

KDC

Summer 2017

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annually.



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A Record-breaking Spring Celebration Event

On April 1st, Kennedy-Donovan Center held its fifth annual Spring Celebration. The event raised \$120,000, exceeding the goal by 18% and set a record for the most funds raised by the agency in a single event. All funds raised from the event are used to support KDC's mission.

This year's Spring Celebration was used as a platform for raising awareness to its first program: the Special Education School. Guest speaker Charleen Ferland shared her family's journey with the school and the important role KDC has played in providing services to her daughter for the past sixteen years. The crowd was moved to their feet by Charleen's touching account of life with Pitt Hopkins syndrome and the incredible impact KDC has had on her family. "KDC's School is a place where little miracles happen every day; the kind that we tend to take for granted. This is a place where the

can'ts, won'ts and nevers actually do happen, a place where any and all abilities are encouraged, fostered and worked on to expand the quality of life," said Charleen.

The event was attended by more than 210 guests and sponsored by corporations such as event sponsor Webster Bank, IneoQuest Technologies, and The TJX Companies. Auctioneer, John Terrio engaged the crowd with humor and passion as he raised over \$55,000 from the generous audience during the live auction and fundraising portion of the night.

Event co-hosts Anthony Karamas and Brad Pineault, who are KDC board members and long-time supporters of our mission, were able to tour the school and meet many of the students. They touched upon their visit to the school during the evening, and moved the crowd with the stories of the experience.



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Events Calendar

NOVEMBER 24

Thanksgiving. Time to be with family and friends.

DECEMBER

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be visiting many of the KDC program offices.

DECEMBER 2

Celebration for Kids, Seaport Hotel, Boston. For more information, please call 508.772.1215

DECEMBER 25

Christmas Holiday. Peace to all.



Introducing Our New Administrative Staff

We are pleased to introduce you to two new members of the administrative team. Frank Maher joined KDC in April 2017 as Vice President of Development and Public Relations. He brings close to twenty years of development and human services experience. Frank has worked for state, regional and national organizations including the National Kidney Foundation, the Easter Seals, and the American Red Cross. "I am very happy to be part of the KDC team, representing a mission I am passionate about and believe in. One in five people in the U.S.

has a disability. My goal is to provide support for the clients we serve, their families, and our communities," said Maher.

Glen Mattera joined the KDC Team as the new Chief Financial Officer in May 2017. He has extensive experience in the fiscal management of nonprofit agencies, and is a perfect match for KDC in that he has worked in similar lines of service. He brings a commitment to excellence, compliance and accountability. We are excited to welcome Frank and Glen to the KDC family!



Left: Frank Maher; Right: Glen Mattera.

PINZ Receives Business Partner Award

Bowling and entertainment establishment, PINZ was awarded the Business Partner Award from the Association of Developmental Disabilities Providers (ADDP) on May 4th. PINZ has locations in Milford and Kingston Massachusetts.

The award was presented to owner Susan Breen, who has employed a KDC client for the past eleven years. "PINZ is always willing to go the extra mile with the individual to

show, teach, and do, to ensure that the individual is successful in the workforce," said Deb Johnson, KDC employee.

Congratulations and thank you to PINZ for their commitment to providing people with disabilities opportunities to improve their independence. To learn more about KDC's Transitional Job Supports Program, please call 508-473-5700.



Support KDC When You Shop Online

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way to support your favorite charitable organization at no additional cost to you. When you use smile.amazon.com, you'll get the same low prices, selection and convenience, but Amazon.com donates a portion of the purchase price to the organization of your choice. Make KDC your charity of choice at smile.amazon.com.

Activities at Access Cape Cod

Kennedy-Donovan Center announced the launch of Access Cape Cod in 2015 as a three-year project to improve community accessibility for individuals with developmental disabilities on Cape Cod. With a \$280,000 grant from the Peter and Elizabeth C. Tower Foundation, this project's goal was to connect families and their communities for the enhancement of all Cape Cod residents with disabilities.

The project works to form social networks, develop meaningful social experiences, improve access to respite care, and expand community programs to both families and individuals 26 years old and younger who have developmental delays and disabilities on Cape Cod.

The intent and purpose of these planned events is to allow family networking and socialization groups for individuals with disabilities and their families. Events are free to KDC clients and a guest. Additional participants may be allowed at a reduced or covered cost depending on availability and staffing. While events are not open to the public, they are available to members of the Cape Cod community, including those who are clients of the Kennedy-Donovan Center, Access Cape Cod, have disabilities, and their families.

