

FACING THE FUTURE

FFC Scholarship Award Program

ENTERS ITS 19th YEAR!

Since being established in 1999, the FFC scholarship award program has distributed 58 scholarships totaling \$104,000. The program annually awards post-secondary education scholarships (college or vocational/technical school) to promising students born with a facial difference. High school graduates or students currently attending college who are residents of New England (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont) are eligible to apply. The Foundation selects award recipients based on their academic performance, extracurricular activities, and community service.

At our Annual Scholarship Awards presentation, it is an honor and privilege for those in attendance to share in their accomplishments. FFC is proud to be able to play a small role in helping their dreams to come true as they move through their college experiences. Many of our scholarship recipients return to FFC as volunteers; helping at events, offering support to younger generations and establishing themselves as mentors and role models.

The applications deadline is March 1, 2017. For information or to download an application, visit www.facesofchildren.org and select "Scholarship Information" under the "For Patients and Families" tab. Or call Mary Lania, Scholarship Committee Chair, evenings or weekends at 781-255-8931.

Please join us for our scholarship awards presentation event in the spring of 2017. 📅



Sunday, September 25, 2016

What a Celebration!



More than 500 people attended our 2016 Walk, including quite a few from the first Walk in 1997! And we were happy to welcome a number of new faces that we look forward to seeing again. The day had dawned cold but the sun soon warmed up volunteers as they worked tirelessly to set up. Participants began to arrive around 10 am and they didn't stop — family members, friends, and staff from Boston Children's Hospital and Tufts Floating Hospital turned out in droves for our 20th annual Paces for Faces Walk and Family Picnic.

The highlight of this year's celebration was our honorary chair, Randy Price, of WCVB Channel 5 Boston, who joined those on the leisurely 3.5 miles walk around Lake Quannapowitt in Wakefield. Almost \$75,000 was raised through the hard work and efforts of walkers who solicited donations, and the many who participated in the raffle, silent auction, and merchandise sales. As always, funds will be used to further FFC's educational outreach through free publications, videos, informational programs, the Foundation's website and the annual student scholarship awards.

Those who arrived early to register were able to mingle and enjoy coffee, cocoa and donuts provided by Erik Lania of Watermark Donut Company of South Boston. Children were entertained with face painting, temporary tattoos, and balloon creations. New this year was our red carpet "photo booth" where teams gathered before a colorful backdrop for a group photo taken by FFC board member Chelsea Williamson.

As the walk kicked off, Randy took a moment to record an "Eye Opener wake up call" from those

“ This was our first year participating in the walk ... It was a great experience!! My daughter Katie was able to see and meet other kids like her. It was a really positive experience for her to know she wasn't the only one out there. It is something we plan on doing every year going forward.”

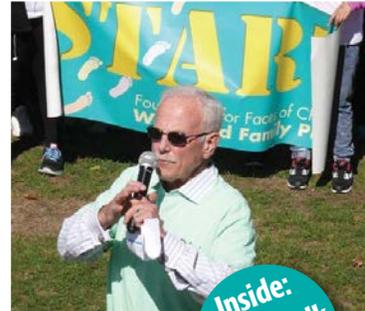
— Sarah M

gathered at the head of the lake. At that time, our walk co-chairs, Olivia Oppel and Elizabeth Hunter, were recognized for their hard work in pulling the event together. While everyone headed off for the walk, our 1997 "Miles for Smiles" walkers came together for a group photo with Randy. We were delighted to have with us again Dr. John Mulliken, Dotty MacDonald, Mark and Mary Lania, Karen and J.R. Foley, Patricia Connery, Lauren Dausch, and the Chaves family (Joe and Janice with an "Olivia" cut-out).

As walkers made their way to the tent for lunch, they were greeted by lively strolling entertainment including ball and club juggling, as well as hula hooping and more balloon creations. A delicious lunch was provided in part by Roche Bros. Children's activities continued with the addition of a soccer clinic, along with team photos, all while enjoying festive music.

This is the fifth year that FFC has recognized individuals who raised \$750 online by September 4th with a special yellow Smile Striders t-shirt. Our deep gratitude goes to each of this year's Smile Striders: Hailee Bergeron, Lacey Clericuzio, Norah Costigan, Emma France, Kate Greiner, Niko Joakim, Wesley Locapo, Abby McGillivray, John McKinnon, Casey McMahon, Elan Oliva, Daniel Rogers and Milton Rogers.

This year's Walk Committee worked extra hard to make our 20th a true celebration for all! To the committee, and those of you who worked on tent set up, registration, food, raffle, auction, merchandise, and



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children's activities, we extend our deepest thanks! The walk committee included Olivia Oppel and Elizabeth Hunter, Ann-Marie Rogers, Patricia Connery, Monir Sakha, Liz O'Keefe, Jennifer Dodwell, and Tara Grenier with support from many others. Thank you to the members of the FFC Board of Directors who also volunteered that day to ensure the walk's success.

