

FACING THE FUTURE

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!

It's time to sign up for one or both of this year's baseball outings:

PawSox

Sunday, July 23 at 1:35 pm

McCoy Stadium, Pawtucket,
Rhode Island



Lowell Spinners

Sunday, August 13 at 5:15 pm.

LeLacheur Park, Lowell,
Massachusetts



Please RSVP via email to:
programs@facesofchildren.org.

Be sure to indicate which game(s) you are interested in attending and list the names of those in your group (as well as the ages of the children).

SEATING IS LIMITED!

Sunday, September 24, 2017

COME WALK WITH US!

2017
**Paces
for
Faces**
Walk Family Picnic

Join us for the 21st annual FFC Walk and Family Picnic around Lake Quannapowitt in Wakefield, Mass., on Sunday, September 24, 2017. The event is a great opportunity to enjoy a fun-filled afternoon of kid-friendly activities and to connect with friends — old and new!

"Last year our 20th Anniversary walk with special guest Randy Price raised just over \$75,000. We had a beautiful day and a great turnout!" said Olivia Oppel, Co-Chair of the 20th Anniversary walk for FFC.

Registration begins at 10:30 am and the Walk kicks off at noon, followed by lunch and activities. We will have a large selection of raffle items available, and the event will again take place outside on the Wakefield Commons, rain or shine.

The event supports the Foundation for Faces of Children's ongoing efforts to provide information and programming for children and families affected by craniofacial differences. This includes funding the annual scholarship program, parent support, distribution of our videos, educational seminars, and other opportunities to enable FFC to fulfill its mission. Because of your ongoing support, we will continue to dedicate \$20,000 each year towards scholarship awards and we will soon begin production on our third video.

The Walk continues to be an opportunity for families to meet new members and 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" 21st 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, visit www.pacesforfaces.com where you'll find a link to set up a fundraising page.

STEP 3: Fundraise. Create a fundraising page, then 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 raffle. FFC merchandise will once again be available for purchase.

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



2017 FFC Scholarship Awards Program

The Foundation for Faces of Children hosted an event Saturday, June 24 at the Embassy Suites, Waltham, Massachusetts, to celebrate our 30th anniversary and award 2017 scholarships to four 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. This scholarship honors Dr. Mulliken for his decades of expert care for our children.



Camryn Berry from Livermore, Maine, graduated from Spruce Mountain High School (SMHS). Active in sports, she served as captain of the varsity soccer team. Camryn was named Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference All-star and received the SMHS Phoenix Four-year award. When she was sidelined senior year she stepped in as assistant coach for her team.

Also captain of her Robotics Team, she received the Industrial Safety award, Engineering and Inspiration award, Imagery award, Entrepreneurship award, Excellence in Engineering award and the Finalist medallion. Camryn was a member of the Math and Envirothon teams, competing with both at the state level. Her other leadership positions included treasurer of both the National Honor Society and the Student Council.

Camryn's experience also includes community service: volunteer work at Rumford Hospital, American Heart Association Heart Walk, FIRST Lego league, Flowers for Food and the Leo Club.

Camryn will be attending Worcester Polytechnic Institute in the fall where she will major in biomedical engineering. In ten years, she hopes to be employed at the National Institutes of Health, conducting studies of craniofacial anomalies and synthesizing treatments in hope of engineering a cure.

The Dorothy MacDonald Scholarship

Awarded to a young adult pursuing a career in a health profession. This scholarship honors our own Dotty MacDonald who spent the bulk of her nursing career assisting Dr Mulliken in the care of our kids at BCH's Cleft and Craniofacial Center.



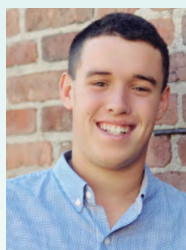
Emily Marz from West Barnstable, Mass., graduated from Saint John Paul II High School in Hyannis. She was active in the Drama Club, and the yearbook Club where she served as assistant to the chief editor. She was a student reach-out leader and soprano section leader of the Concert Chorus. Active in sports, she participated in both Varsity soccer and

basketball. Emily was a member of the National Honor Society, as well as part of the Ecuador Mission Trip and World Youth Day Pilgrimage to Krakow, Poland. Her community service included volunteering at Cape Cod Hospital, Cystic Fibrosis Walk and a Street Reach volunteer for the Homeless.

Emily will be attending Sacred Heart University where she will major in nursing. She hopes to work in pediatrics as a subspecialty fulfilling her dream to help others.

The Jane C. McDaid Memorial Scholarship

Awarded for strong community service, this scholarship honors the memory of the community-minded FFC president, Jane McDaid.



Cameron Blanks from Scituate, Mass., graduated from Scituate High School. He was active in sports, playing Varsity golf, soccer and Ultimate Frisbee. He was a member of National Honor Society, History National Honor Society, French National Honor Society and received Honorable mention for the Model UN.

Cameron's community service included a service project building houses in Guatemala, as well as two trips to Mexico where he worked at the Ecological Center and the School for the Blind. He was part of the Community Service Club for four years.

His leadership roles include Class president and Editor-in-chief of his school newspaper.

Cameron will be attending George Washington University in Washington, D.C., majoring in foreign language, specifically Arabic and French. In 10 years he hopes to work as a diplomat in the U.S. State Department. Using his language skills, he hopes to secure a position in a North African or Middle Eastern embassy.

