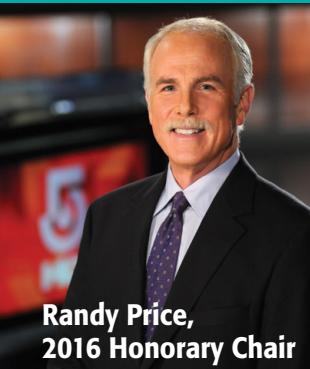


FACING THE FUTURE



Randy Price,
2016 Honorary Chair

As one of Boston's best-known TV journalists, **Randy Price** has helped millions of viewers get a jump start on their day, anchoring live news weekday mornings on WCVB Channel 5.

He has been honored with numerous humanitarian and professional awards including the broadcast news industry's highest honor -- a national Edward R. Murrow Award for best newscast in a large television market and featured as Boston Magazine's "Boston's Best News Anchor."

Randy works to raise awareness and millions of dollars for autism, veteran's causes, Scouting (he's an Eagle Scout), alcohol and substance abuse, animal welfare and LGBT issues. As the nation's first openly gay TV news anchor, Randy is regularly invited to speak to a wide variety of audiences and he has served as Grand Marshal of numerous Pride parades and celebrations including America's Hometown Thanksgiving Parade in Plymouth.

Randy began his broadcast career in college radio then moved into television with the American Forces Radio & Television Service. After military duty, Randy became lead anchor at California and Ohio stations before coming to Boston.

Randy and his spouse reside in Kittery Point, Maine where they breed world-renowned champion American Cocker Spaniels. Both are involved in a variety of region's larger animal welfare organizations and rescue groups. Avid gardeners, they often open their gardens and home for fundraisers.



Sunday, September 25, 2016

IT'S A CELEBRATION!



JOIN US for our 20th annual FFC Walk and Family Picnic around Lake Quannapowitt in Wakefield, Mass., on Sunday, September 25, 2016, rain or shine. FFC is honored to have Randy Price of WCVB Channel 5 Boston serve as our honorary chair (see bio at left).


Not only is this event a great opportunity for your children to enjoy kid-friendly activities with others but it provides the opportunity for parents to connect with friends, old and new! Our first walk sponsored by GMAC was held on September 28, 1997 when we raised over \$7,000. Since then, the walk has become our biggest fundraising event of the year with many families looking forward to it. "Each year, the Walk grows as we welcome more families and supporters to our community. This year, we are excited to hold a grand celebration in honor of the 20th annual Walk and your dedication and involvement throughout the years!" observe Olivia Opiel and Elizabeth Hunter, 2016 Walk Co-Chairs. They encourage all the FFC families from the past 20 years to attend.

“When you see the dramatic change that can come in the outlook of a young child, you are moved by being part of the effort of so many that made such a difference.”

— Randy Price, WCVB Channel 5 Boston

Registration begins at 10:30 am and the Walk kicks off at 12:15 pm followed by lunch. We invite families to participate in fun, kid-friendly activities before after the walk. We will once again have both a raffle and a silent auction. A special raffle item this year will be a quilt made by a friend of FFC from previous year's walk t-shirts. Proceeds from this fundraising event

support the Foundation's ongoing effort to provide up-to-date information as well as educational and fun programming for children and families affected by craniofacial differences. Some of the programs that funds support include the annual scholarship awards, distribution of our videos, educational and informational seminars for both parents and children, and family fun events like our summer baseball outings.

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

Get Involved! Just follow these five steps to be part of FFC's "Paces for Faces" 20th Celebration:

- 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/PacesforFaces2016.
- 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.** 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.

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



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2016 FFC Scholarship Awards Program

The Foundation for Faces of Children hosted a reception Thursday, June 23 for the presentation of the 2016 FFC Scholarship Awards to five deserving young adults. Meet this year's recipients:

The Dr. John B. Mulliken Scholarship

Awarded to an applicant who demonstrates excellence in academic scholarship and leadership.



Geoffrey Martello from Medway, Mass. is currently enrolled at Harvard University in the pre-medicine track. He is active in the Harvard Premedical Society where he serves as President, helping to manage the Physician mentoring Program, Peer Mentoring program and Surgery Interest Group. He is co-editor of the Harvard Leadership Magazine and

Associate Blog editor for the Harvard Crimson. He also volunteers for Advocating Success for Kids program (ASK) at Boston Children's Hospital. ASK works with children under the age of 14 who have learning, developmental or behavioral problems in school or at home. Geoffrey has also authored several publications and has been featured as one of Business Insider's "19 Incredibly Impressive Students at Harvard."

