

FFC Scholarship Award Program

April 1 Application Deadline

Established in 1999, the FFC Scholarship Award Program has distributed 53 scholarships in 17 years – totaling \$84,000. The Program recognizes promising students born with a facial difference by annually awarding post-secondary educational scholarships (college or vocational/technical school). 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. **April 1, 2016** is the deadline to apply for the FFC scholarships:

The Jane C. McDaid Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to the applicant with a history of substantial community service.

The Barbara Seltzer Memorial Scholarship will be awarded solely to an applicant with left lip/palate who has expressed interest in the arts or will be pursuing a career in the arts.

The Dorothy MacDonald Scholarship will be awarded to an applicant seeking a career in the healthcare profession.

The Dr. John B. Mulliken Scholarship will be awarded to one who demonstrates excellence in academic scholarship and leadership.

Details and application can be found at facesofchildren.org 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 2016 awards presentation Thursday, June 23 at 7 pm at the Embassy Suites in Waltham.

FACING THE FUTURE

A Terrific Line-up of Free Programming for 2016

The Foundation for Faces of Children is excited to present a number of FREE educational and fun events throughout 2016. Many are described in this newsletter, beginning with Michael Williams-Stark's workshop featured below. We hope you will join us!

makingfaces.ca



FFC has recruited Michael Williams-Stark of "Making Faces" to provide a **FREE one-day workshop** for FFC families on Saturday, April 16. Michael has worked extensively with AboutFace in Canada, conducting workshops for the craniofacial community. Born with a bilateral cleft lip and palate, he went on to become a theatre major and later a professional voice actor creating voices for Super Mario Bros., Beetlejuice, Rupert Bear, Noddy and several other cartoon series. He now uses acting and improv games in workshops designed to build important life skills that many people take for granted, such as eye contact, enunciation and creative thinking.

In a fun, safe environment, the workshops help build self-confidence and allow participants to feel good about who they are and what they can accomplish. Using humor, Michael helps kids discover the

strength to step outside of themselves and explore the world. The workshop utilizes eye contact, voice projection, public speaking, relaxation techniques and creative storytelling to encourage sharing and foster discussions about differences, teasing and related issues.

Objectives of the "Making Faces" Workshop:

- Improve communication skills
- Encourage self-expression and teamwork
- Challenge and support individual capabilities
- Build confidence and self-esteem
- Inspire kids to follow their dreams
- Create an environment of acceptance and caring
- Have fun and be creative

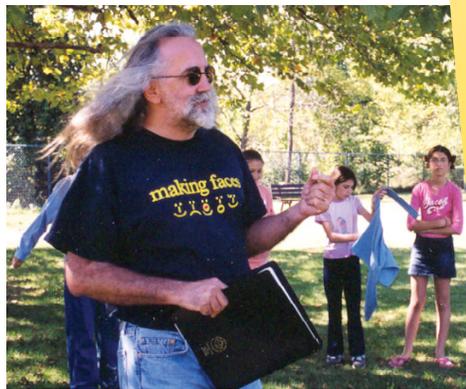
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Improv-ing self-esteem ... one smile at a time!

Making Faces is a non-profit organization that helps children with facial differences and supports anti-bullying initiatives in schools and youth organizations through innovative improvisational workshops. In 2003, **Making Faces** began offering a unique program of improvisational workshops for children with facial differences ... and began building self-esteem, one smile at a time.

In 1994, **Making Faces** founder Michael Williams-Stark began presenting his unique improv-based workshops for children who, like himself, were born with or acquired a facial difference (in Michael's case, the most severe cleft lip and palate on record in British Columbia). These lively and engaging workshops brought a sense of fun and inclusion to a vulnerable minority of children who typically would have shied away from participating in the school and social activities most children enjoy and take for granted.

The workshops' results quickly began to speak for themselves. Kids said they no longer feared being called on in class, and shared stories about taking part in playtime activities with other children. Teachers reported increased participation in classroom discussions. Parents proudly shared their children's improved report cards and increased in social activities. One parent credited the workshops as providing her daughter with the confidence to deliver her Grade 8 Valedictorian address to a gymnasium full of parents and fellow students. These results sewed the seeds from which **Making Faces** was born.



