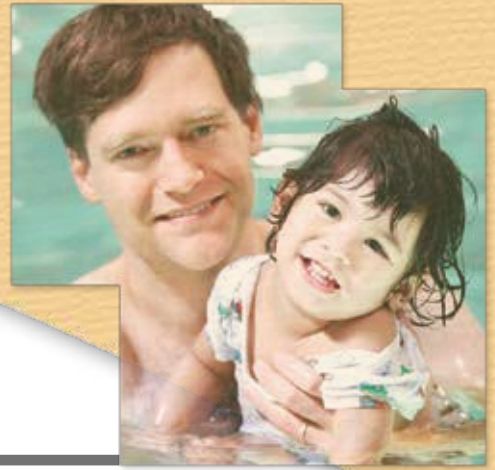


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# KDC connections

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## Generous Grants to KDC

This year, Kennedy-Donovan Center made great strides in funding its program needs and projects which depend on the generosity of foundation support. Grants were received from community, private, and corporate-based foundations across our service areas.

Attleboro Early Intervention received significant support for specialized programs and equipment needs. The Roy T. Morgan Foundation (see article inside) provided \$8,500 to purchase specialized gait trainers and physical therapy equipment for our One-to-One socialization group that assists children with complex medical conditions. The program also received \$10,000 from the United Way of Greater Attleboro/Taunton to support a multi-faceted and expanded outreach effort during the coming year. The LG Balfour Foundation awarded Attleboro Early Intervention \$12,000 for the purchase of equipment, and Mansfield Bank provided \$2,000 to support the purchase of much needed supplies.

Our South Central Early Intervention program received \$11,717 from the Greater Worcester Community Foundation for the

launch of a new, specialized parent-child support group. Fostering Early Connections will help participants explore mindfulness, learn stress reduction techniques, and develop new ways to connect with their babies.

KDC's Milford Family Support Center was the recipient of \$2,755 in grant funding from Community Partners for Health to partner with other local providers in providing family support group sessions for working parents whose children have developmental disabilities.

We are pleased that our New Bedford programs and projects continue to receive strong support. The New Bedford Early Intervention program received \$2,000 for the purchase of supplies and equipment. In addition, our "Building a Brighter Future" capital campaign was generously supported with grants of \$25,000 from the Amelia Peabody Charitable Fund, \$20,000 from Bristol County Charitable Foundation, and \$2,000 from the South Shore Playhouse Associates.

KDC Connections is published by Kennedy-Donovan Center for the agency's volunteers, families, supporters, and those to whom we provide services and supports of the highest quality.

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### United Way of Greater Attleboro/Taunton Annual Meeting & Campaign Celebration

L-R: Guadalupe Ticas, Jinah Ibrahim, Judy Quinn, Monica Quinn, Aubrey Macfarlane, Ann Buono and Nancy Manty, KDC staff accept the Platinum Award in May for the Attleboro Early Intervention program.



## events calendar

### OCTOBER

Car raffle to benefit the New Bedford Foster Care and Family Resources programs. Win a Chevy Camaro or \$25,000 cash. \$100/ticket; only 600 to be sold. For more information, call Kim: 508-997-5875.

### DECEMBER 2nd

Board of Director's meeting, Foxboro office.

### DECEMBER 5th

Celebration for Kids, Boston; Seaport Hotel, Boston.

### JANUARY 27th

Board of Director's meeting, Foxboro office.



## KDC Board Welcomes the Return of Two Members

Fiscal year 2016 began with the return of board members Robert Panessiti and Steve Sanford. This is Bob's third stretch of service, after completing terms in 1993-2000 and in 2005-2011. A resident of Boston, Bob is First Vice President of wealth management at UBS Financial Services and also serves as Chair of KDC's Finance Committee. Steve returns after serving from 2007-2014. He is Chief Financial Officer for IneoQuest Technologies in Mansfield and a resident of Mattapoisett. Steve will also be serving on the Finance Committee of the board of directors.

At this time, we also bid a fond farewell, but not goodbye to Ted Carr, board member since 2010. Ted will continue to serve as

chair of the "Building A Brighter Future" capital campaign to raise \$500,000 for the renovations of the property at 385 County Street, the former Avath Achim synagogue. Ted is also leading the search committee for KDC's new President and CEO. We are grateful for his continued involvement and leadership.