PIRATES COVE ADVENTURE GOLF

Our monthly mini-golf outing is a great way for individuals to interact with their peers and build mobility and concentration, while enjoying one of two Pirate-themed mini-golf courses. We've been able to provide access to people in wheelchairs as well.

RYAN FAMILY AMUSEMENTS

A monthly bowling outing that fosters interaction between our individuals, their families, friends, and the team at Ryan Family Amusements. We've been able to show families that they can participate in these types of recreational activities with us and on their own time.

CAPE COD ART BAR

Our monthly art classes foster meaningful experiences between individuals and their families while providing them opportunities to show their creative side. They can follow our art coaches and learn skills to improve their masterpieces or free paint and explore their own talents.

HYANNIS WHALE WATCHING CRUISES

These whale watches provide our individuals with a venue to build meaningful relationships and enjoy beautiful ocean life and sceneries in an educational environment.



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Special Education School

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MISSION

Kennedy-Donovan Center supports people with developmental delays, disabilities or family challenges to pursue their personal potential and success in the community. We provide a wide range of effective supports to individuals and families through prevention, advocacy and intervention services that are person-centered, innovative, and compassionate.

Leaving a Legacy

It is a good idea to review your estate plan regularly to ensure that it reflects changes you and your family may have experienced recently. Use this checklist to determine if you are prepared for anything unexpected that could affect the management or distribution of your assets after you are gone. Be sure to contact an attorney or financial planning professional when creating or updating your estate plan.

- Review your will and check for any changes that may need to be made because of a change in your life or tax laws.
- Be sure the executor you've named is still the appropriate person you want to manage your estate, minimize taxes, and distribute the designated portions of your estate to your beneficiaries.
- Update your designated beneficiaries to be sure you haven't named someone who is deceased or who no longer should be included.
- If you have designated a guardian for someone under your care, review your choice and make changes if necessary.
- If you haven't already done so, include a health care power-of-attorney in your estate for when you are unable to make decisions for yourself.
- Be sure your plan reflects your current assets and wishes for distribution.
- Consider adding your favorite charitable organizations to your estate plan as a means of minimizing taxes and leaving a legacy in support of your personal values. Including KDC is one way of assuring continued services on behalf of individuals with delays and disabilities, and their families.

For more information, please call Frank Maher, Vice President of Development & Public Relations at 508-772-1215 or fmaher@kdc.org.

Generous Grants Awarded to KDC

Since our last newsletter, KDC received nine generous grants to help enhance programs and services. With the support of community foundations we are able to grow existing programs and build new services to reach more people in need.

Several program grants were received, including a \$400 grant from the Cape Cod Foundation, and a \$5,000 grant from the Edward Bangs Kelley and Elza Kelley Foundation to purchase SafetyNet bracelets for Cape Cod families with loved ones at risk of wandering; a \$10,695 grant from the Roy T. Morgan Foundation to purchase wireless internet for KDC's School in New Bedford; \$5,000 from United Way of Greater Attleboro/Taunton to support our continued outreach

efforts for hard-to-reach families in Arabic and Spanish in the Attleboro area. We also received \$2,160 from CHNA 6 to provide a family support group for working parents of children with special needs.

KDC also received \$2,000 from the South Shore Playhouse Associates for social and recreational activities for our Day Habilitation Program; \$2,500 from Mansfield Bank for sensory and motor oral materials for our Attleboro Early Intervention Program; \$7,035 from the Balfour Foundation to furnish and purchase materials for our Attleboro Early Intervention's new classroom; and \$10,350 from Bristol County Savings Bank for a financial literacy program for our Foster Care participants.



