

FACING THE FUTURE



FREE VIRTUAL ACTIVITIES – JOIN IN FOR SOME SUMMER FUN!

Due to precautions regarding the pandemic, Camp Reflections will be canceled this summer. But here's the **GOOD NEWS**: Camp Reflections counselors are teaming up with New York-based organization *MyFace* to provide bi-weekly, online hangouts for kids in our community.

The counselors will be leading games and activities at these hangouts which take place every other Wednesday at 4pm (the next one is July 22). Anyone between the ages of 8 and 13 is welcome! If you are interested, please RSVP to Dina Zuckerberg by email (Dina@myface.org) or phone (917-743-1939). We hope to see you there!



SEPTEMBER 26 & 27 2020 **Paces for Faces** WALK ALONG

COVID-19 has changed a lot in our world, but FFC won't let it change our traditions!

As we embrace this "new norm" of being physically distant while remaining socially connected, we are trying something new this year. Paces for Faces Walk and Family Picnic is going VIRTUAL!

Introducing the Paces for Faces Walk Along! Participants will register, fundraise, and commit to completing a 5K walk during the weekend of September 26-27, 2020. Get ready for some friendly competition, awards, and fun ways to engage on social media.

"We hope you are all staying healthy throughout this unprecedented time!"

– Olivia Oppel,
2020 Walk Chair

FFC will continue to honor our fundraisers who raise more than \$750 by the end of the walk weekend with Smile Strider status and a special gift.

Paces for Faces Walk Along is a great opportunity to engage your friends and family members who have been unable to participate in person in past years. Whether they live too far away, or have had previous conflicts on walk weekends, 2020 is their year to join in!

We have a behind-the-scenes committee working hard to make sure our 2020 virtual walk is fun and engaging since we can't be together in person. So, keep informed about the walk by checking for updates on the social media sites listed below and on our website.

Stay tuned for all of the virtual fun to come! 🎉



For updates, follow us on Instagram @
foundationforfacesofchildren and FaceBook
@Foundation for Faces of Children – FFC,
or visit facesofchildren.org/pacesforfaces

MESSAGE FROM THE FFC BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONCERNING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Dear Friends and Families:

As we confront the COVID-19 pandemic, our thoughts and prayers are with each of you – especially with families dealing with medical and surgical procedures.

We are disappointed that so many of our events have been canceled. Bringing our community together remains the utmost importance to us but our priority is your safety. Rest assured that FFC continues to be here for you as we provide our own virtual programming and inform you about others – like the free online games and get-togethers being hosted this year by Camp Reflections in New Hampshire for youth with facial differences (*read about this at left*).

Finally, our annual walk has gone virtual! Known this year as **Paces for Faces Walk Along**, it will still provide a platform for families and children to participate and connect (*read about it above*).

FFC is planning even more virtual events and webinars, so please continue to follow us on FaceBook and Instagram, and watch for updates through Constant Contact emails. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. Stay safe!

– Board of Directors, the Foundation for Faces of Children

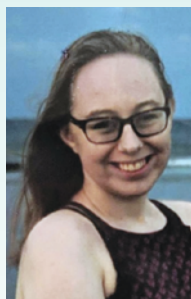


2020 FFC Scholarship Awards Program

The Foundation for Faces of Children awarded our 2020 scholarships 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. This scholarship honors Dr. Mulliken for his decades of expert care for our children.



Caroline Aspinwall from East Walpole, Massachusetts, graduated in 2019 from Tri-County Regional Vocational High School-Medical Careers. Caroline had a variety of accomplishments in high school including Honor Roll (2015-2019), being an Honors Graduate in the top 10% of her class, National Honors Society, a four-year Student Ambassador, recipient of the Medical Careers Excellence Award, gold medalist in Skills USA Career

Choice Commentary Competition, silver medalist in Skills of the USA Career Pathway Showcase Health Services Competition, and serving as the Skills Chapter Officer (2015-2019).

In the Fall, Caroline will attend Mass College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Boston. Once she completes her bachelor's degree, she plans to work toward her master's degree in Physician's Assistant studies.



Taylor Suffoletto from Warwick, Rhode Island, graduated with High Honors from Pilgrim High School. Taylor was active in the National and Spanish Honor societies, and participated in both Indoor track and softball, earning placement as Varsity Starter (2018-2020). She received a citation from the House of Representatives for her participation in the

Junior League Softball World Series, and helped her team achieve the 2016 league championship. Taylor has been heavily involved in community support, including fundraising activities, RI Food Bank, and neighborhood cleanup efforts.

Taylor will attend Bay Path University in Longmeadow, Mass. where she will study to become a Forensic Psychologist.

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.



Sophie Cellerino from West Simsbury, Connecticut, graduated from Simsbury High School. She is active in the National Honors and National Art Honors Societies and was invited to attend the National Youth Leadership Forum for Medicine in 2018. In addition to participating in her local youth group, Sophie engaged in numerous volunteer activities in

her community including Relay for Life (2015-2017), Cassidy's 5K Run for Treacher Collins Awareness (2017, 2019), Gifts of Love (2018), Youthworks Summer Mission Trip (2019). Last season, Sophie finished off her high school track and field career as cross-country team captain.

Sophie will be attending Endicott College in Beverly, Mass. where she hopes to fulfill her dream of becoming a nurse and working in a pediatric ICU.

The Jane C. McDaid Memorial Scholarship

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



Jason Robinson from Scituate, Massachusetts, graduated from Scituate High School. He was active in the National and Spanish Honors Societies, receiving a Silver Medal from the National Spanish Exam. He also received the Saint Michael's College Book Award in 2019. In 2018, Jason participated in the Spanish Exchange Program, hosting a student then visiting Getxo,

Spain. For two semesters, Jason had dual enrollment in Engineering at UMass Lowell during the first "pilot" classes offered in the Northeast. Jason was also selected for the Massachusetts Boys' State to participate in its intensive program that teaches democratic values, improves knowledge of government and encourages citizen involvement. In addition, he played baseball for ten years from 2007-2017 and participated in Cross Country in 2018.