Following graduation from Harvard University next June, Geoffrey will continue to medical school. He hopes to complete his residency and fellowship at an academic medical center and move on in his career as a physician.

The Dorothy MacDonald Scholarship

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



Lucie Davies from Wrentham, Mass. graduated from King Phillip Regional High School. She was active in Leo Club, serving as vice-president, was captain of the A Cappella Club as well as a member of Chorus and was chosen for SEMMEA senior district competition. Outside of school, she has participated in 2 musicals through a local theatre company and earned first place in the

Franklin Idol singing competition. She was a member of the National Honor Society, the English National Honor Society and the Science National Honor Society. For the past seven years, Lucie worked with her local Senator and State representative to pass the craniofacial bill into law, testifying at the Mass. State House in support of this cause.

Lucie will be attending University of Delaware where she will major in nursing. She hopes to work in the pediatric or neonatal subspecialty fulfilling her dream to help others.

The Jane C. McDaid Memorial Scholarship

Awarded for strong community service.



Annie Blackburn from Natick, Mass., graduated from Noble and Greenough School. She was active in sports, playing Varsity Volleyball, Varsity Crew and Varsity Basketball with distinction of Captain. She was a member of National Society of High School Scholars, a Rustic Pathways Star Alumni and a member of Community Service Board. Annie's community

service includes traveling to Costa Rica where she worked on a cleanup and preservation project as well as traveling to Rwanda where she helped to construct basketball courts and coach teams for Shooting Touch organization. She also volunteered to give a TED talk, renamed a NED talk at her high school sharing her story of her craniofacial journey.

Annie will be attending Dartmouth College majoring in the humanities and hopes to combine her passion for discussion and debate with a career in law.



Bridget Nolan from North Scituate, R.I., graduated from Scituate High School. She is active in sports participating in soccer, lacrosse, gymnastics and surfing. Bridget was a member of the high school band receiving the RI Solo and Ensemble High Excellence award; the chess club with distinction of Club vice-president; and student council. She is a

member of the National Honor Society, Rhode Island Honor Society and a MENSA member. She volunteers at Memorial Hospital in the PT/OT outpatient clinic, teaches religious education at her parish, works with the local Girl Scout troop and helps out at the local Soup kitchen. She has learned American Sign Language and continues outreach to the deaf community.

Bridget will be attending Sacred Heart University majoring in physical therapy. She will be working toward a Ph.D. and hopes to one day open her own practice on Martha's Vineyard.

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.



Madison Kenny is from South Hamilton, Mass. and graduated from Hamilton Wenham Regional High School. She was active in Track and Field, participating in Varsity shot put and discus and had the distinction of being a medal winner at the MSTCA Spring Relay for discus. She was a volunteer at Lifebridge-Salem Homeless Shelter as well as the Winthrop Elementary Summer art

program. Madison is talented in studio art, being awarded 2 honorable mentions and a Silver Key award for the Scholastic Art and Writing Award through the Museum School-Museum of Fine Arts-Boston. She received the Junior Book award which provided a full scholarship to Montserrat College of Art 2015 Summer Program. She is also a member of the Newburyport Art Association.

Madison will be attending the University of New England in Biddeford, Maine where she will major in neuroscience. She hopes through her research to discover more precisely how the brain works and offer new treatment options for depression. Madison also plans to continue with her love of art through her painting and drawing.



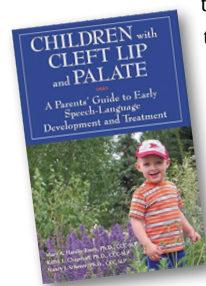
From center to right, Eileen Marrinan, Dr. Mulliken and Liza Catalozzi are pictured with a couple who received recommendations specific to their child's speech-related needs at the May 14 seminar.

FFC Sponsors Seminar on Speech and Language

On May 14, several parents along with a number of speech therapists and clinicians were fortunate to hear a lecture on speech disorders related to cleft palate. The event was sponsored by FFC and took place at Boston Children's Hospital.

Our first guest speaker, **Eileen Marrinan, MS, CCC, MPH**, Director of the Upstate Cleft and Craniofacial Center at SUNY Upstate Medical University in New York was formerly on the Boston Children's cleft team. She shared before and after videos related to specific speech issues in a child with cleft palate. She stressed the importance of parental involvement and that, when given the correct information, they are the ones who make the largest difference with their child's speech.

