

FACING THE FUTURE

FFC Scholarship Award Program

ENTERS ITS 20th YEAR!

Since its inception in 1999, the FFC scholarship award program has distributed 62 scholarships totaling \$124,000. 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 learn of the accomplishments of these promising students. 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, 2018. For information or to download an application, visit www.facesofchildren.org and select “Scholarship Information” under the

“For Patients and Families”

tab. Or email

Mary Lania,

Scholarship

Committee Chair at

programs@facesofchildren.org.

Please join us in June of 2018 for our scholarship awards presentation event. 📺



It was a hot, but beautiful day for the 21st annual Paces for Faces Walk and Family Picnic! Just over 445 participants braved the heat and took on the 3.5 mile walk around Lake Quannapowitt in Wakefield.

Almost \$55,000 was raised through hard work and efforts of the walkers who solicited donations, and the many who participated in the raffle, silent auction, and merchandise sales the day of the walk. As always, these 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 check-in were able to mingle and enjoy coffee, cocoa and donuts provided by Erik Lania and Dunkin' Donuts. Children were entertained with face painting, temporary tattoos, and balloon creations, and our red carpet “photo booth” was a hit again this year for team photos.

As walkers made their way to the tent for lunch, they were greeted by some lively strolling entertainment including ball and club juggling as well as hula hooping, a stilt walker, and more balloon creations. A delicious lunch was provided in part by Roche Bros, and a beautiful cake by D'Amici's Bakery.

This is the sixth year that FFC has recognized those individuals who have raised \$750 online by September 8th. This year's Smile Striders wore yellow while the rest of the walkers sported bright red shirts. Our deep gratitude goes to each of this year's Smile Striders: Norah Costigan, Lacey Clericuzio, Jack Dolan, Eliana Dormitzer, Maya Gray, Kate Greiner, Niko Joakim, Gabriel Kinross, Abby McGillivray, Wyatt Nelson, Daniel Rogers, Milton Rogers, Brielle Shea, Stephen Shusterman, and Paul Ward.

To the committee, and to those of you who worked on tent set up, registration, food, raffle, auction, merchandise, and children's activities, we extend our deepest thanks! This year's walk committee was lead by co-chairs Olivia Oppel and Elizabeth Hunter, and included Vice-President Ann-Marie Rogers, Patricia Connery, Monir Sakha, Liz O'Keefe, Jennifer Dodwell, and Tara Grenier with support from the many others sporting teal volunteer t-shirts!

Thank you to the members of the FFC Board of Directors and over 20 additional volunteers who donated their time to ensure the Walk's success. We are also grateful to Blake Moloney for donating photography.

Last, many thanks to the individuals, families and businesses who donated to this year's raffle raising just over \$1,700. A special thank you to Roche Bros. and D'Amici's Bakery for their donations again this year.

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!





Our thanks to Paces for Faces Walk & Family Picnic co-chairs, Olivia Oppel and Elizabeth Hunter for another successful year!



We are deeply grateful to the 2017 Smile Striders and their team leaders Norah Costigan, Lacey Clericuzio, Jack Dolan, Eliana Dormitzer, Maya Gray, Kate Greiner, Niko Joakim, Gabriel Kinross, Abby McGillivray, Wyatt Nelson, Daniel Rogers, Milton Rogers, Brielle Shea, Stephen Shusterman, and Paul Ward.

2017
**Paces
for Faces**
Walk Family Picnic



FFC is grateful to all those who helped make our 21st Annual Paces for Faces Walk & Family Picnic a tremendous success!



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Apex Tent Rental, Newton, NH –
tent, tables, and chairs

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portable toilets

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Disc Jockey Services (W. Newton) –
music and emcee

Stoneham Sports Center –
walk, volunteer, and Smile Strider t-shirts

Diana O'Keefe, Threads & Ink, Braintree –
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Santa's Village

Seasons 52

Story Land

Trader Joe's (Brookline)

Zoo New England

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Balloons and Strolling Entertainment:

Circus Dynamics (N. Providence, RI)

FFC Red Carpet Photo Booth Photos:

Kara Jackman

VOLUNTEERS

Kristen Beaudouin

Joseph Carroll and Family

Sydney Cerveney

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Patricia Connery

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Liz O'Keefe

Logan O'Keefe

Olivia and Ryan Oppel

Ann-Marie, Bob, Daniel, and Emily Rogers

Carolyn Rogers-Vizena

Robin Ronca

Jeremy Ross

Monir Sakha

Maria Schapfel

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Olivia Oppel and Elizabeth Hunter