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. This scholarship is named for Barbara Seltzer, a former president of Prescription Parents, who was very involved in the Cleft community.



Olivia Hull from Hingham, Mass., graduated from Hingham High School. She was active in the Climate Committee Club and a four-year Honor Roll member. She volunteered for Walk for Hospice through South Shore Hospital, as well as serving as founding member of the Operation Smiles Club. The club Olivia established grew to 27 members and raised enough money to support

costs for three surgeries overseas for children with cleft lip and palate.

A talented actor, Olivia performed with the Hingham High Drama Club and was part of a local theatre company. She was honored with the 2017 Thespian award.

Olivia will major in Theatre and Communications at Curry College, in Milton, Mass. Following her studies, she hopes to work as an actress and also to one day travel to foreign countries for volunteer work helping children through an organization such as Operation Smile.

The 2017 Crunch Classic

The Foundation for Faces of Children once again thanks the Parks family for their continued support through this annual fundraising event.

In March, the Syracuse Crunch hockey team took to the ice for their annual “Crunch Classic” hockey game, once again donating the proceeds to the Foundation for Faces of Children. For 12 years, this fundraiser has been organized by John and Teri Parks along with their daughter Madison who was born with unilateral craniosynostosis.

“ The Syracuse Crunch Hockey Association raised \$2,000 this year for FFC! ”

An avid Crunch fan and a hockey player herself, Madison attends games regularly with her family. The Syracuse Crunch hockey team is the AHL affiliate of the Tampa Bay Lightning. Over the past 12 years, the event has collected close to \$16,000 in support of FFC’s ongoing work.

FFC is deeply grateful to the Parks family and the Syracuse Crunch team for dedicating their time and athletic skills to further our mission to educate families and medical professionals about craniofacial conditions. Their generous effort benefits families in need of information, support and networking opportunities. 📺



For the 12th year in a row, the Parks family of New York has organized the Syracuse Crunch Classic hockey game at the War Memorial in Syracuse. This event benefits the Foundation for Faces of Children. Pictured here with her family is Madison, age 13.



FFC Sponsors Seminar on Speech and Language

On Saturday April 29, 2017, FFC sponsored the seminar “A Guide to Speech Disorders related to Cleft Palate” at Boston Children’s Hospital Waltham. Clinicians joined parents of children born with cleft lip or palate at this three-hour seminar.



Liza Catallozzi, MS, CCC-SLP, speech therapist on the Boston Children’s Cleft and Craniofacial Center’s team, spoke about development of speech in babies and children, communication and speech milestones in children, and what to expect relative to speech at each stage of development. Emphasis

was placed on the parent’s involvement and the importance of following through with therapy and exercises for their child. Early intervention and school speech therapy may not meet the child’s needs, so constant, daily interaction between parent and child is critical in implementing speech therapists’ recommendations.



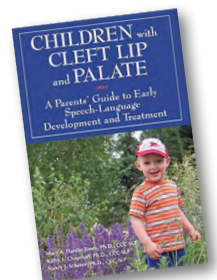
Eileen Marrinan, MS, CCC, MPH, formerly with Boston Children’s Cleft and Craniofacial Center and now Director of the Upstate Cleft and Craniofacial Center at New York’s SUNY Upstate Medical University presented the second half of the seminar. She spoke about various types of speech disorders and

shared examples of before and after videos specifically related to speech issues in a child with a cleft palate. Eileen also stressed the importance of parental involvement. When armed with correct information, parents help bring about the greatest difference in regards to their child’s speech.

An important take-away from the seminar was the advice that a child with a history of a 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 their teenage years.

An important reading resource 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 from Amazon).

A video recording of the seminar is available along with other educational videos on FFC’s website www.facesofchildren.org. 📺



Cher's Family Retreat and Educational Symposium

CONGRATULATIONS to the Gaudons Family and the Neveu Family who were selected by the Foundation for Faces of Children to attend the 27th Annual Cher's Family Retreat and Educational Symposium sponsored by the Children's Craniofacial Association. We look forward to sharing their experience with our FFC community when they return from their trip to Reston, Virginia this summer! 🐾



Gaudons Family



Neveu Family

If You're Having a "Ruff" Day, Play with a Dog!

by Jennifer Dodwell, FFC board member

As we head into summer, with its gorgeous weather and many opportunities to play, I'd like to share a playful message of my own: if you're having a ruff day (or just want an extra happy day), play with a dog!



Go find a nice green patch of grass with a dog, then throw the first stick you can find, as far as you can. Watch the dog fly across the grass after that stick, with unbridled ear-flopping joy, then prance back to you like a giddy horse with his or her conquest, eyes glowing, and tail wagging. Just try telling yourself not to smile or laugh, then see how impossible that is. Extra smiles and laughs guaranteed if the stick is larger than the dog but the dog has no idea.

Or spend a few quiet moments cuddling with a dog. Enjoy the feeling of the dog leaning against you, keeping you warm like a furry blanket, looking up at you lovingly — or maybe even resting his or her head in your lap and falling asleep — while you give this new best friend a scratch behind the ears or a belly rub. Experience the pure joy that comes when this kind of creature gives you his or her undivided attention and communicates to you that you are a wonderful, miraculous human.

Spending moments like these with a dog, whether your own or someone else's, is sure to make you a happier human. And you will also have at least one very happy dog. 🐾



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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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