

KDC connections

Generous Grants for Outreach, Equipment, Services and Renovation

We've received numerous grants over the past six months in support of various projects and services. These important public-private partnerships enable us to provide innovative and quality services to the thousands of people who turn to us for help each day.

Bailey's Team and Mansfield Bank Foundation both gave a grant, \$6,000 and \$2,500 respectively, to run a program called "More Than Words" for children on the autism spectrum. Covidien Cares gave a grant to train and certify Speech Language Pathologists in the "Two to Talk" curriculum, also for children on the autism spectrum being served at all four Early Intervention programs.

We also received two grants for Early Intervention equipment and supplies and a grant to purchase an iPad for the School. People's United Bank granted \$2,500 for the South Central Early Intervention program, and Dominion Foundation gave a grant of \$2,500 to the New Bedford Early Intervention program. Nativity Preparatory School gave a grant of \$1,700 through the Highland Street

Foundation for an iPad for students to use as a communication device.

Bristol County Savings Foundation gave a grant of \$5,000 toward renovations at our Attleboro Programs Center, completing that important project.

KDC was the recipient of another grant from the United Way of Greater Attleboro/Taunton for continued outreach to underserved populations for Early Intervention services. Several years of receiving the United Way grant has allowed us to build awareness in multi-cultural communities and provide services to more multi-cultural children.

Stoddard Charitable Trust provided a \$4,000 grant to help purchase a shade structure at our South Central Programs Center, and a \$2,000 grant from South Shore Music Circus will provide music therapy classes to residents in group homes on Cape Cod.

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KDC Spotlight

Three new members joined the KDC Board of Directors at the June Annual Meeting: Kelly Courtney, Patricia Forts, and Scott Scales.



Kelly brings with her many years of fund-raising, political advocacy and public relations experience. A resident of Boston, she is President of Pipeline Management in Cambridge and will be serving on on the Board's Fundraising Committee.



Patricia "Tris" is the Senior Vice President of Strategy and Business Development for Fallon Community Health Plan. She also has past experience in benefits, compensation, and marketing. Tris resides in Shrewsbury and will serve on the Program and Human Resources committees of the Board.



Scott is a returning board member and an alumnus parent. He served on KDC's board for six years, then took a few years off, while remaining involved on the Fundraising Committee. Scott is Vice President and Trust Department Manager at Milford National Bank and Trust. He lives in Attleboro with his wife and family.



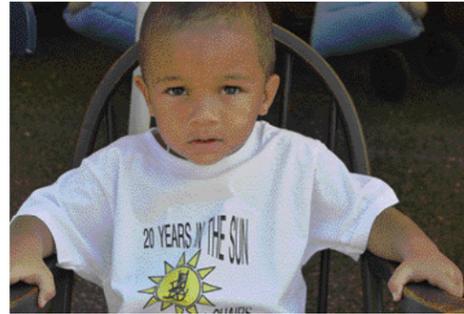
Spotlight introduces you to members of the KDC family – clients and families, staff, board members or individual programs. We hope this section will help you get to know our committed staff and volunteers, as well as those we are privileged to support each and every day.

Still Rocking After 20 Years with a Special Tribute

For the past 20 years, Kennedy-Donovan Center has hosted its Annual Rock-A-Thon to benefit the children and adults participating in our New Bedford campus programs. On Friday, August 16th, the event welcomed parents, families, donors, sponsors and the community to participate in a day where students, staff, families and supporters rock in rocking chairs to raise much-needed funds.

This year's Rock-a-Thon was particularly poignant as we remembered Linda Forcier, a school employee who passed away last month. Linda was with KDC as long as the Rock-a-thon has been running and always encouraged her family to be a part of the special day. Linda's family attended the event to continue her spirit of giving. She'll be remembered for her smile, warmth, kindness and joy for life.

Money raised will provide specialized equipment and will fund additional social and recreational opportunities. We are especially thankful to the following sponsors who made this year's event a success: Bergie's Seafood Inc., Black Piana, Chase Canopy, Knuckleheads Bar & Grill, Kyler's Seafood, Never Home, Nopper Marine, Perry Jewelers, Premium Liquors, Sher Carving, SLD (Sports Licensed Division of the Adidas Group), Southeastern Custom Floors, Sullivan, Williams & Quintin Attorneys at Law, Tichon Seafood Corp., Ustinov Jewelers, UTZ Potato Chips, Viveiros Dairy Farms, The Woodhouse Shop and Zully's Wine & Spirits.



