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Summer Adventures at Kenzie's Camp!

When Declan first learned he would be attending Kenzie's Camp, he was excited but also understandably nervous. Like many children, he wondered if he would fit in. Those worries quickly disappeared as he met other campers with facial differences, especially other children born with cleft lip and palate. For perhaps the first time, he was surrounded by peers who shared similar experiences, and that sense of belonging made an incredible impact.

Throughout the four days, Declan embraced every adventure the camp had to offer. His favorite experience was the "Leap of Faith," where he climbed to the top of a tall platform and jumped, safely supported by a harness and rope. He also loved ziplining, rock climbing, swimming, fishing, and the water trampoline. Each activity challenged him to step outside of his comfort zone and strengthened his confidence.

What meant the most, however, was the opportunity to connect with other children who truly understood his journey. He came home feeling more confident, more accepted, and proud of who he is. As parents, seeing him build friendships, share experiences, and realize he is not alone was incredibly meaningful.

We are deeply grateful to the Foundation for Faces of Children for providing Declan with the scholarship to attend Kenzie's Camp. This generosity made this unforgettable experience possible. We are also especially thankful for the lasting legacy of Dr. John Mulliken, whose extraordinary skill, compassion, and dedication changed the lives of so many children, including Declan. Dr. Mulliken cared for Declan from infancy and performed several of his surgeries, and our family will always be grateful for the care he provided.

Thank you for investing in children like Declan. The confidence, friendships, and memories he gained at Kenzie's Camp will stay with him for years to come. 📷

-Brenda, Dennis
& Declan Lee



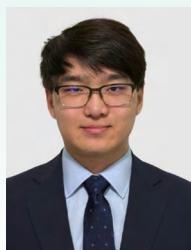


2026 Annual Foundation for Faces of Children Scholarship Awards

FFC is proud to award scholarships to five accomplished, talented individuals. Selected from a broad field of candidates, each is academically successful while generously serving their communities. The 2026 award recipients are:

The Dr. John B. Mulliken Scholarship

Honoring Dr. Mulliken for his decades of expert care for our children this scholarship is awarded to those who demonstrate excellence in academic scholarship and leadership.



Jack Sheridan is originally from Northfield, New Hampshire and a first-generation student who graduated 2 years early from the University of New Hampshire with an accelerated Bachelor of Economics. He earned the Presidential Scholarship, placing 3rd at the Paul College URC for his economic research. Backed by an elite 100th-percentile GMAT quantitative score, Jack has engineered automated data pipelines to analyze over one million nonprofit hospital filings alongside health economists. He aspires to leverage his background, in financial modeling and strategy, to optimize healthcare funding models and resource allocation.

In the fall, Jack will be attending Carnegie Mellon University.
Congratulations, Jack!

The Dorothy MacDonald Scholarship

Awarded to those 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.



Marley Molcy is from Plymouth, Connecticut. Academically distinguished, Marley balances rigorous coursework with impressive achievements, including winning the 2025 Junior Achievement Innovation Challenge, receiving the George Eastman University of Rochester Book Award, and attending the Ryan T. Lee Excellence in Leadership Conference. She is a competitive dancer at Reach

For The Stars Academy, a Fresh Start Mentor, the Girls Basketball team manager, and a volunteer with Unified Buddies. Marley also created the "Marley's Baby Doll Drive" to bring comfort to memory care patients. Raised in a large family where she embraced the role of a built-in caretaker for her four younger siblings, Marley developed a natural instinct to serve others.

Marley will attend University of Delaware. Her ultimate goal is to become a certified Physician Assistant specializing in dermatology.
Congratulations, Marley!

The Jane C. McDaid Memorial Scholarship

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



Gabriella Curtin is from Newton, Massachusetts, and was successful in maintaining a GPA of 3.9 throughout her high school career taking honors and advanced placement classes. Gabriella was on the Volleyball, Lacrosse and Track and Field teams. She was a ski instructor and camp counsel and partnered with students with special needs on the Unified Basketball team. Gabriella was a writing tutor and guidance mentor for elementary aged students.

In the fall, Gabriella will be attending Stonehill College, majoring in Elementary Education. Her love of reading drives her passion to one day be a teacher and her dream would be to spend the summer in South America teaching English. *Congratulations Gabriella!*



Caroline Maziarz is from Wethersfield, Connecticut and is known for her strong work ethic, collaborative spirit, and dedication to her community. Throughout her high school career, Caroline has balanced academic achievement with an impressive roster of volunteer work. As a dedicated weekly volunteer at the Eleanor Buck Wolf Nature Center, she manages animal care

and actively engages with public visitors. At school, she served as an ambassador for her peers through the Eagle Crew, welcoming incoming freshmen and their families. Her passion for helping others extends to her time with the Culinary Club.

In the fall, Caroline will be attending the University of Saint Joseph, majoring in Elementary Education. She hopes to one day be an elementary school teacher. *Congratulations Caroline!*

The Barbara Seltzer Memorial Scholarship

Awarded to a young adult with cleft lip/palate who is interested in the arts or will be pursuing a career in the arts. This scholarship is named for the past president of Prescription Parents, a support group for parents of children with cleft lip/palate, and who was very active in the cleft community.



Sarah Jolliffe is from Ipswich, Mass and although still undeclared, her love of travel and fluency in the Spanish language tempts her to consider a career in hospitality management. Sarah made honor roll grades throughout high school in addition to earning Discus and Shot Put awards on the cross country team. Sarah has a passion for arts and expresses herself through

figure skating at the Preliminary Level while also working as an assistant coach. She enjoys pottery and ceramics and is an active member of the Art club.