In the Fall, Jason will be attending Clemson University in South Carolina with plans of becoming an automotive mechanical engineer.

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.



Gracie Belle Johnson from Marlborough, Connecticut, graduated from RHAM High School where she received Honors awards for all four years. Gracie was active on the high school dance team, and at her local dance studio, where she also assisted with toddler and preschool instruction. Gracie has participated in several community service efforts, as well as taking part in an activism club for awareness of gun

violence. For the last three years, she has been a Teen Leader for her local church, where she has helped plan, organize and carry out various group activities and events.

Gracie will attend Western Connecticut State University in Danbury, Connecticut where she will study pediatric nursing. 🇺🇸

FFC is Happy to Introduce Two New Board Members!



Board member Ingrid Ganske, pictured with husband Chris Looney and daughters, Charlotte, Maeve and Anna.

Ingrid Ganske, MD MPA was appointed to the FFC Board in April, 2020. Dr. Ganske is a cleft and craniofacial surgeon at Boston Children's Hospital. She grew up in Iowa and studied architecture at Princeton University before becoming a doctor. Her background in design naturally led to an interest

in reconstructive facial surgery. She completed medical school and residency training through Harvard Medical School, as well as a public policy degree at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. Following medical school, Dr. Ganske completed a craniofacial fellowship at Boston Children's Hospital and then subsequently joined the BCH faculty. Dr. Mulliken has been an inspiration and a mentor to her, and they continue to collaborate on cleft outcomes research. Dr. Ganske's practice involves care for children and young adults with cleft lip and palate, hemifacial microsomia, ear anomalies, and acquired facial atrophy (Parry-Romberg Syndrome). She established a new partnership with the Maine Cleft Clinic, striving to help provide cleft care procedures for families in northern New England. In addition to clinical practice, Dr. Ganske is the director of education in the Department of Plastic and Oral Surgery, overseeing medical students, residents, and fellows in pediatric plastic surgery. She also co-directs an innovative course for medical students, "Training the Eye: the Art of Physical Diagnosis", which meets at the Museum of Fine Art in Boston. At home, Dr. Ganske and her husband, Chris Looney, have three little girls who keep things lively: Charlotte (5), Maeve (5), and Anna (3). Chris works as an assistant U.S. Attorney for the State of Massachusetts. 📧

Monica Trivedi is a lifelong resident of Massachusetts with a bachelor's degree from Boston University and an MBA from Babson College. She has held several professional positions across high tech and financial corporations over 20 years. As the Global Customer Success Leader for Schneider Electric, Monica has a true passion for aligning customer strategic goals to valuable outcomes while establishing strong relationships. A true advocate for engaging and retaining talent, she also serves on her company's Diversity and Inclusion committee.

Monica and her family have supported the Foundation for Faces of Children for 10 years since her son, Dhruv, was diagnosed with a complete unilateral cleft lip and palate in utero. Her motivation is to give back to the families and organization that have consistently helped her family navigate this physical and emotional journey. Monica brings her business acumen and relationship building skills to ensure that the mission and goals of the Foundation of Faces for Children are promoted throughout the community. 📧



Monica with her family
Rageen, Nikhil and
Dhruv Trivedi

Regional Educational Events

Hemifacial Microsomia Conference

Boston Children's Hospital Craniofacial Center hosted a "Hemifacial Microsomia Day" symposium for patients and parents on February 28, 2020. Providers gave educational talks on a number of topics ranging from jaw treatment (Drs. Cory Resnick), to ear construction (Drs. Ingrid Ganske and Carolyn Rogers), hearing augmentation (Dr. Gi Soo Lee), speech/language development (Dr. Terrell Clark), and neuropsychology (Dr. Hoa Schneider). The highlight of the day was a patient/parent panel – everyone in attendance was impressed with the courage, resilience, and words of wisdom from the young adults who shared their experiences. Dotty MacDonald represented FFC at the event, providing helpful resources to families who traveled from around the country to attend.

Maine Cleft Conference

The Maine Cleft Lip and Palate Clinic at Barbara Bush Children's Hospital/Maine Medical Center sponsored a parent and family conference "Cleft Lip and Palate: A Journey from Infancy to Adulthood" on Saturday, March 7, 2020. The program included discussions of surgical care (Dr. Ingrid Ganske), genetics (Dr. Rosemary Smith, director of the Maine Cleft Clinic), dental care (Dr. Burton Ranke), and speech pathology (Donna Bisbee). Dr. Elizabeth Ross from Boston Children's Hospital gave a talk about the Latham device that showcased FFC's educational video, helping spread the word about resources available for families of infants with cleft lip/palate. FFC board members Ann Marie Rogers and Monir Sakha attended the meeting to connect with the families of Maine. They met with board members of "Facing Maine" and presented them with FFC's donation to aid their organizations' efforts. Facing Maine is a non-profit support group founded by parents of children with facial differences. Officially founded in 2011, the organization has successfully reached out



Ingrid Ganske, MD, Mary Lou Sauro, RN, and Liz Ross, DDS at the Maine Cleft Conference, March 2020.

to more than 150 families in the region, providing community, programs, workshops, scholarships and other financial support to families of children with craniofacial conditions. FFC looks forward to future collaborations with Facial Maine! 🍷



FFC board members, Monir Sakha and Ann-Marie Rogers, meet Facing Maine Board of Directors at Maine Cleft Conference, March 2020.



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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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