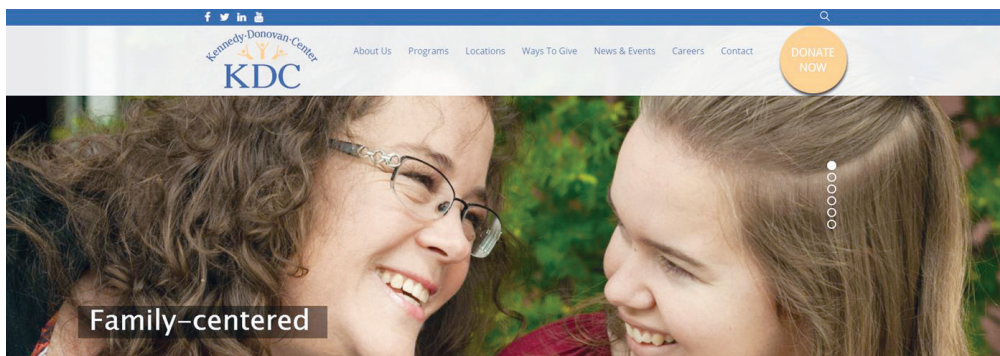
Aubrey Macfarlane, KDC President & CEO, Eileen Dugas, Foster Care and Family Services Program Director, and Amy Chaunt, KDC Foundation and Communications Manager accept a check from representatives of Bristol County Savings Charitable Foundation.

KDC Launches New Website and Facebook Page

KDC is pleased to announce the launch of our redesigned website! The site includes services by location, dropdown menus, a full screen photo banner with agency-wide updates. There is a section for news and events, to keep up on the latest happenings at KDC. Visitors to the page are also able to read about the families who have had great successes in our programs. We will be adding

an interactive map for families to see if KDC serves their community. We hope you like the changes, and feel free to give us your feedback. Check it out at kdc.org.

We have also combined over ten Facebook pages into one that includes updates from all our programs. Please visit facebook.com/KennedyDonovanCenter to check it out.



KDC Announces New Board Members

Jeremy Louise and Jill Tripp joined the KDC Board of Directors in July. Jeremy is the Vice President of Sales and Business Development at Technical Support International, a family run business. Jeremy and his family have been supporting KDC for over 25 years. Jeremy is following in the footsteps of his mother, Mary Graham, who served on the KDC board from 2001 through 2008. He will also be serving on the Fundraising and Finance Committee. Jeremy lives in Mansfield with his fiancée.



Jill Tripp is the Head of Finance and Personnel at Atlas Innovative Services and a Behavioral Consultant. Jill and her husband Tom have been wonderful supporters of KDC having been the Presenting Sponsor of our Swing Fore The Kids Golf Tournament to benefit the Greater Plymouth Early Intervention Program. Jill is also on the Program Committee and the Fundraising Committee with Tom. They live in Carver with their daughter and dogs.



We wish to thank outgoing board members Richard Harwood and David Boucher for their many years of service. Rich will continue to be member of the Human Resources and Program Committee.

KDC is Growing—A Garden!

We are excited to announce the start of our Therapeutic Garden Project. Flower beds and benches are built and we are ready for KDC School students and Day Hab participants to begin tending the garden. Caring for the flowers, vegetables and fruits will provide therapies to help with social interaction, development of skills, and learn all about gardening.

The project's coordinators, Julia Moniz and Annette Leal will be overseeing it year-round

along with their day-to-day responsibilities. It's sure to be a rewarding project overall.

Special thanks to Connie Smith and Jose Clavell for purchasing items to get the project started, Jose and Tom Cianci for giving their time to assemble all the pieces, and the New Bedford Early Intervention staff for donating start-up gardening baskets to the KDC School and Day Hab program.



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Programs Overview

ACQUIRED BRAIN INJURY SERVICES

24/7 support for those with acquired brain injuries in a staffed community residence.

ADULT FAMILY CARE

Finds homes for adults with medical needs with trained host families.

APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS

Customized services for those with Autism Spectrum Disorder, and their families.

DAY HABILITATION

Provides adults with high needs a comprehensive program of services.

EARLY INTERVENTION

Home services for children birth to 36 mos. with, or at risk of, developmental delays.

FAMILY SUPPORT & RESPITE SERVICES

Supports individuals living with their families in receiving tailored services.

FOSTER CARE SERVICES

Works to prevent out-of-home placements; places children in qualified homes; and aids young adults transitioning to independence.

HEALTHY FAMILIES

Serves first-time parents age 21 or under until the child's third birthday.

INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT

Serves adults living on their own by providing drop-in support for daily living.

SHARED LIVING

Finds adults homes with host families trained to address their specific needs.

SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL

For ages 3 to 22 with multiple disabilities.

SUPERVISED LIVING

24/7 support for adults living in groups of two to four in neighborhood homes.

SUPPORTED LIVING

Provides on-going supports to adults with disabilities living in their own homes.

