Newsletter of the Foundation for Faces of Children

Fall 2026
Vol. 37, No.2

THE FACING FUTURE

IN THIS ISSUE

Foundation for Faces of Children Fundraising Walk 1 & 2

Meet Two of Boston Children's Hospital's Crandiofacial Team 3

Upcoming Events Calendar 3

FFC Sponsored Retreat and Camp Call for Applicants 4

Community Comes Together for the 30th Annual Foundation for Faces of Children's Fundraising Walk!

The FFC community gathered on September 19th to walk the nostalgic loop around Lake Quannapowitt for the 30th Annual Paces for Faces Walk. The atmosphere was filled with joy camaraderie, and celebration as families, friends, and longtime supporters came together to honor three decades of dedication, advocacy, and community support for individuals with craniofacial conditions and their families.

Greeted by Maurice from Circus Dynamics, participants enjoyed a lively circus-themed party before heading out to complete the picturesque walk around the lake. Afterward, attendees enjoyed hot dogs, popcorn, and ice cream, along with music, a live show, and activities—and always lots of bubbles! The event provided a wonderful opportunity for families to reconnect with old friends and build new supportive networks. For many, this annual walk is a cherished tradition; a day where children and adults feel celebrated, supported, and surrounded by a community that understands their journey.

This year's walk committee consisted of Ann-Marie Rogers, Ursula Costigan, Monir Sakha, and Liz O'Keefe. We are grateful to the FFC Board of Directors and all other volunteers who helped us create a memorable and successful event. From setting up registration tables and managing refreshments to coordinating activities, our dedicated volunteers worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure everything ran smoothly throughout the day.

The generous contributions raised through Paces for Faces directly enable FFC to fulfill its mission of supporting the social, psychological/emotional, and educational needs of individuals, and their families, affected by craniofacial differences. Funds raised support resources, educational materials, programs and events, and support groups that help families navigate complex medical journeys with confidence and hope. Every dollar raised helps ensure that no family faces these challenges alone.

The walk may be over, but our mission doesn't stop here. We still need your SUPPORT! Your continued generosity helps us maintain these essential programs that mean so much to our community.

We are already looking ahead to next year's event and upcoming community initiatives. If you are interested in serving on next year's walk committee or volunteering for FFC in another capacity, please email us at **communications@facesofchildren.org**

Whether you can lend your time, skills, or ideas, we welcome your involvement and look forward to partnering with you to make each event better!



We are grateful to all who worked to make this year's event special!
Pictured on the morning of the walk are, L to R: Melissa Clericuzio, Monir Sakha and Dotty MacDonald, RN.
Inset photo: Emily, Ann-Marie and Bob Rogers

See next page for more ***2026 Walk Photos!***

How to Donate to FFC:

Please make donations at:
facesofchildren.org/how-to-help

or by check:
(payable to Foundation for Faces of Children) sent to:
Foundation for Faces of Children
258 Harvard Street, #367
Brookline, MA 02446

or with PayPal:
www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=QKQU7PU7QLAZ8



30th ANNIVERSARY Paces for Faces WALK ALONG







BIG THANKS TO OUR 2026 SMILE STRIDERS!

SMILE STRIDERS
raised over $750

Lacey
Brooklyn
Maya
Norah
Kathryn

GOLD
raised over $1,000

Ingrid

PLATINUM
raised over $1,500

The Pollio Family

Meet Two Craniofacial Surgeon Fellows at Boston Children's Hospital

John Muller, MD, MS

Dr. John Muller is a cleft and craniofacial surgery fellow at Boston Children's Hospital, where he is completing advanced training in the care of children with cleft lip and palate, craniosynostosis, and other conditions affecting the face and skull.



Originally from Long Island, New York, Dr. Muller attended Boston College for his undergraduate studies, Boston University for his master's degree, and Penn State College of Medicine for medical school. He completed his plastic surgery residency at NYU before coming to Boston Children's for his craniofacial fellowship.

Dr. Muller was drawn to craniofacial surgery because it combines complex surgical problem-solving with the opportunity to make a lasting difference in children's lives. He values the relationships that develop with patients and families over time and recognizes that caring for a child involves much more than surgery. It means listening to parents' concerns, helping families navigate treatment decisions, and working together to support each child's growth and development.

During his fellowship, Dr. Muller is further developing his surgical skills and exploring research and new technologies that may improve treatment options and outcomes for children with craniofacial conditions.

