

FACING THE FUTURE

A Special Garden at Risk

The Prouty Garden is dear to the hearts of Dr. Mulliken and the families of patients at BCH. The garden offers a calm respite for those spending countless, agonizing hours waiting for their child to emerge from surgery, or to be released from a stay.

To accommodate building expansion, BCH plans to destroy the Prouty Garden in spite of the promise on a plaque at its entrance, "The garden will continue to exist at Children's Hospital as long as there are patients, families and staff to enjoy it."

A grass-roots effort has been organized with the mission to save Prouty Garden from destruction. Learn what you can do to help and to view Dr. Mulliken's urgent appeal by visiting: www.saveprouty.org.



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Stepping Out for Our Children and Their Families

On the fourth day of October, a crisp fall Sunday, over 400 family members, friends, and staff from Boston Children's Hospital and Tufts Floating Hospital turned out for the 19th annual FFC Walk and Family Picnic in Wakefield.

Even the threat of Hurricane Joaquin didn't stop those who braved the chill wind, determined to finish the 3.5 mile loop around Lake Quannapowitt. Supporters raised almost \$65,000 through donations, a raffle, and a silent auction. The funds will be used to further FFC's educational outreach through publications, videos, informational programs, our website and the annual student scholarship awards.

The comfort of the tent was greatly appreciated by those who arrived early to register, mingle and enjoy coffee, cocoa and donuts provided by Erik Lania. Following the walk, a delicious and nutritious lunch was once again provided by Whole Foods Market.

Accompanied by festive music, children's activities included face painting, tattoo art, coloring, balloon art by Maurice from Circus Dynamics and a soccer clinic by Super Soccer Stars.

For the fourth year, special recognition was given to individuals who raised \$750 or more online by September 13. These "Smile Striders," were decked out in special gold t-shirts which, along with the walkers wearing maroon, mirrored the stunning New England fall foliage. Our deep gratitude goes out to each of this year's Smile Striders: Hailee Bergeron, Maggie Connor, Paul Ward, Murphy Chatten-Guerette, Monica Trivedi, Elan Oliva, Michelle Riley, Lacey Clericuzio, Tara Greiner, Michael Greiner, Sue Underwald, Brenda Yorba, Dean Kirby, Wyatt Nelson, Emma Malayandy and Norah Costigan.

"We had a great time together. The walk provides a wonderful opportunity to meet other families similar to our own," said Michael Greiner, FFC president. "Our goal has always been to create an uplifting experience for all participants."

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**Paces
for Faces**
Walk Family Picnic

FFC Scholarship Awards Program Enters 18th Year

The Foundation recognizes promising students born with a facial difference by annually awarding post-secondary educational scholarships (college or vocational/technical school). Since it was established in 1999, The FFC Scholarship Awards Program has distributed 53 scholarships totaling \$84,000. High school graduates or college students 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. Applicants are exceptional students — creative, compassionate, and perseverant. FFC is proud to be able to play a small role in helping their dreams to come true as they pursue their college education. At our annual scholarship awards presentation, it is always an honor and privilege for those in attendance to share in their accomplishments. Award recipients grow into amazing young adults and often return to FFC as

volunteers; helping at events, offering support to younger generations and establishing themselves as mentors and role models.

We are pleased to continue to grow our successful scholarship program thanks to the generous support of our constituency and through fundraisers such as our Annual Paces for Faces Walk and Family Picnic. This past year, FFC made a commitment to award up to \$20 thousand in annual scholarships to deserving young adults who meet the requirements of any of the four FFC scholarships:

The Jane C. McDaid Memorial Scholarship

(in memory of FFC past president and board member, Jane McDaid) is awarded to an applicant with a history of substantial community service.

The Barbara Seltzer Memorial Scholarship

(in memory of Prescription Parents co-founder Barbara Seltzer) is awarded to an applicant born with cleft lip/palate who has been active in, or is pursuing a career in the arts.

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In Your Own Words

By Kirby Vigneau-Murphy.