Many thanks to the individuals, families and businesses who donated to this year's raffle and silent auction which raised nearly \$3,000. Finally, we extend a special thanks for supporting the 2016 Paces for Faces Walk and Family Picnic to Roche Bros. who supplied half the lunch, DePuy Synthes for their \$1,000 donation and D'Amici's Bakery of Reading for the cake for our 20th celebration.

If you are interested in serving on next year's walk committee or volunteering to help the day of the walk, let us know. You can email us at walk@facesofchildren.org or call us at 617-355-8299.

Looking forward to seeing you all next year! 🎉



1997 "Miles for Smiles" walkers join Randy Price at the 20th 2016 Paces for Faces Walk and Family Picnic. L to R: Mark Lania, Patricia Connery, Mary Lania, John Mulliken, Jane Dausch, Karen Foley, Dotty MacDonald, Janice Chaves and Joe Chaves. Seated is J.R. Foley and paper cutout is Olivia Chaves.



FFC is grateful to all those who helped make our 20th Annual Paces for Faces Walk & Family Picnic a true celebration and success!



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Randy Price, The EyeOpener
WCVB Channel 5 Boston

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Disc Jockey Services (W. Newton) –
music and emcee
Stoneham Sports Center –
walk, volunteer, and Smile Strider t-shirts
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RAFFLE and AUCTION PRIZES

American Hockey League
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Canobie Lake Park
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Legal Seafood
Colleen Loughlin (Woburn)
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National Amusements
New England Aquarium
New England Patriots
New England Revolution
Old Town Trolley Tours
Panera Bread (Newton)
Allie Richardson (Pony Time)
Scripps Network
Sky Zone Indoor Trampoline Park (Everett)
Super Soccer Stars (Charlestown)
Trader Joe's
Wilson Farm (Lexington)

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Balloons and Strolling Entertainment:
Circus Dynamics (N. Providence, RI)
FFC Red Carpet Photo Booth Photos:
Chelsea Williamson
Soccer clinic: Soccer Super Stars

VOLUNTEERS

Kristen Beaudouin
Kyle Beaudouin
Emily Boudreau
Joseph Carroll and Family
Sydney Cerveny
John Condon
Patricia Connery
Ursula Costigan
Kit Cunningham
Jane Dausch
Jennifer Dodwell
Mike Doyle
Joseph Firriolo
Jerome Fung
Gerry, Charlie and Colin Gagnon
Tate Gillman
Michael and Tara Greiner
Elizabeth Hunter
Kara Jackman
Olivia Kinzel
Mark and Mary Lania
Leah Ledgewood
Junell Lewis
Dotty MacDonald
Christine Marifote
John B. Mulliken, MD
Jenna O'Brien
Liz O'Keefe
Logan O'Keefe
Olivia and Ryan Oppel
Lindsey Pardoe
Ann-Marie, Bob, Daniel, and Emily Rogers
Monir Sakha
Hanieh Vahidi
Chelsea Williamson
Janice Williamson

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Committee Co-Chairs:
Olivia Oppel and Elizabeth Hunter
Registration and Communications:
Patricia Connery
Raffle/Auction Solicitations: Tara Greiner
Food/Beverage Coordinator: Monir Sakha
Merchandise: Liz and Logan O'Keefe
Children's Activities: Jennifer Dodwell
Logistics: Ann-Marie Rogers

FFC OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUN AND NETWORKING



On the Ice!

This winter, we are sponsoring a college hockey game on Saturday, December 10 at 7 pm at Merrimack College. We have reserved tickets for the Merrimack Men's Ice Hockey vs UMass Lowell at the J. Thom Lawler Rink at Merrimack College in North Andover. Seats are handicap accessible.



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IMPROVING SELF ESTEEM

For those of you who had so much fun at this workshop last year – and those who unfortunately missed it – we have set a tentative date for our next “Making Faces Workshop,” Sunday, April 9, 2017 from 10 am to 3 pm at Embassy Suites, 550 Winter St., Waltham, Mass.

LET'S BOWL!

A day of bowling is planned for Sunday, February 19, 2017 (the first Sunday of school vacation) at PiNZ Bowl, 110 S. Main St., Milford, Mass. from 3 to 5 pm. Four lanes have been reserved for an afternoon of family fun.



Batter Up!



FFC sponsored two baseball events this summer. More than a dozen families enjoyed one or both days at the ballpark. First, the Pawtucket Red Sox played the Scranton/WB Rail Raiders at McCoy Stadium in Pawtucket, R.I. on Sunday, June 26. Unfortunately, the Paw Sox lost to the Raiders, 3 to 6. On the other hand, the Lowell Spinners played against the Connecticut Tigers at LeLachere Park in Lowell, Mass. on Sunday, July 10 and won 4 to 1. Plan to join us next summer!