Outside the hospital, Dr. Muller enjoys spending time with his wife and daughter, traveling, fishing, and exploring the outdoors. Having spent much of his education and training in the Boston and New York areas, he is grateful for the opportunity to continue learning at Boston Children's Hospital and to work alongside a team dedicated to helping children and families thrive.

James Daniell, BCD, MBBS



James Daniell is an Australian Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeon who is undertaking a Craniomaxillofacial Surgery fellowship at Boston Children's Hospital. He completed his medical and dental degrees in Adelaide, Australia before completing his surgical training in Melbourne, Australia—where he is from! Throughout his training James had a strong interest in working with pediatric patients and contributing to their clinical care but also to improve treatment through research. He feels very fortunate to work with some of the best surgeons and researchers in this field internationally at BCH. Outside of the hospital, James and his wife have a one-year old daughter who made the trip across the Pacific with them. They have been busy travelling across New England over the past few months and are excited to explore more over the winter.

Upcoming Programs & Events



Virtual Parents Support Group (via Zoom)	Tuesday, December 8, 2026 7 pm EST	FFC is committed to hosting the parent group the second Tuesday of every month
Young Adult Virtual Meetup (via Zoom)	Monday, December 28, 2026 7 pm EST	FFC is committed to hosting the Young Adult meet ups the fourth Monday of every month
CCA Annual Family Retreat & Educational Symposium	June 25 - 27, 2027	Deadline to apply for FFC sponsorship: December 1, 2026 See https://facesofchildren.org/event for more information and sponsorship guidelines
Kenzie's Camp	June 20 - 23, 2027	Deadline to apply for FFC sponsorship: January 1, 2027 See https://facesofchildren.org/event for more information and sponsorship guidelines

For updates, please visit **facesofchildren.org** *regularly or follow us on social media!*

We Are Excited to Announce That FFC Will Be Sponsoring Two Families to Attend CCA's Annual Family Retreat & Educational Symposium!

CCA's Annual Family Retreat & Educational Symposium 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 weekend 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.

When:
June 25 - 27, 2027
Where:
Renaissance Addison Hotel
Addison (Dallas), Texas

Deadline for FFC Sponsorship Application:
December 1, 2026



If chosen for sponsorship, FFC will award your family with a CCA Family Scholarship ($3,000) paid directly to CCA to cover registration fees, hotel charges and other travel expenses. CCA will deduct the aforementioned charges and any remaining balance will be disbursed to your family to go towards other related travel expenses. Each family is responsible for booking their own airfare/travel arrangements and CCA will book your hotel accommodations. Please keep in mind prices fluctuate so families need to plan accordingly.

Applicants must be a resident of one of the six New England states to be eligible for sponsorship.

Please email the **2027 CCA Sponsorship Application** and **photo release form** to communications@facesofchildren.org on or before December 1st to be eligible for FFC Sponsorship

For more information on sponsorship guidelines, please visit our website or email **communications@facesofchildren.org**

We Are Thrilled to Announce That FFC Will Be Sponsoring Four Kids to Attend Kenzie's Camp!

Kenzie's Camp is an overnight summer camp designed specially for children and teens ages 8 - 16 born with craniofacial differences. It offers a safe, supportive environment where campers can enjoy being kids, build confidence, and connect with peers who share similar life experiences. Led by young adult counselors and mentors who also have craniofacial differences, the camp features a wide array of outdoor adventures, including zip-lining, climbing, boating, archery, and arts and crafts, alongside meaningful team-building activities.
If chosen for sponsorship, FFC will fully cover the cost of camp registration.

When:
June 20 - 23, 2027
Where:
Camp Hazen YMCA,
Chester, Connecticut 06412

Deadline for FFC Sponsorship Application:
January 1, 2027

Applicants must be a resident of one of the six New England states to be eligible for sponsorship.

Please email the **2027 Kenzie's Camp Sponsorship Application** and **photo release form** to communications@facesofchildren.org on or before January 1st to be eligible for FFC Sponsorship

Find information on sponsorship guidelines via website or email communications@facesofchildren.org

FOUNDATION FOR
Faces of Children
258 Harvard Street, #367
Brookline, MA 02446
617-355-8299
info@facesofchildren.org
facesofchildren.org

Connect with FFC Online

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.

Board of Directors

Ann-Marie Rogers, *Exec. Vice-President*
Alfred (Fred) C. Frawley, III, *Clerk*
Caitlin Hughes, *Treasurer*
Monir Sakha, *Programs Co-ordinator*
Ursula Costigan
Ingrid Ganske, MD
Tara Greiner
Nicole Lania
Kerri Murray, MPH, PA-C