Our son Owen is a very active three-year-old who just happened to be born with a unilateral cleft lip and palate. The youngest of our four children, he is also our only child born with a cleft lip and palate. I remember that even though we were experienced parents, we were very nervous about all the surgeries he would have to undergo when he was a baby. Throughout the first year, we would go to Boston Children's Hospital to meet with Dr. Mulliken and Dotty MacDonald. Their whole team supported us greatly throughout the difficult first year. It felt like such a victory to make it through each surgery as well as all the baby milestones like holding his head up and crawling. There was so much information to take in and I think both my husband Joe and I just wanted to be the best parents we could for Owen and our other kids.

Every year the Foundation for Faces of Children hosts events for families to meet, connect, and share their experiences and offer support to one another. In the spring of 2014, we attended the Lowell Spinners game and had a great family day with FFC. The kids loved it and enjoyed running the bases on the field. A couple weeks later, our family attended the 2014 FFC Scholarship Awards reception. It was a very special night because it was also the retirement celebration for Dotty MacDonald. While we were waiting for the ceremony to start we met the Chaves family. They came right up to us to introduce themselves, mentioning that they recognized us from the Lowell Spinners game. Their daughter Olivia shared with us that she had also been born with a cleft lip and palate. Olivia, her parents Joe and Janice and her brother Eric discussed with us topics ranging from the different surgeries, dental care, school and any social impacts having the surgeries might cause. Joe and Janice gave us advice on how to best advocate for Owen based on their experience with Olivia. They were so candid and honest in answering our many questions. It was great to be able to ask Olivia — a junior in High School — what it was like to grow up with a craniofacial difference. Her insight put Joe and me at ease with all the “what ifs” parents with a child with a craniofacial difference may have. It was reassuring to meet a family that had gone on a similar journey to what our family would be facing for the next eighteen years or so.

We saw the Chaves family again at the 2014 Paces for Faces Walk and Family

Picnic. It was great seeing them and reconnecting. Just like the first time we had met, we had questions and concerns we were able to ask Olivia and her family. Again, it put our minds at ease. It was a great day for Owen and our other children enjoyed seeing Olivia and her brother Eric.

This past spring I was delighted to see that Olivia was going to receive the 2015 Barbara Seltzer Memorial Scholarship. I immediately emailed her that we would be at the awards ceremony to congratulate her. It was great seeing her and her family at the FFC Scholarship Awards Night. We were able to thank her for sharing her story with us and we wished her good luck at the University of Vermont. The highlight of Owen's night was riding up and down on the elevator with Olivia and Eric. We were even able to get some great pictures of Owen and Olivia.

Our family feels very fortunate to have met the Chaves family through an FFC event. We appreciate the FFC for coordinating the different events for families. We are so impressed at their commitment to not only care for the medical needs of their young patients, but also the emotional needs of the children and their families. It is wonderful that they want to bring families together to support one another. It has certainly helped our family to realize that we are not facing the journey with Owen alone. I know if I ever have any questions in the future, not only can I call the team at Children's Hospital, but I can also contact Olivia and her family. I hope that other families will continue to attend and support the events FFC hosts and to forge new and lasting friendships. You never know who you are going to meet at an event and just how much sharing your experience could help another family. 📷



Kirby Vigneau-Murphy and husband Joseph Murphy hold a smiling Owen as their friend Olivia is awarded a 2015 FFC scholarship.

Summer Fun at the Ballpark

FFC sponsored two baseball events for our families this year. In spite of bad weather, more than 20 families showed up to enjoy one or both of these days at the ballpark. On June 28,



when the Pawtucket Red Sox met the Gwinnett Braves at McCoy Stadium in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, inclement weather prohibited a number of families

from attending. Fortunately the weather held off until very late in the game on July 26 when the Lowell Spinners played the Auburn Doubledays at LeLacheur Park in Lowell, Mass. FFC plans to sponsor these events again next summer so we hope you will join us then!

One of FFC's goals in sponsoring these events is to provide opportunities for families to connect with one another and create long-lasting, supportive relationships. An example of how this can happen is shared in the story to the right by Kirby Vigneau-Murphy. If you have a similar story we can publish, we would love to hear from you at communications@facesofchildren.org.

Falmouth Road Race – Another Successful Year for Team FFC!

