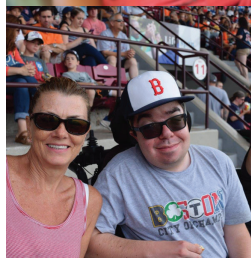




Working with families to improve the lives of children with craniofacial differences since 1986

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Dear Friends:

For more than 35 of my almost 50 years at Boston Children’s Hospital, I have been a member of the Cleft Lip and Palate and Craniofacial Team. I served not only as a consultant at the Team’s clinical sessions, but also performed restorative and early orthodontic procedures on some of your children.

For the past 25 years, I have focused on early infant orthopedic treatment for babies with complete clefts. I also served as the Dentist-in-Chief at BCH. In coordination with Dr. John Mulliken, I brought the Latham technique and device to Boston, taught other pediatric dentists and orthodontists in its use, and made many design and use modifications. Many of your children have been my patients, and you are part of my extended family.

Having retired from patient care and active participation at BCH, I have now joined the FFC Board of Directors. I am witnessing first-hand how the Foundation serves as your support network, your education base for information on the growth and development of your children with facial differences, and your social gateway to other families with similar concerns.

Recently, the Foundation for Faces of Children has chosen to help our dental team pursue two exciting projects:

- An innovative effort to modernize and minimize the size of the Latham-type. In its final form, the device will be smaller, better tolerated and a more efficient means for realigning palatal segments.
- A new video to provide guidance and support for parents of infants undergoing pre-surgical orthopedic treatment using the Latham-type device. This video will fill a gap for new and expectant parents who need insight into their expectations for their baby’s first months of life.

In addition, the Foundation continues to provide educational programming, scholarship awards and family outings, such as the many events highlighted below:

- In April, Eileen Marrinan, MS, CCC, MPH, and Liza Catalozzi, M.S., CCC-SLP, presented “A Guide to Speech Disorders Related to Cleft Palate; Let’s Make It Simple, Because It Really Is!” They discussed speech compensations and the importance of parental involvement.
- The Making Faces workshop, led by Michael Stark, was a fun program designed to highlight personal value and worth. Our children’s images of themselves, today and for the future, depend on their own self image.
- The Scholarship Program awarded four advanced-education scholarships to our deserving young adults. It is the beginning of a journey that will allow them to flourish as a result of your investment of time and effort.
- We enjoyed two very special social outings to the Pawtucket Red Sox and the Lowell Spinners, bringing our children and their parents together in a non-threatening and enjoyable setting.
- For the 21st year, the Foundation hosted its highly successful Paces for Faces Walk & Family Picnic, where we were able to meet each other and get some exercise in a “warm,” beautiful, and friendly atmosphere. Our children interacted with others of similar ages, and we shared information about available services and support. My family was able to meet many of you, and we all enjoyed a wonderful day together.

Look at how far we have come and how much we have benefited. A year of social togetherness, 2017 has also been a year of support and learning among parents, our children and the professionals who give of their time and expertise. We are proud of our accomplishments, but much remains to be done. Our programs, and many of our interactions, would not be possible without your financial support.

Please, support our Annual Appeal, to the greatest extent possible. You are the Foundation. Your Foundation is a non-profit organization which depends on your contributions. Stretch your limits; contribute to an even better 2018 Foundation for Faces of Children. All contributions are tax deductible.

I wish you the best Holiday Season ever, and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Stephen Shusterman, D.M.D.

We sincerely hope you will support our efforts in the coming year with your generous donations.

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