Liza Catalozzi, MS, CCC-SLP, is presently a speech therapist on the Boston Children's Cleft team. She reiterated what Eileen had to say, but broke down the child's milestones and what to expect from speech at each stage of development. Emphasis was again placed on the parents' involvement and the importance of following through with therapy and exercises for their child. Early intervention and school speech therapy may not always meet the child's needs.



A child with a history of cleft palate should see a cleft speech therapist at least annually for a formal evaluation up to age 12. Recommendations can then be conveyed to local speech therapists for continued work. Yearly speech assessments may be necessary until adulthood, especially if the child undergoes surgical procedures in the teenage years.

The following book was recommended to parents: "Children with Cleft Lip and Palate: A Parent's Guide to Early Speech-Language Development and Treatment" written by Mary Hardin-Jones, Kathy Chapman, and Nancy Scherer (available for purchase on Amazon).

We hope to host another seminar on Speech and Language this fall. If you are interested, please be sure to let us know by emailing us at programs@facesofchildren.org or by calling 617-355-8299. We will be providing child care with activities to enable both parents to attend our next seminar. 📺



Foundation for Faces of Children enjoyed the company of **Michael Williams-Stark**, improv comedian, public speaker, voice actor, and musician, during his inspiring "Making Faces" workshop, held in Waltham, Mass. on Saturday, April 16. Designed specifically for children with facial differences, "Making Faces" brought valuable lessons to everyone who attended – FFC children, friends, family, and board members alike.

Michael opened the workshop by sharing personal experiences as an individual born with a bilateral cleft lip and palate (at the time of his birth, his case was considered the worst ever in British Columbia). He explained the many challenges he was forced to overcome in his youth – spending his first few months of life in a hospital, enduring over a dozen reconstructive surgeries, and experiencing feelings of loneliness and isolation.



Today, Michael acknowledges that growing up with a facial difference was a gift as it led to finding his joy in life: helping others build confidence and self esteem through his love for theater, comedy, the power of words, and public speaking. Michael became actively involved in volunteer work with AboutFace International, and eventually founded "Making Faces."

FFC children and families enjoyed improvised games, tailored to encourage eye contact and improve voice quality, all while fostering teamwork, self-confidence, and self-expression. By the end of the workshop, it was a pleasure to see the children coming out of their shells, making new friends, and happily interacting with one another.

On the evening of his arrival, Michael enjoyed his first Red Sox game at Fenway Park accompanied by FFC's new board member Jennifer Dodwell and her husband Jerome Fung. It was a fun but bittersweet experience for Michael, a Toronto native, to watch the Sox defeat his Blue Jays 3-5! Before returning home to Canada, Michael also enjoyed a Duck Boat tour of Boston.

Event photos may be found on [FFC's Facebook page](#). 📺



For the 11th year in a row, the Parks family of New York has organized the Syracuse Crunch Classic hockey game which took place Saturday, April 2, 2016 at the War Memorial in Syracuse. This game benefits the Foundation for Faces of Children. Pictured here are Madison, age 12, and her dad who not only helps organize the event but plays in it too! This year's event raised \$2,050 for the Foundation for Faces of Children. We are so thankful to the Parks family for their support and their fundraising efforts on our behalf!

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FREE SEMINAR: OVERCOMING INSURANCE OBSTACLES

Don't miss our next FREE seminar "Overcoming Insurance Obstacles" which will take place on Saturday, October 15 from 10 am to 1 pm in the Garden Room at Boston Children's Hospital. The purpose of the seminar is to explain medical and non-medical costs related to your child's care and habilitation. You will also learn what services you are eligible to receive and what insurance will cover. Insurance needs are from birth to adulthood. Parking will be free at the BCH garage at the corner of Longwood Avenue and Blackfan Circle if you bring your parking ticket to the seminar for validation. We will provide morning coffee, lunch and activities for your children.

Cathy Hickey, M.Ed., Project Coordinator, MassFV and F2F Health Info Center at Federation for Children with Special Needs, works with many families and knows how to navigate the system.

Leah Ledgewood, BA, long-time coordinator for the Department of Dentistry at BCH, coordinates all the Cleft lip/palate-Craniofacial appointments in the department. Many of the procedures for these patients are not covered by insurance.

Register early to reserve your place and to allow us to make child care arrangements as needed. Please register by October 10 by emailing programs@facesofchildren.org. Provide the names of all attendees including the ages of any children. Also, when you email us, please let us know of any concerns with insurance or other questions you may have and we will be better prepared to answer them. Looking forward to seeing you there! 📺



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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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