

FACING THE FUTURE

FFC 2026 Scholarship Program

Starting January 2026, FFC will be accepting applications for our 2026 Scholarship Awards. For details, visit our website: facesofchildren.org/scholarship

Since its inception in 1999, the FFC scholarship awards program has distributed 104 scholarships totaling \$334,000. The program awards post-secondary education scholarships to promising students born with a facial difference who are residents of New England (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont).



**Application
deadline is
March 1, 2026.**

The Foundation selects award recipients based on their academic performance, extracurricular activities, and community service.

Community Comes Together for Foundation for Faces of Children's Annual Fundraising Walk



On September 28th, under clear blue skies and warm sunshine, the Foundation for Faces of Children hosted its annual

Fundraising Walk—a heartwarming day of community, fun, and support. Nearly 100 participants gathered for the 3-mile walk around picturesque Lake Quannapowitt, united in their mission to raise awareness and funds for children with craniofacial conditions.

Following the walk, attendees returned to the First Parish Congregational Church where the celebration continued with pizza and a variety of engaging activities. Circus Dynamics brought high-energy entertainment including stilt walking, balloon twisting, juggling, and the magical presence of a bubble fairy. Kids and families also enjoyed face painting and temporary tattoos, courtesy of Team Norah!

The day was not complete without a visit from Kal's Ice Cream Truck, which brought smiles to all with sweet treats to top off a fantastic event.

Stay tuned for more information about next year's Walk—we're already looking forward to celebrating the 30th year with the same energy, enthusiasm, and community spirit!

Special thanks to this year's walk committee members: Ann-Marie Rogers, *Vice President*, Monir Sakha, *Programs Co-ordinator*, Liz O'Keefe, and Ursula Costigan, with support from many others! Thank you to the members of the FFC Board of Directors and additional volunteers who also donated their time to ensure the walk's success. A huge thank you to our wonderful community of family, friends and supporters! See you next year. 📸

— Ann-Marie Rogers, *Vice President*

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See
2025 Walk
photos
inside!

We are grateful to all who worked to bring about another successful Walk. Pictured below (L-R): Dr. Ingrid Ganske, Emily Rogers, *Operations Manager*, Robin Ronca, Ursula Costigan*, Monir Sakha*, Ann-Marie Rogers*, Liz O'Keefe* and Maggie Heneghan, *Social Media Coordinator*.



*Walk committee members



**Apply now for the
2026 CCA Retreat!**

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Grateful

This Season is a Terrific Time to Remember The Foundation for Faces of Children

Our mission would not be possible without the continuing financial support of our donors. Any gift, *no matter the size*, is valued and appreciated. We encourage you to help the Foundation provide support to children with craniofacial differences and their families. You may donate online at facesofchildren.org/how-to-help. Gifts in honor of someone, estate bequests or endowments can be accommodated as you desire. All contributions to the Foundation are tax-deductible. 🇺🇸



Foundation for Faces of Children invites you to be our guest on January 24, 2026 for "Wonder," the musical. Featuring music by Ian Axel and Chad King, the Grammy Award-winning duo behind A Great Big World, this uplifting new musical for the entire family celebrates empathy, resilience, and the power of choosing kindness. We hope you can join us!

A limited number of complimentary tickets are available on a first-come, first-serve basis—so reserve yours before they're gone. We anticipate these seats being in high demand, so we kindly ask that you commit to attending before you reserve your ticket. *Please note that in the case of cancellations or no-shows, we ask for a \$20 donation per ticket.*

2:00 pm show / Loeb Drama Center, Cambridge, MA
Reserve your tickets by email to: communications@facesofchildren.org.
Requests must be received by January 10, 2026.

Seeking Creative Services for FFC

Cindy Shields of Pixel Publishing, FFC's graphic designer of 22 years, will retire in March, 2026. We will miss her and hope to quickly fill the opening she leaves behind by seeking résumés from qualified individuals. For information about what this entails, please visit: facesofchildren.org/we-are-hiring-graphic-designer



September 28, 2025



Team Shoopie



MANY THANKS TO OUR 2025 SMILE STRIDERS!



GOLD
raised over \$1,500



Team Dhruv

SMILE STRIDERS
raised over \$750



Team Lacey
Team Norah!
Huettig Hikers
Smiles for Maya



FFC's Success Comes Through Our Volunteers

Liz O'Keefe is one of many valued Foundation for Faces of Children volunteers. Her son Logan became a patient of Dr. Mulliken after being born with a cleft lip and palate and they have been long-term members of the FFC community.

In 2012 when Logan encouraged his mom to respond to an FFC flyer seeking volunteers, she stepped up to help out with the annual Walk.

Liz is now a member of the Walk Committee and also manages our merchandise inventory. You may recognize her from the merchandise table on Walk day!

She continues to volunteer each year because she loves supporting families who are just beginning their journey and enjoys seeing the children's progress.

She and Logan (*pictured at right*) currently reside in Braintree, Massachusetts.

Thank you, Liz, for all you do for FFC! 🇺🇸



Apply to Attend CCA's Annual Family Retreat & Educational Symposium

We are excited to announce that FFC will once again sponsor New England families to attend CCA's Annual Family Retreat & Educational Symposium. The retreat is held each June to provide individuals affected by a facial difference, their siblings and parents an opportunity to interact with others who have endured similar experiences. The unique format of the Retreat allows families to share ideas, problems and solutions and make life-long friendships. The week-

end kicks off on Thursday with an Educational Symposium and the rest of the weekend allows time and activities to build new relationships and bonds of understanding and caring, which will lend support through both difficult and good times in the future.

The Retreat is June 26 to June 28, 2026 at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress, Orlando Florida

Deadline for FFC Sponsorship Application is December 15, 2025. Please email the [2026 CCA Sponsorship Application](#) and [photo release](#) to FFC at communications@facesofchildren.org on or before December 15, 2025 to be eligible for FFC Sponsorship*

If chosen for the sponsorship, FFC will award your family a CCA Family Scholarship (\$3,000) paid to CCA to cover registration fees, hotel charges and other travel expenses. CCA will deduct the registration fee, hotel charges and send each family a check with any left over balance to go towards their travel expenses. Each family is responsible for booking their own airfare and travel arrangements. 🇺🇸

**Eligibility for FFC's sponsorships is limited to New England residents.*



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The Foundation for Faces of Children (FFC) is dedicated to supporting the social, psychological/emotional, and educational needs of individuals, and their families, affected by craniofacial differences. We seek to improve the lives of children with craniofacial differences and inspire them to reach their full potential.

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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