KDC Introduces New Logo and Mission Statement

After nearly a decade, KDC's Board of Directors voted to revise the agency's mission statement to more accurately reflect the growth in programs and services. "While the mission statement has changed, it still reflects the history of our services while allowing for the expansion of prevention-based programs," said Kevin Rodman Conare, President and CEO.

The new logo's pleasing curve, colors and graphics better represent an organization that works with people. "It helps the community identify KDC as a human services provider," states Rodman Conare. "We're looking forward to unveiling our newly redesigned website in the coming months, and we'll be keeping you posted on the launch."



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.

events calendar

SEPTEMBER 2013 – JANUARY 2014

September 21st

Kids Do Count 5K Trail Run to benefit KDC's South Central Early Intervention program. Event registration begins at 9 a.m. with the run starting at 10 a.m. Lots of fun family activities. For more information, visit www.runsignup.com or call 508.765.0292.

September 27th

Board of Director's Retreat at Four Points by Sheraton, Norwood.

September 28th

Annual Jennifer Lee Freitas Memorial Dinner at the New Bedford Sports Club to benefit the KDC School. Contact Heidi at 508.992.4756 for tickets or more information.

October 15th

KDC Development Council Meeting, Foxboro. 6 p.m.

October 26th

Jarid DaCunha Memorial Dinner to benefit New Bedford programs at Senhor Da Pedra Club, New Bedford. 6 p.m.

November 2nd

RJ's Annual World Famous Porketta Dinner at the Italian Vets Club, Milford. 6 p.m.

November 11th

Literacy Day at KDC's New Bedford Early Intervention. For more information, call 508-997-1570.

December 4th

Board of Director's meeting, Foxboro.

January 29th

Board of Director's meeting, Foxboro.

Please visit kdc.org/events.htm for additional information on these and other upcoming events.

Annual Spring Celebration

While we have changed the name and look of our premiere fundraiser, we are keeping it elegant and celebratory. Spring Celebration, held on June 6th at the Four Points Sheraton in Norwood, exceeded our expectations.

The evening was made special by guests Sarah and Glenn Ordway. They entertained a small group of KDC's friends at the VIP Reception held prior to the night festivities which was sponsored by IneoQuest and Webster Bank.

At the dinner, we welcomed new board members, honored those whose terms ended, and premiered a video segment of *In Focus* with Martin Sheen, featuring families from our Early Intervention services, the focus of our fundraising that evening.

The most touching moment of the night came when Sarah shared the story of her family's journey during the difficult birth of their daughter, Mia. Guests were captivated and came to appreciate the importance of providing children the best resources possible and how fortunate the Ordway family was to have KDC in their time of need.

Sarah primed the crowd for Glenn, our auctioneer, who did a great job motivating guests to donate to Fund-A-Cause, with funds earmarked for early intervention services. In just a few short minutes, Glenn raised \$20,000 for KDC, with the overall event raising more than \$50,000.

Mark your calendar for May 15, 2014 to join us for another evening of inspiration and celebration.



Top: Luella Hennessey Donovan's family with guest John Billera; Center: KDC Board members and guests enjoy the evening with clients; Bottom: Steve Sanford (center) with Sarah and Glenn Ordway.

10th Annual Swing Fore the Kids Golf Tournament, presented by Top Tier Site Development

Unlike last year's torrential rain, this year's weather forecast was a hole-in-one for the 10th Annual Swing Fore The Kids Golf Tournament. The event was held on June 3rd at the exclusive Indian Pond Country Club in Kingston, Massachusetts. A great afternoon of golf was followed by a cocktail hour, music, dinner, silent auction and raffles.

The tournament was our most successful ever: 144 golfers raised more than \$40,000. A large part of this year's success was due to incredibly generous sponsors. Special recognition goes to our lead sponsor, Top Tier Site Development, who set a new standard for us this year. Many thanks to all the other sponsors, the golf committee, as well as the volunteers and staff who generously gave of their time to help the children and families in the area.