TRANSITIONAL JOB SUPPORT

Assists adults in finding and maintaining meaningful paid employment.



Luella's Leadership Circle

Luella Hennessey Donovan founded KDC in 1969 based on the principle that all individuals have the right to participate in their community. She was the private duty nurse for Rose and Joe Kennedy's youngest daughter Rosemary, who had a developmental disability. It was their wish that all children like Rosemary get to enjoy a typical family life and attend a local school. Luella founded the first educational and therapeutic, community-based program for children with special needs.

Today, KDC is dedicated to the support of those with developmental delays, disabilities or family challenges. Last year we established the Luella Leadership Circle in honor of Mrs. Donovan and her foreword-thinking for people with disabilities.

While we greatly appreciate all donors, we want to provide special recognition to the following with a gift of \$1,000 or more.

Mrs. Frances Fern & Family
in memory of Daniel Fern

Paul and Kim Rodrigues
Kamp Construction

Anthony Karamas

Robert & Mary Kemp

Jeff and Leah Kobs

Aubrey Macfarlane

Tim and Sara Mulcahy

Pawtucket Credit Union

Plymouth Rotary Charitable Fund

Robert Commercial Construction
in memory of Christopher Robert

Richard Voccio

Ed and Erin Walter



Summer of Fun Events and Photos

1. KAMP Cup: July 28th

The annual golf outing was held by KAMP Construction at Souther's Marsh Golf Club and raised \$21,000 for KDC. In the past three years, the event has raised \$64,000. Thank you to Paul, Kim and family, Kristal, the sponsors, golfers, volunteers and all the event supporters.

2. Ice Cream Social for Day Hab: August 25th

An afternoon of fun and happy faces. There were many flavors to choose from and the participants were served by staff, which made it a real treat.

3. Family Fun Day: June 10th

Thank you to everyone who turned out to the First Family Fun Day in support of the New Bedford Early Intervention Program. It was an afternoon filled with fun and educational activities for the community.

4. Mother's Day Tea at Day Hab: May 12th

This year featured a parasol-themed breakfast where parents and guardians could meet and share their accomplishments and challenges. It's an annual event that the staff works hard putting together, and is eagerly awaited by the families.

5. Swing Fore the Kids Golf: June 21st

Greater Plymouth Early Intervention Program held its 14th Annual Swing Fore the Kids Golf Tournament at the exclusive Indian Pond Country Club in Kingston. The event raised more than \$35,000 and special thanks go to the returning Presenting Sponsors, Tom and Jill Tripp of Atlas Innovative Services. A favorite of players and new this year was the Air Canon: shooting a golf ball through the air to get close to the pin. Many thanks to everyone who sponsored, golfed, donated, and volunteered to make this another successful year!

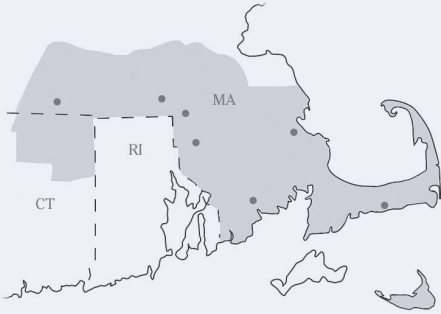
6. Self-Advocates Cookout: August 10th

KDC's Milford Program staff volunteered their time to help the Blackstone Valley Self Advocate group host a cookout at the West Hill Park in Uxbridge. Over eighty people were in attendance to show their support.



Kennedy-Donovan Center is committed to the full continuum of care for people with developmental delays, disabilities or family challenges in our region. We strive to provide this either by offering services directly to individuals of all ages and their families or by collaborating closely with community partners. Our growth will target programs that:

- Fill service gaps in the continuum of care for our clients
- Focus on individualized one-on-one services
- Are needed in our current service area or adjacent regions
- Build on our current expertise
- Respond to a need for innovative and flexible programming



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Holiday Appeal: Help Jump Start Giving

Fall is in the air and soon the holiday season will be upon us. This year, our goal is to raise \$100,000. Please help by making your tax-deductible donation using the donation

form below. Donations may also be made online at kdc.org. Every dollar makes the difference and all monies raised go directly to programs and services.

Yes, I want to help jump start the Holiday Appeal.

I wish to make a difference with a gift of:

☐ \$250 ☐ \$200 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$25 ☐ other \$ _____

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☐ I would like to speak with someone about putting KDC in my will.

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