In addition, we said goodbye to board member Robert McGowan, who served on the board of directors from 2011-2015 and as Treasurer for the last four years. Bob and his family relocated to New York City, and we wish him well in his new pursuits. He will certainly be missed!

## Roy T. Morgan Foundation Makes an Impact

In 2014, KDC's Attleboro Early Intervention program identified a small group of children whose conditions impacted their ability to participate in our traditional social groups. In typical fashion, our therapists responded with a One-to-One group to accommodate the special needs of the children, provide them with a chance to socialize, use the center's therapeutic equipment, and make regular visits to community-based activities.

The program was a great success except that it was missing equipment necessary to provide effective physical therapy. Since our Early Intervention Program has no funding to support specialized purchases, we rely on

donated equipment, which is often outdated or missing parts.

In March, we received \$8,500 from the Roy T. Morgan Foundation to solve this problem. This grant was generous enough to cover the entire cost of two very specialized, and very needed gait trainers. These pieces of equipment were a perfect fit for the One-to-One participants and made all the difference in their therapies.

KDC is very grateful to organizations like the Roy T. Morgan Foundation, who play an integral role in helping us achieve our mission, and meet the needs of those who we serve.



### KDC ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES NEW TEMPORARY LOCATION

In September, our Foxboro offices temporarily moved to 33 Commercial Street in Foxboro. We expect to be at this location for about a year as a new building is constructed at our 1 Commercial Street property. Our mailing address remains One Commercial Street, Foxboro, MA 02035, but if you visit, remember to come to 33 Commercial Street.

### LOYALTY DONORS CORRECTION

Each year we pay tribute to our Loyalty Donors in the winter newsletter. Although we make every effort to ensure accuracy in the listing, there was an oversight. We apologize and would like to recognize the following friends for their longstanding support of Kennedy-Donovan Center.

- John and Jean Connors
- Patricia Grugnale

## Building a Brighter Future Campaign Update

Renovations are ongoing at the newly purchased building on County Street, New Bedford. KDC is preserving the history of the former Ahavath Achim synagogue, while it transitions into the home base for staff to provide quality community-based programs, with plenty of room for continued growth. Healthy Families, Foster Care, and Adult and Residential programs will operate from this location which is across the street from the KDC Special Education School, Early Intervention and Day Habilitation programs.

The project is funded in part by private donations and the city of New Bedford. Our goal is to raise \$500,000 from the community and we are proud to announce that 76% has been raised to date. The community has embraced the project and we look forward to our new location and to building a brighter future.



## PLEASE SAVE YOUR BOX TOPS!



### Our New Bedford Special Education School is collecting them.

KDC School | Attention Stephanie  
19 Hawthorn Street | New Bedford, MA 02740  
508-992-4756



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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.



## Human Rights Committee

The role of KDC's Human Rights Committee is to protect and promote the rights of the individuals being supported by our programs.

Tammy Wunschel is the coordinator, with Kristen Reid as liaison. Together, they work with a dedicated committee seeking the individuals' best interests. The committee's primary responsibility is to review, monitor and investigate the activities of the programs with regard to human, civil and legal rights of the individuals in the program.

Thank you to all the committee members for giving their time to ensure that Kennedy-Donovan Center is adhering to the individuals' needs and providing them with their rights and independence.

### Members:

Petrina Leary, Chairperson  
Ginger Bailey, LICSW  
Brian Waller, Esq.  
Karen Cusack  
Thomas Leary  
Dennis Callahan, RN

## Annual Spring Celebration: Another Great Success

Kennedy-Donovan Center's Annual Spring Celebration held on April 18th at Lombardo's in Randolph was a night to remember. Raising a record \$74,000, it was an evening filled with inspiration, laughter and wonderful stories.

The evening's guest speaker, Justin O'Connell, a participant in KDC's Transitional Job Support program, moved guests to tears, and was given a standing ovation for his inspirational story. Justin has endured physical disabilities as a result of scoliosis and in 2006, after receiving surgery to correct his spine, had to learn to walk again. Today, he is a marathoner and employee at Red Robin with help from KDC. His inspiring story has brought about the motto, "Justin Strong."