Proceeds from the event will benefit KDC's Greater Plymouth Early Intervention Program to purchase program supplies, training for staff and families, therapeutic equipment such as assistive technology, and specialized toys to assist young children with developmental needs.



Golfers Bill Waters, Kevin Kelly, Mike Waters and Dom Grossi.

Join us November 2

RJ's Annual World Famous Porketta Dinner

Italian Vets Club, Milford

Enjoy a sit-down dinner or get it to go. The event starts at 6 p.m. with raffles held throughout the night.

Tickets: \$20 each. Proceeds benefit KDC's Milford programs. For more information please call 508.473.5700.

All our programs have Facebook pages!

Now you can like us, stay current on what's happening at your favorite program and interact with staff and others.

Find us at
Facebook.com/
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Attleboro Programs Center Ribbon Cutting

Thank you to everyone who attended our Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the Attleboro Programs Center on June 12th. Both phases of the renovations were completed and with the support of the community, friends of Kennedy-Donovan Center, the board and many others, we raised \$225,000 for the expansion and renovations. Families, staff and the local community are thrilled with the results and it's because of the overwhelming support we received throughout the project.



Jan Alden of Bristol County Savings Bank cuts the ribbon with the help of some new friends.

Celebrating the Stars: A Night to Remember

On June 1st, we held the "Celebrating the Stars of Kennedy-Donovan Center Prom" at the Holiday Inn Taunton for the adults we support. This event was a first for Kennedy-Donovan Center and for many of the attendees, it was their first formal event!

Between our adult clients, their families and staff, there were 125 attendees and the night was a huge success. Guests enjoyed taking formal and prop photos, great food and a fabulous DJ who could barely keep up with the energy of the group. The dance floor was always full and a dance off contest was held for best dance moves.

The success of the evening was made possible because of the support of the community. The response was overwhelming to our request for donated prom dresses, suits, and for volunteers to help with hair, make-up and nails for the ladies. A heartfelt thank you to all who made the evening memorable for so many.



Carolyn Cosma, KDC Residential Director and Prom Organizer with Jamie Addison having fun with props at the Prom.

Congratulations to Brian King!

Brian has been a participant in the KDC Supported Living Program, an independent living model, on Cape Cod for the past 14 years. He recently reached his goal of being a black belt in Karate under the instruction of ATA Black Belt, located in the town of Sandwich. Family, friends and all those supporting Brian congratulate him on this great accomplishment.



Brian striking a Karate pose.

Sapphire's Story

At the young age of sixteen, Sapphire became pregnant by her physically, mentally, and verbally abusive boyfriend. In her words she felt, "scared, alone, and not ready to have a child." This would be a tremendous challenge for any sixteen-year-old girl, but Sapphire's story was exceptionally stressful. After spending years in foster care, she'd recently been reunited with her biological father. She barely had a relationship with her biological mother, and the baby's father wanted her to abort their baby. She'd already been expelled from high school and was attending evening classes. She didn't think she could finish high school, never mind raise a child! But Sapphire knew she wanted her baby.

Sapphire obviously needed support, and was referred to Kennedy-Donovan Center's Healthy Families by the Department of Child and Family Services (DCF). Healthy Families helped Sapphire define her personal goals and connect with other community supports to help her succeed. Her story is an amazing example of hope, commitment, and resilience!

With the support of Healthy Families, Sapphire found the courage to end her abusive relationship. She also graduated from high school, and then gave birth to

Zephania. Her story does not end there. Over the next three years, Sapphire attended college, earned her Associate of Science degree, passed her driver's license and was hired at her first job. She even met an honorable young man who plans to marry Sapphire and adopt Zephania. They both plan to enlist in the US Armed Forces.

She accomplished all this while caring for her beautiful child and maintaining her father's home. In a Hispanic home, it means Sapphire was responsible for all the cooking, cleaning and laundry as well as all child-care duties while she attended college full time and completed all required homework.

Sapphire has come a long way in three years from the "scared" sixteen year-old to the educated young woman and confident mother she is today. Sapphire is an inspiration to others and a true Healthy Families success story!



e news

Our newsletter, *KDC connections* is published biannually, in March and September. You can keep up with all the exciting happenings by subscribing to our quarterly e-newsletter, *Connecting the Dots*.

Simply send your email address to mpais@kdc.org to be included in our next email distribution.