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Patricia Connery

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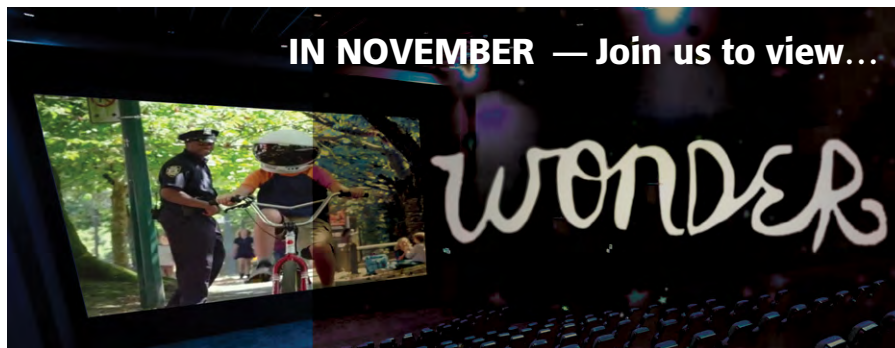
Merchandise: Liz and Logan O'Keefe

Children's Activities: Jennifer Dodwell

Logistics: Ann-Marie Rogers



FFC Up-coming Events



The soon to be released film **WONDER** tells the inspiring story of August Pullman, a boy with facial differences who enters fifth grade, attending a mainstream school for the first time. Please send an e-mail to programs@facesofchildren.org if you are interested and we will send you details when showtimes are announced.



ON THE ICE WITH MEN'S HOCKEY! Saturday, December 16 at 4 pm

Join us at Merrimack College Lawler Rink (315 Turnpike Street, North Andover, Mass.) to watch Merrimack Men's Ice Hockey take on the Northeastern University Huskies. Seats are handicap accessible. Post-game refreshments and activities will include ice cream, hot chocolate and a holiday skate with the Warriors and Santa!



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IMPROVING SELF ESTEEM Saturday April 7, 2018 10am – 3pm



Join us at the Embassy Suites, 550 Winter St., Waltham, Mass. for this unique improv-based workshop with Michael Williams-Stark, designed specifically for children with a facial difference.

LET'S BOWL!

**Sunday February 11, 2018
3pm – 5pm**

Come bowl with us at PiNZ Entertainment, 110 South Main Street, Milford, Mass. FFC has reserved three lanes so don't miss the fun!



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL! Saturday January 13, 2018 2pm

For what promises to be an exciting game, join us as the Boston University Terriers meet the Holy Cross Crusaders at Case Athletic Center, 285 Babcock St. Boston, Mass.



**Saturday May 5, 2018
10am – 2pm**

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

"A Mother's Wisdom," Then and Now!"

Bringing up a child with facial differences from infancy to adulthood – what parents have learned and wish they had known. Embassy Suites Waltham, 550 Winter Street, Waltham, Mass.

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.

BCH Welcomes Ingrid Ganske, MD, to the Team!

Dr. Ingrid Ganske joined the cleft and craniofacial team at Boston Children's Hospital (BCH) as an attending physician in 2016. She 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. She now focuses on architectural reconstructions in the head and neck, such as cleft lip/palate, cleft rhinoplasty, and ear anomalies.

Dr. Ganske completed her training in the Harvard Plastic Surgical Residency, followed by craniofacial fellowship at BCH. During her fellowship, she led several clinical outcomes studies analyzing long-term growth and symmetry following repair of cleft lip, under the guidance of her mentor and now colleague, Dr. John Mulliken. They continue to work closely together on research and clinical interests, including the correction of cleft nasal deformity, secondary management of craniofacial anomalies, and treatment of vascular malformations.

Following her fellowship, Dr. Ganske joined the faculty in the Department of Plastic and Oral Surgery at BCH. Her practice includes treatment of children with cleft lip/palate, microtia and prominent ears, congenital nevi, hemangioma, plagiocephaly (flat head), and facial asymmetry from congenital anomalies, paralysis, trauma, or atrophy (Parry-Romberg disease). In addition to a cleft and broad plastic surgery practice in Boston, Dr. Ganske has

initiated a partnership between BCH and the Cleft Clinic at Maine Medical Center to provide cleft care closer to home for families in Maine.

Teaching is central to Dr. Ganske's career.

In her chief residency year, she won the teaching award for her dedication to educating junior residents. She serves as BCH's Site Director for residents and students rotating in plastic surgery. Dr. Ganske enjoys lecturing in the cleft and craniofacial curriculum for Harvard and BU medical and dental schools. She is a Course Director for an innovative class at Harvard Medical School and the Museum of Fine Arts called "Training the Eye: Improving the Art of Physical Diagnosis."

Dr. Ganske's husband, Chris Looney, is a lawyer in Boston. They live in Brookline with their three daughters: twins Maeve and Charlotte, three years old, and Anna, six months. 📷



Dr. Ganske with husband Chris and their daughters.



Introducing The Foundation's New Staff Person

FFC welcomes Helen Ng, who joined the Foundation in August as its Operations and Event Associate. Outside of her professional role with FFC, Helen is a stay-at-home mom and avid gardener. She lives in Framingham with her husband Ken and nine-year-old son Jonathan. Please be sure to say hello to Helen when you see her at our many family 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 fund-raising initiatives. Please contact us if you would like to participate in or sponsor a fundraising event.

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