If you are interested in reserving seats for any of these programs, email us at programs@facesofchildren.org and let us know the number of adults and children as well as the ages of the children. You can also call us at 617-355-8299. Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis. 📧

Overcoming Insurance Obstacles Seminar

Insurance seminar presenters Cathy Hickey (left) and Leah Ledgewood (right) with FFC board members Ann-Marie Rogers, Executive Vice President and Dorothy MacDonald, RN, BSN.



Fourteen parents and six medical professionals attended the free seminar “Overcoming Insurance Obstacles” sponsored by FFC at Boston Children’s Hospital on October 15, 2016. The overwhelming consensus from the event surveys was that the seminar provided useful information on the complex topic of health insurance for a child with a craniofacial difference. Cathy Hickey, M.Ed. Project Coordinator, MassFV and F2F Health Info Center at Federation for Children with Special Needs, understands how to navigate the system. Leah Ledgewood, BA, coordinator for the Department of Dentistry at BCH, offered her first-hand understanding of the process. Both presenters urged those present to “ask questions” and “know their options.” FFC hopes to share both presentations online. Meanwhile, we encourage you to register to attend “Joining Voices 2016: A Conference for Families of Children with Special Health Care Needs” to be held in Framingham, Mass. on November 3, 2016. Information can be found on our [website](http://www.fcsn.org/mfv) or at www.fcsn.org/mfv. 📧

Another Successful Year for Team FFC!

For the fourth year, Team FFC participated in August’s **New Balance Falmouth Road Race** (NBFR), raising \$11,000 to support the Foundation’s ongoing efforts. The funds collected by the team of ten runners will be used to support our scholarship program, parent support groups, workshops and seminars and distribution of our videos. Thank you to runners Thomas Ballenthin, Kate Clark, Dave Dumenigo, Michelle Hatch, Elizabeth Hunter, Kristin & Kurt Kretschmar, Denise Riebel, Michele Rogers, Lauren Vaughn, Kara Watkins, and all those whose contributions supported Team FFC. FFC is privileged to acquire bibs through NBFR’s [Numbers for Nonprofits Program](#) which stipulates that each runner must raise at least \$750 each for their charity. If you are interested in making a commitment to fundraise by running with Team FFC in the August 20, 2017 NBFR, please email roadrace@facesofchildren.org. Once we are assigned our bibs, we will respond to your email to confirm your interest and provide registration details. 📧



BCH Welcomes New Professionals to the Team!

Kathryn Isaac, MD, is the new craniofacial fellow for the 2016-2017 academic year, joining us from Toronto, Canada. She is very excited for this opportunity to work with the world-renowned expert surgeons and the interdisciplinary staff of the cleft and craniofacial team at Boston Children's Hospital.

She completed her medical school and plastic surgery residency training at the University of Toronto. Prior to undertaking her medical studies, she completed her undergraduate training in Human Genetics and Bioethics. Her mentors at the Hospital for Sick Children sparked her passion to care for children with craniofacial differences and encouraged her desire to help these children reach their potential with transformative surgery.

Her clinical interests are cleft care including orthognathic surgery, craniosynostosis and complex craniofacial reconstruction. Her research interests include outcomes in cleft care and craniofacial growth in the setting of congenital anomalies. Currently, she is conducting research with Dr. Mulliken examining the etiopathogenesis of the cleft nasal deformity, changes in adolescence and corrections of the nasal deformity. Concurrent projects include quality improvement initiatives for craniosynostosis surgery and examining outcomes for the correction of velopharyngeal insufficiency. She plans to begin a Masters Degree in Public Health at the Harvard School of Public Health following completion of her clinical fellowship training. Her thesis will focus on the development of functional databases for the organization and analysis of surgical and patient reported outcomes and quality improvement in cleft care.

Kathryn was accompanied to Boston by then fiance Mikhial Pasic who works as a fixed income advisor for the Royal Bank of Canada. They supported the Foundation for Faces of Children at our Walk as a newly married couple! 🎉



Dr. Isaac with husband Mikhial



Amanda Lassiter, MSW, LCSW, is the new clinical social worker for the Plastic and Oral Surgery Department at Boston Children's Hospital (BCH). With five years experience at BCH, including authoring and executing outpatient social work programming, Amanda brings to the department a skillset that further promotes well-rounded care for our patients and families.

With dual undergraduate degrees in Journalism and Spanish from the University of Georgia, Amanda obtained her MSW from Boston University. Since then she has gained a Trauma Certificate, and takes a leadership role in the BCH Social Work Continuing Education Committee. Prior to BCH, Amanda's clinical rotations in adolescent development via the Boston Public School system and hospice pediatric palliative care

have equipped Amanda with training in both macro and clinical practice.

Amanda's work is rooted in evidence-based practice, and she offers long-term and brief interventions. Areas of expertise include: Children and adolescents with behavioral issues, trauma, mood disorders, family structured therapy, diagnostic adjustment and coping, life stressors and phase-of-life changes, grief and loss, relationship building, and concrete community resources. 🎉



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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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