Leave
a lasting
legacy

Remember Kennedy-Donovan Center in your Estate Plan.

The Luella Hennessey Donovan Legacy Society was established in honor of our founder who passed away ten years ago, to help ensure a brighter future for children and adults with developmental delays and/or disabilities, and their families.

To learn how you can leave a lasting legacy so that families will always have Kennedy-Donovan Center in time of need, please contact Ann Buono, Vice President of Development & Public Relations at 508-772-1215 or abuono@kdc.org.

Join us September 21



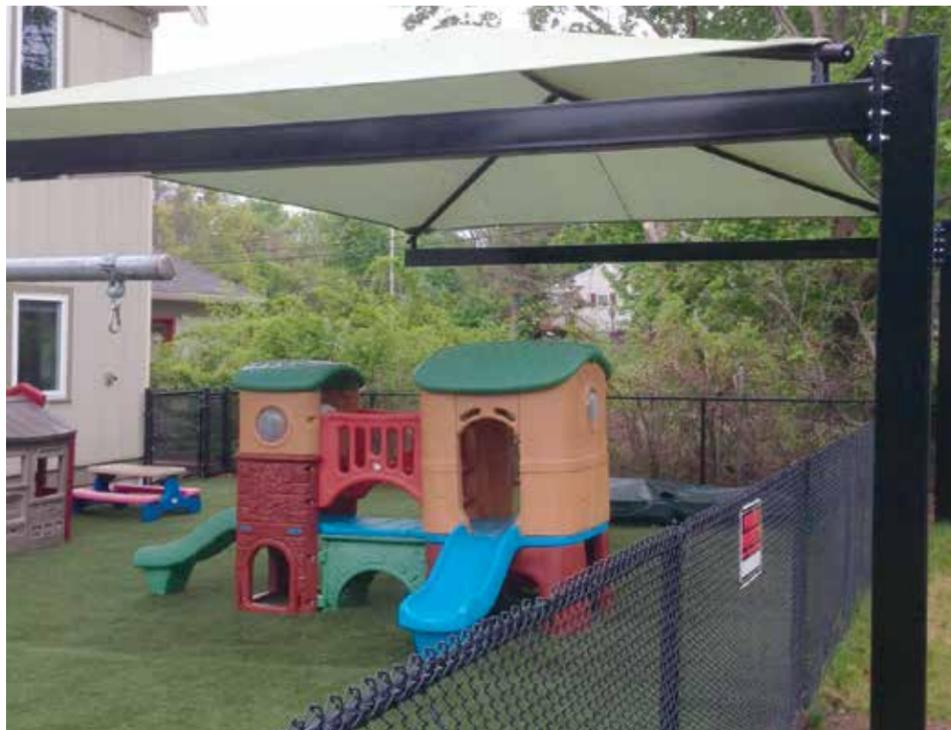
First Annual Kids Do Count 5K Trail Run

Westville Lake Recreation Area, Sturbridge, MA

Registration: 9 a.m.
Race Start: 10 a.m.

For more information visit www.runsignup.com or call 508.765.0292.

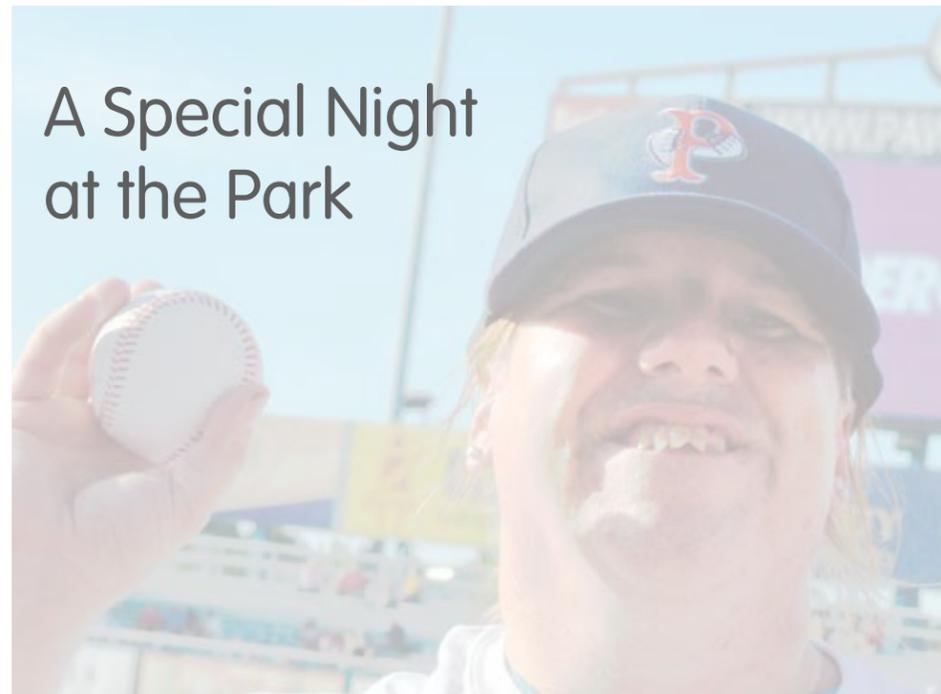
Proceeds to benefit services to infants and toddlers from our South Central Early Intervention program.