Auctioneer Dan Flynn was a big hit with the crowd and helped us raise much-needed funds from the live auction. Along with Justin's motivating speech, a new video by Maverick Productions, some beautiful artwork and one-of-a-kind pieces created by individuals we serve generated enthusiasm and a strong show of support for KDC's mission.

We are grateful to event sponsor Webster Bank, to leadership sponsor IneoQuest Technologies, and to advocacy sponsor TJX Companies for their continued support. Our sincere thanks to all our sponsors and attendees who made the night a success.



Top left: Justin O'Connell addresses the crowd; Top right: Mish proudly showcases her artwork; Bottom: Guests enjoying cocktails and the silent auction.

## ADDP 2015 Award Recipients

The Association of Developmental Disabilities Providers (ADDP) presented awards at their annual conference. Kennedy-Donovan Center is proud to congratulate Justin O'Connell and Barbara Tumeinski on being recognized for their perseverance and compassion.



### BARBARA TUMEINSKI

**Direct Support Professional Award**  
KDC Case Manager, Milford  
Individual Support Program

This award recognizes a direct support professional who demonstrates excellence and their commitment to individuals with developmental disabilities. Barbara demonstrates these characteristics and more. She has been with Kennedy-Donovan Center for the past eight years, working in the Individual Support program. She's a strong advocate for the adults being supported and encourages them to get involved in the community so they can grow, develop friendships, and learn the life skills needed to live more independently. She loves people, works hard and enjoys working with the adults. For Barbara, it's more than just a job.

### JUSTIN O'CONNELL

**Self-Determination Award**  
Participant, KDC Employment Support  
Employed at Red Robin, Foxboro

This award recognizes an individual with intellectual/developmental disabilities or brain injury who pursues and achieves personal goals. In 2006, Justin underwent surgery to correct curvature of his spine caused by scoliosis. During his recovery, everyday was a fight to walk, but he was determined to overcome his physical challenges. With hard work, his walking got stronger and soon after Justin decided to try running. After completing his first few road races, Justin aimed high and set his sights on the Boston Marathon. Today, Justin is a four time marathoner who exemplifies the description and so much more. He is an inspiring young man who strives to be his best with his "never give up" attitude.

## FRIENDS MAKING A DIFFERENCE CLUB

We invite you to become a member of the Friends Making A Difference club. This monthly giving program is easy and efficient. It provides Kennedy-Donovan Center with a predictable source of income to fund additional supports and needs. Your donation is an investment that supports children's groups, specialty services, and social recreation, among other things.

Make a difference with your secure and flexible monthly donation. Choose the monthly amount you wish to give, and you can change or cancel at any

time. Visit [kdc.org](http://kdc.org), make a donation, and choose monthly ongoing (recurring) payments. To learn more about becoming a member of the Friends Making A Difference club, please contact [donations@kdc.org](mailto:donations@kdc.org) or call 508-772-1216.

All new club members will receive a token of our appreciation, as well as recognition in our agency newsletter, for their commitment to Kennedy-Donovan Center's mission.

## BOARD

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## Programs Overview

### ADULT FAMILY CARE

Finds adults with medical needs homes with host families who have been trained to address their specific needs.

### SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL

Serves students 3 to 22 years of age with multiple disabilities.

### DAY HABILITATION

Provides high needs adults with a comprehensive program of services in a supportive and caring environment.

### EARLY INTERVENTION

Serves children, birth to 36 months, in the home, who have or are at risk of development delays.

### EARLY INTERVENTION PARTNERSHIP

Serves pregnant women whose children are at risk of poor health outcomes and delays.

### FAMILY SUPPORT & RESPITE SERVICES

Supports individuals living with their families in receiving tailored services.

### FOSTER CARE SERVICES

Works with families in crisis to prevent out-of-home placements; with children to place in qualified, caring homes; and with 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 in the community by providing drop-in support for daily life management.

### SHARED LIVING

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

### SUPPORTED LIVING

Provides direct on-going services and supports to adults with disabilities living independently in their own homes.

### SUPERVISED LIVING

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

### TRANSITIONAL JOB SUPPORT

Assists adults in finding and maintaining meaningful paid employment.

