Introducing... Our 2019 Telethon Co-Hosts!

The 43rd Meeting Street Telethon will take place live on Saturday January 26, 2019 on WPRI 12 and FOX Providence from 7 to 11 p.m. The four-hour live broadcast includes an inside look at what goes on at Meeting Street, special segments featuring children in Meeting Street’s programs, and live interviews with Meeting Street families. Our goal is to raise $1 million with the help of these awesome student co-hosts!

Meet Jason!
Jason is in the 6th grade at The Grace School, nationally recognized and first in the country for its inclusive K-8 educational model for students with and without disabilities. One of Jason’s favorite subjects is science. He loves to be involved in the middle school electives and extracurricular activities such as the Young Men’s Club, theatre, and robotics.

Meet Madisyn!
Madisyn is ten years old and has an infectious laugh. She is always trying to motivate and help those around her. Madisyn receives physical therapy from our professionals at our Dartmouth Outpatient Clinic. Madisyn loves the Red Sox, pool, crafts, anything purple, and, most importantly, her family.

Meet Mercy!
Mercy is in the 6th grade at The Grace School. Mercy’s favorite subject is math and she is a member of the middle school Cross Country Team, Debate Team and Girls’ Talk. Mercy would like to be an actress or a chef when she grows up.

Meet Athan!
Athan is eight years old and attends The Schwartz School in Dartmouth, Massachusetts. Athan has a smile that can light up a room and a great sense of humor. He really enjoys learning and is especially fond of his music class where he can sing and dance with his friends.

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For Meeting Street news, including construction updates, please follow us on social media!
Topping Off Ceremony

Students, staff, and friends of Meeting Street signed a beam which will be placed on top of the new wing of our Providence campus as part of a Topping Off Ceremony in October. A time honored construction site tradition, this ceremony celebrates the placement of a building’s highest structural element. Meeting Street’s President John Kelly expressed gratitude on behalf of our community to all those who have made the start of our campus expansion possible, with special thanks to the Carter Family.

Expanding and Improving: Providence Campus Updates

If you happen to pass by Eddy Street or (more likely) be stuck in traffic on I-95 South, you’ll notice construction abounds as we enter the early stages of a campus expansion project.

Meeting Street has experienced unprecedented growth over the past 10 years with the launch of The Grace School, our nationally recognized, fully inclusive K-8 school, and a sharp increase in demand for our wide range of early childhood development services. In response, our Board of Trustees approved a Campus Master Plan in December 2015 that strategically outlined a seven-to-ten-year timeline for expanding our footprint by more than three acres and 50,000+ square feet of program space for our children of all abilities, including a new building dedicated to early childhood development.

What you are witnessing now is the first phase of this project, which will expand our existing building by 28,000 square feet. This will create new classrooms, including a science room and a literacy center, and dramatically improve our daily living and vocational skills space for The Carter School, our high school for young adults with severe and profound special needs. In addition, we are renovating our outdoor playgrounds and therapeutic spaces, and installing a first-ever, fully inclusive Meeting Street track and soccer field. Work is scheduled for completion over the next year.

Leaving a Legacy at Meeting Street

Is Meeting Street an organization close to your heart? Have you thought ahead to a legacy gift?

The Denhoff Society, named for Dr. Eric Denhoff, co-founder of Meeting Street, was established as a way to recognize our donors who have either made Meeting Street part of their estate planning or have created an endowment fund at Meeting Street. This type of gift benefits children at Meeting Street for years to come, and is a way to make a significant impact in our community.

Interested in learning more about planned giving? We can help! Contact Lianne Pinheiro at 401-533-9235 or lpinheiro@meetingstreet.org
30th Annual Superhero Walk & 5K Race
September 23rd at Fort Taber, New Bedford, MA

Over 300 runners and walkers participated in the 30th annual Superhero Walk & 5K Race on Saturday September 23rd at Fort Taber in New Bedford, triple the number who attended last year’s event. The walk has been a tradition at The Schwartz School since 1988, with the 5K race added two years ago. Participants registered either as individuals or teams to walk around the Fort or run a certified 5K race, with others attending simply to cheer on runners and walkers and enjoy the family-friendly activities like face painting and balloon animals.

This year’s Superhero Walk and 5K raised more than $35,000, directly benefitting early intervention, early childhood education, physical therapy, and rehabilitation services for local children and teens in southern Massachusetts.

All of this was made possible by the generous support of our sponsors:

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8th Annual Fishing for a Cause
June 22nd & 23rd at Pope’s Island Marina, New Bedford, MA

Our 8th annual Fishing for a Cause tournament and seaside dinner raised over $230k to benefit 1,200 children and families. Thanks to our presenting sponsor Clarke Distribution and many other generous sponsors, this sold-out event featured more than 100 anglers and over 300 guests at the seaside dinner, making it once again the largest annual fundraiser for The Schwartz School.

Anglers hit the waters of Buzzards Bay on June 22nd and 23rd for a two-day catch and release tournament. Upon the culmination of the tournament, participants and friends enjoyed a seaside dinner emceed by comedian Lenny Clarke. The dinner celebrated tournament participants, dedicated supporters, and the children and families that will benefit from the proceeds. A special thank you to all of our volunteers and committee.

Thank you again to our corporate sponsors who made all of this possible:

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Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendar!

The 3rd Annual Radiothon
Friday, January 25th from 5 to 10 a.m.
Tune in to Fun 107 broadcasting live at
Sunrise Bakery & Coffee Shop, Dartmouth, MA

The 43rd Annual Telethon
Saturday, January 26th from 7 to 11 p.m.
Tune in to WPRI 12 broadcasting live at
Meeting Street, Providence, RI

The 9th Fishing for a Cause & Seaside Dinner
Friday, June 21st and Saturday, June 22nd

The 31st Superhero Walk & 5K
Sunday, September 22nd
Fort Taber Community Center, New Bedford, MA

For more information regarding our events, or if you
are interested in volunteering, please contact Events
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Ways to Give:

Would you like to make a positive impact on the lives of over 5,000 children and families?
Do you want to be a part of life changing programs and services that help children of all abilities to thrive?

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Support our Telethon
Call in live on January 26th from
7 to 11 p.m. at 1-888-289-1299
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(Giving Every Month Society)
Set up monthly payments
to make an ongoing and
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