In the fall, Sarah will be attending UMass Amherst!
Congratulations Sarah! 🎨

CCA Retreat Reflections

FFC was honored to partner with the Children's Craniofacial Association to send families to the annual CCA Family Retreat & Educational Symposium, hosted this year in Orlando, Florida. See below to read more about their experiences!

The Murphy Family

My family had the amazing opportunity to attend the Children's Craniofacial Association retreat in Orlando this past June. We are so appreciative to the Foundation for Faces of Children for sponsoring our trip. We used to see articles about the retreat in the FFC newsletter but never really thought about applying. I think what changed for me was knowing that my son, Owen, would be entering high school. My husband, Joe, and I have eight children, but only Owen was born with a cleft lip and palate. We hoped that going to the retreat would give Owen the opportunity to meet other kids who have been through similar experiences, such as surgeries and numerous appointments. I also hoped our other children could learn more about what it is like to have a facial difference and become more understanding of what Owen goes through.

We were so happy to arrive in Orlando. We were all excited to see a familiar face at the registration table from some of our previous FFC events, Kara Jackman. She was so supportive of our family when Owen was a baby and we were new to the craniofacial community in the Boston area. Right away, we felt the same sense of community that we had experienced at FFC events like Paces for Faces. I was so glad that we made the trip.

On our first day, we listened to the keynote speaker, Kariym Joachim. As a parent, it was so informative to hear Joachim talk about his experience growing up with a craniofacial difference. His openness and honesty in sharing his story had a profound impact on me. We always want to support Owen with his medical needs, but we realize we don't truly know what it is like for him to undergo multiple surgeries. After the keynote, we attended a session about teasing and bullying. It was helpful to learn different strategies to help any of my kids if they experience bullying.

The next day, we attended the group meetup for cleft lip and palate. It was wonderful to connect with other families and people of all ages. It gave everyone an opportunity to ask questions and offer answers that

could help someone else. We look forward to attending future retreats and hopefully seeing some of the same families again. Owen met some kids his own age, and they had a great time hanging out together.

Afterward, some of our kids participated in lightsaber training. Our teenagers and elementary school children had a blast learning how to fight like a Jedi. It was great seeing everyone let their guard down and just be silly. The retreat made moments like these possible, and we all have memories that we will cherish. Our favorite times were the family dinners and Scott's Wipe Out Dance. I loved learning the history behind some of the events; so much work goes into making the retreat special. We left the retreat so impressed by the thoughtfulness that made the entire experience memorable. We can't wait to go to another retreat! It was such an amazing experience. We are especially grateful to have been chosen for the scholarship that made this possible.



The Murphy Family



Upcoming 2026 Programs & Events

Virtual Parents Support Group
(via Zoom)

Tuesday, September 8
at 7 pm EST

Join us on the second Tuesday of each
month for the Virtual Parent Support Group.

Young Adult Virtual Meetup
(via Zoom)

Monday, September 28
7 pm EST

Join us on the fourth Monday of each
month for the Virtual Young Adult Hangout

Paces For Faces Walk 2026

September 19, 1-5pm EST

Lake Quannapowitt in Wakefield

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The Roy Family

The Children's Craniofacial Association's Annual Retreat and Educational Symposium in Orlando, Florida provided an opportunity for our family to travel to a beautiful location and join a community of over

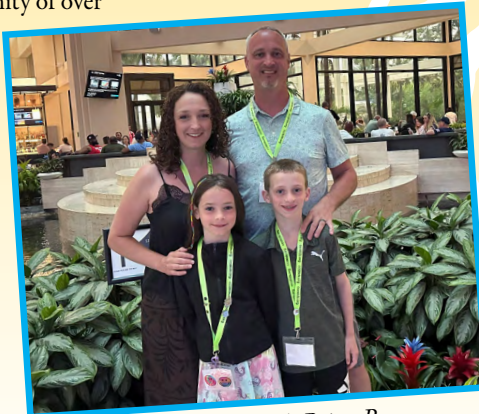
150 beautiful families. What a wonderful experience it was to witness families of all ages and stages of their lives spend a weekend together for a common purpose: allowing the kids to be kids in a comfortable setting, providing information and resources to caregivers, and of making memories.

There were many role models throughout the weekend ranging from little kids' uninhibited freedom playing frisbee in the hall to hearing about the young adults living and working independently. Kariym Joachim's keynote address noted the poignant need for further research in the cleft lip and palate field. Our children, Brian

and Collette enjoyed finding the common thread that connected us all despite our differing backgrounds during the breakout session. As parents, we found a sense of comfort amongst other caregivers that led to open and emotional conversations of shared experiences, recognizing that the medically complex journey can be difficult and yet the weekend provided so many moments of gratitude and joy.

So many smiles were shared in the pool watching strangers become friends to international pen pals. I think time will continue to provide opportunities for us to process the emotions of the weekend as this event will remain as a core memory and we look forward to rejoining the retreat again in the future! 🌈

-Amanda Roy



Amanda, Phillip, Collette, & Brian Roy

FFC's Success Comes Through Our Volunteers

We invite you to consider taking a more active role in supporting the Foundation for Faces of Children. Listed below are some of the important ways to become involved. If you are interested in serving in one of these areas, please contact us at communications@facesofchildren.org.

Scholarship Committee: Members read and evaluate applications and select award recipients. Serving on the committee requires one or two meetings as well as attendance at the scholarship awards presentation.

Walk Committee: Help plan the annual Paces for Faces Walk fundraiser! Bring your ideas to monthly virtual meetings from June to September.

Board of Directors: Your skill and passion for our mission is needed to help provide oversight of FFC's programming, operations and fiduciary responsibilities. To serve on the Board means a commitment to attend monthly virtual meetings and some programming events.



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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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