## Annual Swing Fore the Kids Golf Tournament

Once again, the Annual Swing Fore the Kids Golf Tournament held on June 22nd at Indian Pond Country Club, was a resounding success. The event raised over \$40,000 for the Greater Plymouth Early Intervention Program. The weather was perfect, the golfers had a great day, and all who attended

donated generously to the many contests and activities of the day. A special thanks to the presenting sponsor, Top Tier Site Development and other top sponsors: KAMP Construction, Vendetti Motors, Scotia Cranes Corporation, and Infiniti of Hanover.



Left to right: Brad Pineault, board member; Anthony Karamas, board member; Lisa Smith, development council member; and Joe Hulbig, board Member.



## 2015 Chevy Camaro or \$25,000 Cash

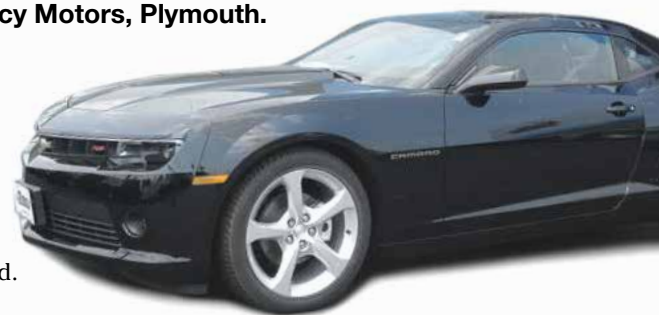
To benefit New Bedford Foster Care and Family Resources

Raffle tickets \$100 each, with only 600 tickets to be sold. Winner will receive \$2,000 towards vehicle sales tax.

A minimum of 350 tickets must be sold to pull the raffle. Winner will be drawn at 10 a.m. on Monday, November 2nd at Kennedy-Donovan Center, 19 Hawthorn Street, New Bedford. Winner will be notified by phone and need not be present to win.

Vehicle courtesy of Tracy Motors, Plymouth.

Black, 2-door, LFX engine, cloth interior, 6-speaker audio system, back-up camera, Bluetooth and Navigation system included.



Call 508-997-5875 to purchase your ticket today!



### 1. Ice Cream Social

Jude having fun with his dad at Attleboro Early Intervention program's Ice Cream Social in June. Special thanks to Bliss Dairy and Market Basket for their generous donations.

### 2. Mother's Day Tea

DeVay enjoys a special moment with her mom at the Mother's Day Tea held for participants of the Day Habilitation program. Participants showcased projects created in appreciation for their families.



### 3. KAMP Cup Golf Tournament

L-R: Kim Rodrigues, Kristal Jurgilewicz, Paul Rodrigues, Aubrey Macfarlane and Ann Buono accept check from the tournament held in July at Southers Marsh Golf Club. Special thanks to KAMP Construction of North Carver.

### 4. Formal Dinner Dance for KDC Adults

L-R: Joe and Sean looking dapper for the camera at the event that featured fun, music, games, formal photos, and a photo prop station.

### 5. CJ's Spring Swing Charity Bingo Night

L-R: Donna Poth, Andrea Hippert, Lori Scales, CJ Buckley, Sean Buddley, Judy Quinn and Beverly Beatty at the event held in May, which raised \$4,500 for the Greater Attleboro Early Intervention program.



### 6. Featured Artist

Jon, who receives individual support services from KDC, has an eye for photography. He was named April's Artist of the Month at the Cape Cod Media Center. Jon's subjects include flowers, the beach, and his favorite, the beautiful Snowy Owl.

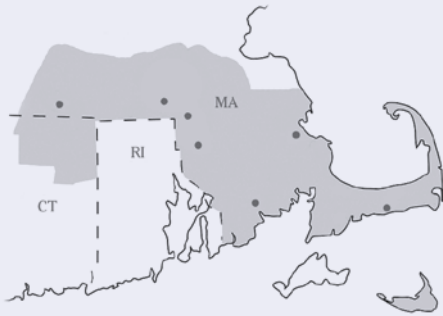


VISION

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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## Help Jump Start our Holiday Appeal

Each year, KDC raises money through its Holiday Appeal. This year's goal is \$65,000. Please help jump start our campaign by making your tax-deductible donation using

the form below. Every dollar raised goes directly to programs and services, and supports needs that aren't provided through state contracts or insurances.

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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