Team FFC participated in August's New Balance Falmouth Road Race (NBFRR), raising over \$11,000 to support the Foundation's ongoing efforts. The funds collected by the team of fifteen runners will be used to support our scholarship program, parent support groups, workshops and seminars and distribution of our videos. Thank you to all those who supported Team FFC with their contributions. FFC is privileged to acquire bibs through NBFRR'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 21, 2016 NBFRR, please email roadrace@facesofchildren.org. Once we are assigned our bibs (we are applying for 10), we will respond to your email to confirm your interest and provide registration details.



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He continued, "We are very excited to announce the date for next year's 20th Annual Paces for Faces Walk and Family Picnic which will be on Sunday, September 25, 2016! This milestone anniversary walk will be extra special and we encourage everyone to join us."

Congratulations and thank you to this year's Walk Committee for their tireless work before, during and after the walk. It takes a strong, committed team of individuals working together to stage the walk each year: managing registration, arranging for and serving food and refreshments, soliciting raffle and auction donations, planning various children's activities, and much more. This year's team of volunteers included Ann-Marie Rogers, Patricia Connery, Monir Sakha, Liz and Logan O'Keefe, Jennifer Dodwell, Peter Galvin, and Tara Grenier with support from many others. Thank you to the members of the FFC Board of Directors who worked

alongside committee members on the day of the event as well as to all those who volunteered on that day to ensure the walk's success. A special thank you to our Kohl's Cares volunteers as well. 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.

Last, many thanks to the individuals, families and businesses who donated to this year's raffle and silent auction which raised over \$3,000. A special thank you also goes to Depuy Synthes (\$1,000 bronze level corporate sponsor), for supporting the 2015 Paces for Faces Walk and Family Picnic.

We're looking forward to seeing each of you next year! 🇺🇸

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for Faces
Walk 🇺🇸 **Family Picnic**



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The Dorothy MacDonald Scholarship

(to honor Dorothy B. MacDonald, RN, who has dedicated her career to caring for children with craniofacial differences) is awarded to an applicant seeking a career in the healthcare profession.

The Dr. John B. Mulliken Scholarship

(to honor Dr. John B. Mulliken, founder of the Foundation for Faces of Children, who has devoted his life to working with and improving the lives of children born with craniofacial differences) is awarded to an applicant who demonstrates excellence in academic scholarship and leadership.

To be considered for a 2016 scholarship award, your application must be received by April 1, 2016. For more information or to download an application, go to the "Scholarship Information" link on www.facesofchildren.org under the "For Patients and Families" tab or call Mary Lania, Scholarship Committee Chair, evenings or weekends at 781-255-8931. 

FFC Welcomes Dr. Ganske to the Team!

Ingrid Ganske, MD, is the 2015-2016 Pediatric Plastic Surgical Fellow at Boston Children's Hospital. Ingrid comes to the field of plastic surgery from a background in design, having studied architecture at Princeton University and worked in an architecture firm in New York City before deciding to pursue a medical career.

While a student at Harvard Medical School, Ingrid rotated at Children's Hospital, which piqued her interest in pediatric plastic surgery and ultimately led her to plastic surgical residency training. She completed her residency in the Harvard Combined Plastic Surgery Residency. In her chief year, she was elected to serve as resident representative on the residency's Executive Committee, and she won the residency teaching award for her dedication to educating junior residents.

During her fellowship year, Ingrid is doing a combination of clinical training and research. She has been working with Dr. Mulliken on evaluating long-term growth and change in cleft-lip dimensions, revision rates following cleft-lip repair, and evaluation of soft tissue post-operative changes using 3D photography. Clinically, she has particular interests in cleft care, complex soft tissue reconstruction, microtia, and facial paralysis.

Ingrid's husband, Chris Looney, is an attorney at the WilmerHale firm in Boston. They have twin daughters, Maeve and Charlotte, now 14 months old. Ingrid herself was around their age when her father, also a plastic surgeon, trained with Dr. Mulliken in Boston. She counts herself among the many young people who have been affected in some way by Dr. Mulliken's dedication to the art and science of surgery. 



Dr. Ganske with husband Chris and twin daughters Maeve and Charlotte.



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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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