A special thank you to funders who made the purchase of a shade structure possible for our Greater Plymouth Programs Center. Grants were made by CVS Caremark Charitable Fund and the Harold Brooks Foundation.



A Special Night at the Park



Sunday, August 25th was a perfect evening for KDC's "Night at the Park" held at McCoy Stadium in Pawtucket. With purchases from individuals and sponsors, over 225 family passes were sold which raised \$2,436 for those we support. Members of our staff, along with some of our adults and their families were invited onto the field for a check presentation by the Pawtucket Red Sox Baseball Club, which was followed by client, Paul Bosma, throwing out the first pitch.

Kennedy-Donovan Center was one of three organizations/groups selected to participate in the events of the game day. Special thanks to the following:

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Top: PawSox General Manager, Mike Tamburro presents a check to Mike Hyland, V.P. of Programs and Ann Buono, V.P. of Development and Public Relations.

Bottom: Mike Tamburro accepts a token of gratitude from Mike Hyland while Program Supervisor, Colt Duckworth looks on.

BIG SHOUT OUT!!

Big Shout Out to KDC New Bedford programs!

The United Way of Greater New Bedford honored KDC with their Excellence Award at the 2013 campaign celebration in April.



YES, I WANT TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF KENNEDY-DONOVAN CENTER TODAY!

I wish to make a difference in the life of people with developmental disabilities or delays with a gift of:

- \$250 \$200 \$100 \$50 \$25 other \$ _____
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Our Programs in Brief

INTENSIVE FOSTER CARE finds children homes with families who have been trained to address their specific needs.

EARLY INTERVENTION serves children, birth to 36 months, at 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.

HEALTHY FAMILIES serves first-time parents age 21 or younger, until the child's third birthday.

CHAPTER 766 SCHOOL serves students 3 to 22 years of age with multiple disabilities.

FAMILY SUPPORT AND RESPITE SERVICES supports individuals living with their families in receiving tailored services.

TRANSITIONAL JOB SUPPORT assists adults in finding and maintaining meaningful paid employment.

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 families who have been trained to address their specific needs.

ADULT FAMILY CARE finds adults with medical needs homes with 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.

DAY HABILITATION provides high needs adults a comprehensive managed program of services in a supportive and caring environment.



Our Vision

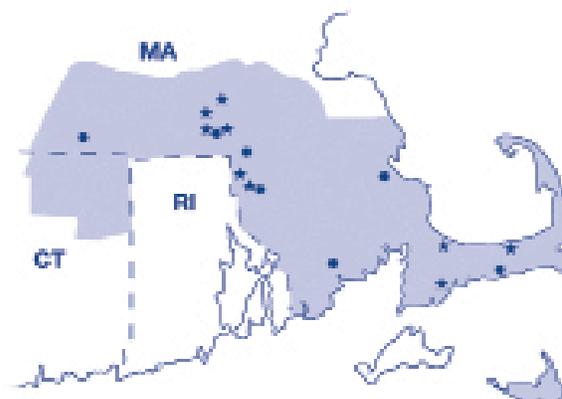
Kennedy-Donovan Center is committed to the full continuum of care for people with developmental delays, disabilities or family challenges in our region. We strive to provide this either by offering services directly to individuals of all ages and their families or by collaborating closely with community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

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

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