Michael Williams-Stark of "Making Faces"

"Making Faces" Workshop with Michael Williams-Stark takes place Saturday, April 16, 2016, 10 am - 3 pm at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 550 Winter Street, Waltham, Mass. To register for this event, please send an email to programs@facesofchildren.org with the names of all those who will be attending, specifying the ages of those in your group who are age 18 and under. This is a family event open to all. Please RSVP by Monday, April 11. Lunch will be served. **Please join us!**

A Guide to Speech Disorders Related to Cleft Palate: *Let's Make It Simple, Because It Really Is!*

Parents and clinicians are invited to attend a **FREE one-day seminar** focusing on cleft-related speech disorders. This seminar will take place in the Garden Room of Boston Children's Hospital on Saturday, May 14 from 10 am until 3 pm (lunch will be served). Guest speakers will discuss normal speech and the nature of speech problems associated with cleft palate. Breakout lectures will include therapy for birth to 3 years, therapy for school-age children and the role of families in the therapeutic process. Also, Eric Riklin from the Benson-Henry Institute will give a "taste of mindfulness" at the end of the program.

Guest Speakers



Eileen Marrinan, MS, CCC, MPH, Director of the Upstate Cleft and Craniofacial Center at SUNY Upstate Medical University and speech pathologist at the University of Rochester Golisano Children's Hospital, received her Masters of Science in Speech Pathology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and her Masters of Public Health degree from Harvard University. Eileen conducts clinical research and has published peer-reviewed papers and chapters in the area of cleft palate and related craniofacial disorders, including 22q deletion syndrome, lecturing nationally and internationally in these areas. She has taught graduate level courses at a number of universities and currently teaches the Cleft & Craniofacial course at Syracuse University.



Liza Catalozzi, M.S., CCC-SLP, Boston Children's Hospital (BCH) received her Masters of Science in Communication Disorders from Emerson College. Liza works at Boston Children's Hospital in the Cleft and Craniofacial Clinics, Velopharyngeal Dysfunction Clinic, and Voice Clinic. She has lectured locally and nationally in the areas of cleft palate and related craniofacial disorders and velopharyngeal dysfunction. She also supervises speech pathology graduate students during their externships at BCH.

Register by emailing programs@facesofchildren.org by Monday, May 1 with the names of those in your group. Parking vouchers will be provided for the BCH garage, corner of Longwood Avenue and Blackfan Circle. ■

Overcoming Insurance Obstacles

Parents of children with cleft lip/palate and other craniofacial differences are invited to attend a **FREE one-day seminar** on how to get the best care and insurance coverage possible for your child. This seminar will take place in the Garden Room of Boston Children's Hospital on Saturday, October 15 from 10 am until 1 pm (lunch will be served).

Guest Speakers

Cathy Hickey, M.Ed., Project Coordinator, MassFV and F2F Health Info Center at Federation for Children with Special Needs, Boston, along with **Leah Ledgewood**, coordinator, Department of Dentistry, BCH, will share how to successfully deal with insurance issues related to your child's medical and dental care.

Register by emailing programs@facesofchildren.org by Monday, October 10 with the names of those in your group. In your email, please detail current concerns or past obstacles with insurance so the speakers can address specific issues. Parking vouchers will be provided for the BCH garage, corner of Longwood Avenue and Blackfan Circle.

2016 OUTDOOR PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Reserve tickets for games via email to programs@facesofchildren.org. We ask that you list the number of adults and children in your group (please include the ages of children):

PawSox Pawtucket Red Sox (McCoy Stadium, Pawtucket, RI) Join us for the game against the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders on Sunday, June 26 at 1:05 pm. It will mark our fourth year at PawSox games!

Lowell Spinners (LeLacheur Park, Lowell, Mass.) We had a terrific time last year when FFC hosted a day at the ballpark with the Spinners! We are looking forward to doing it again Sunday, July 10 at 5:05 pm against the Connecticut Tigers.



Falmouth Road Race (Falmouth, Mass.) August 21 will mark the fourth year that Team FFC runs the Falmouth Road Race. Our limited number of bibs come with a \$750 fundraising commitment to benefit FFC and will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. If you are interested in participating, please contact Team Captain, Kate Clark at roadrace@facesofchildren.org.

Get program & event notifications: Click "Sign up for Email Updates" at www.facesofchildren.org. Complete the form & select "PROGRAM" list.

Celebrating THEN and NOW!

20 Years of the Paces for Faces Walk and Family Picnic

We hope that you will join FFC for our special anniversary Walk celebration on Sunday, September 25, 2016, at Lake Quannapowitt, Wakefield, Mass. Twenty years ago, FFC held its first Annual "Miles for Smiles," as it was then known, at Houghton's Pond in the Blue Hills Reservation. Over 60 participants walked 4.5 miles around Ponkopoag Pond before enjoying lunch together. The first walk was sponsored by GMAC Financing and Leasing. The company provided water bottles for all participants while FFC volunteers handed out balloons, buttons, bumper stickers and lollipops. Also on hand that day was WHDH Channel 7 news anchor, Liz Claman. Participants raised over \$8,000 that year in support of the work of the Foundation.

