the First Parish Congregational Church at 1 Church St, Wakefield, Mass. We're not allowed to use the church parking lot, but free parking is available on the street.

STEP 5: Join us for lunch and activities following the walk. Refuel with a hearty picnic lunch; participate in kid-friendly activities; and take part in our annual raffle and silent auction. FFC merchandise will also be available for purchase.

For up-to-date information about the Walk, please visit **www.pacesforfaces.com.**

Message from the New FFC Board President

Michael Greiner, newly elected president of the Foundation for Faces of Children, with his wife Tara and their children, Kate and Matthew.

I am very excited to have accept the two-year position of president of the FFC Board of Directors. For almost three decades FFC has successfully been living out its vision. In recent years we have sponsored programs for children and their parents and continued to host successful fundraising events with our Annual Walk as well as other smaller events. Additionally, our scholarship program has assisted many college and post-graduate students in attaining their educational aspirations. We plan to expand many of these programs over the coming years and I am eager to see how many additional children and families we can positively touch.

Both my son Matthew and I were born with bi-lateral cleft lip and palate and after seeing the incredible results from Matthew's first set of operations, I was inspired to join FFC. The quality of the care by all the doctors and assistants connected to FFC and the education for families that the organization offered was just terrific. I never thought much about my own cleft lip and palate until Tara and I were informed that our son would also be born with cleft lip and palate. The fact that it was genetic, to some extent, made us want to acquire a deeper understanding of the genetics involved, the various severities and how each is treated and thankfully, the newer medical techniques that are available.

Of course I would never wish that anyone be born with a craniofacial difference, however, given my own personal experience, as well as the anecdotal stories I have heard since being on the FFC Board, it seems many of us have used this journey to create life-long positive outcomes. I have heard that our children tend to be more caring, aware of their surroundings, motivated and supportive of others, turning what some see as physical scars into what the world will see as adolescents and young adults who are making a meaningful difference in our society. We hope that the Foundation can continue to provide high-level support to our children and families as they embark on their journeys.

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The Foundation for Faces of Children is dedicated to improving the lives of children with craniofacial differences, including cleft lip, cleft palate, and other head and facial conditions. Our mission is to:

- Provide patients and families with the most accurate, up-to-date, and accessible information about facial differences.
- Advocate for the best care possible for children with facial differences.

We achieve this by:

- Collaborating with leading specialists.
- Endorsing the team approach to care.
- Partnering with individuals and organizations with similar goals.

We are a not-for-profit organization entirely supported by private donations, grants, and fund-raising initiatives. Please contact us if you would like to participate in or sponsor a fundraising event.

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