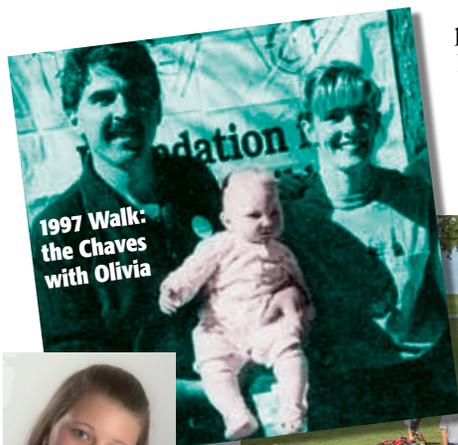
The following year, the walk moved to Lake Quannapowitt in Wakefield, Mass. and we are truly grateful to the town for their ongoing support. Over the past 19 years, fundraising from the Walk has totaled \$375,000. This has allowed the Foundation to provide special programming events free of charge, host symposiums at minimal cost, produce videos for use by parents and clinicians, and award 53 scholarships totaling \$84,000 from 1999 through 2015! All thanks to the support and fundraising efforts of our FFC families and friends.

This year, we are pleased to announce that WCVB-TV5 news anchor Randy Price will be honorary chair of our 20th annual walk. No stranger to FFC, in 1998, Price, then with WHDH-TV7, served as honorary chair of our Boston Pops event which honored our very own Dotty MacDonald for her many years of service to the Foundation.

To help make our 20th milestone celebration a fun and meaningful event, we hope to see not only some of the FFC families who participated in our first walk but also those who have joined us over the years since then. Help us spread the word far and wide so that we can reach as many FFC alum as possible. There will be additional children's activities before and after the walk, special give-aways, and a "red carpet photo booth" where teams can have their picture taken to commemorate the day.

If you wish to lend a hand by volunteering the day of the walk, please let us know by sending email to walk@facesofchildren.org. Please provide your name, contact information and suggest areas where you would like to assist!

We are all very excited about this milestone so please mark your calendars to save this date. You won't want to miss it! 📅



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Olivia Chaves



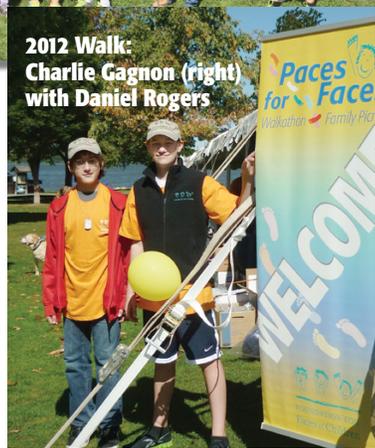
2013 Walk: JR Foley is right up front in a purple "Smile Strider" t-shirt.

2000 Walk:
Lacey Clericuzio in her stroller with friends and family:

Now:
Lacey in her teens.



2007 Walk: Anne-Marie Gagnon & son Charlie.



2012 Walk:
Charlie Gagnon (right) with Daniel Rogers

YOUR DONATION DOLLARS AT WORK

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS FFC HAS PLANNED FOR YOU IN 2016!

The Foundation for Faces of Children has planned a dynamic year of programs and events to provide education, information and fun as well as opportunities to connect with and to learn from other families that have similar experiences and concerns. We encourage you to take part in one or more of them at absolutely NO COST!

Friday, April 1	Deadline for applications for the 2016 Annual FFC Scholarship Awards
Saturday, April 16	"Making Faces" Workshop with Michael Williams-Stark, Embassy Suites Hotel, Waltham, Massachusetts 10:00 am to 3:00 pm (lunch will be served)
Saturday, May 14	"A Guide to Speech Disorders Related to Cleft Palate: Let's Make It Simple, Because It Really Is!" The Garden Room, Boston Children's Hospital, Boston 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, (lunch will be served; parking vouchers will be provided for BCH garage)
Sunday, June 26	Pawtucket Red Sox vs. Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders McCoy Stadium, Pawtucket, Rhode Island at 1:05 pm
Sunday, July 10	Lowell Spinners vs. Connecticut Tigers , LeLacheur Park, Lowell, Massachusetts, at 5:05 pm
Sunday, September 25	20th Annual Paces for Faces Walk and Family Picnic Celebration Lake Quannapowitt, Wakefield, Massachusetts, 10:30 am to 2:00 pm (lunch will be served)
Saturday, October 15	"Overcoming Insurance Obstacles," The Garden Room, Boston Children's Hospital 10:00 am to 1:00 pm (lunch will be served; parking vouchers will be provided for BCH garage)

We hope to see you at one or more of these events!



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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 fundraising initiatives. Please contact us if you would like to participate in or sponsor a fundraising event.

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