

## Meet Our Committee Member: Jordan Berns

When Kathy Berns told her son Jordan about Cardinal Cushing Centers and all the work we do to improve the lives of people with intellectual disabilities, he wanted to learn more. Once he saw the way we teach independence and provide job training and support to both students and adults, he was hooked. We are fortunate now to have Jordan as a member of not only the Capital Campaign Committee but also the Building Committee. Using his expertise from the commercial real estate world and his passion for our mission, Jordan has already become a valuable member of both committees.



For Jordan, it is not just Cushing's mission that motivates his involvement, but also his love for his brother Jared. As a participant in a program for people with disabilities in New York, Jared is not benefitting from the quality of services provided by Cushing. Jordan says, "If my brother could get into an organization that is run HALF as well as this is, I would feel blessed."

Jordan has hit the ground running, reaching out to his contacts to raise awareness about the Campaign, utilizing his business knowledge to share ideas about the building design and introducing Cushing to many friends and colleagues at a recent golf tournament. His dedication to this project is evident as he states, "Speaking from someone who has seen how helpful it is for people with disabilities to have a purpose, this work program that they are developing is going to be impactful on so many people's lives."

## Meet Who We Support

Graduation is an exciting time in everyone's life. For Katie Raymond, transitioning to Cardinal Cushing Centers new ACE Program after graduating from the Learning Prep School was, in her mother Jean's words "seamless." Katie has been there since the Program's opening day on July 1 and her mother says that she has always felt comforted and supported in this environment.

One of Katie's goals entering the program was to find a job where she can work with children. While at the Learning Prep School, Katie had the opportunity to gain valuable experience working in their on-site child care center. Knowing that she loves children, Katie worked with Cushing's staff to land a position at the South Shore YMCA's Nature Center Pre-school. She started at one day per week and after three weeks is already adding another day to her schedule. The staff are impressed with Katie's contributions to the program. Drawing from her experience in the past Katie suggested the children make necklaces out of cereal. Diane Thureson, Director of the Preschool, loves that Katie is bringing ideas and new curriculum to the School and implementing them herself.

This model of gaining work experience as a student to help find employment as an adult is exactly why Cushing is constructing a new Marketplace Building. Providing real world experience in a safe school environment is proven to lead to opportunities in the future.

After Katie's first day at the YMCA she couldn't wait to call her older sister Chrissy to tell her all about her day. Jean says that Katie "feels good about herself." She goes on to say, "As a parent you wonder, 'Did I make the right decision?' But knowing that Katie is happy, confident and didn't miss a beat transitioning to Cardinal Cushing Centers gives you all the things you want for your child".



# Changing Lives - Building A Community

## Capital Campaign Update: Fall 2016



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## A Message from our Campaign Chair, Jody Nash

What an exciting time at Cardinal Cushing Centers! Peter O'Meara has accepted the role of President and CEO after spending ten months as our Interim President and CEO. With an impressive career in the field of disability services, we are fortunate to have someone with Peter's experience and leadership help us realize our vision for Cushing's future.



In other good news, the Kennedy Building, located in the center of our Hanover community, will soon be converted to workforce housing by the Planning Office for Urban Affairs. By adding 37 units of housing, (33 for people without disabilities), our environment changes from one that is entirely people with disabilities to one that includes all types of people, at all ages and all abilities living together in a true neighborhood.

We think Cardinal Cushing would be proud.

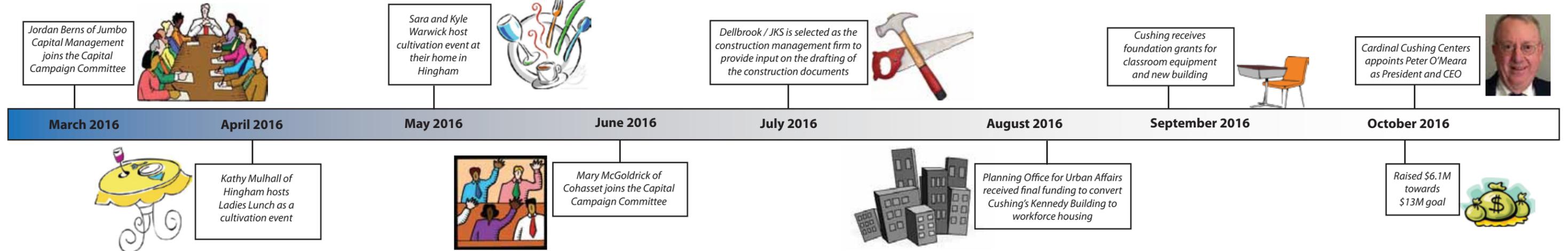
Our Campaign to raise money for the new building continues to move forward. We are pleased to report that we have received four foundation grants for the project and two wonderful new members have joined the Capital Campaign Committee. Jordan Berns is a partner at Jumbo Capital Management in Quincy, MA. This project is special to Jordan because he has a brother with disabilities living in New York. Mary McGoldrick of Black Rock Country Club also joins the committee. Mary joins Cardinal Cushing after three years on the Cohasset School Committee and ten years working for the Cohasset Education Foundation. Not only is Mary a smart business woman, she is a tireless volunteer and great friend to many....including me.

As things do, our plans for the new building have evolved...and I think in a good way. Be sure to read the Campaign Progress section on Page 2 to learn more.

As a parent of a Cushing student, I can't thank you enough for your interest and support of our work.

Warmly,  
Jody Nash

# Timeline to Success



## Campaign Overview and Progress

The Cardinal Cushing Centers Changing Lives- Building a Community Capital Campaign is raising \$13 million for two purposes.

- To construct a new building in Hanover that is visible and accessible directly from Route 53, estimated to cost \$11 million
- To build a \$2 million endowment to support maintenance of the building

The new building will house Cushing's educational programs and offer hands-on job training opportunities through the Marketplace retail shops. With its prime location on a visible, busy street we will transform the relationship we have with the community to become one that is open and welcoming. Our students and adults will interact with the public and build valuable skills while they wait on customers in the bakery, gift shop and thrift store.

With our fundraising success to date, we have decided to phase the construction of the building, starting with our Vocational Training Program and Marketplace Retail Shops. As we continue to raise the needed capital for the building we plan to move seamlessly into the second phase of construction which will house Cushing's Academic Program. This plan allows us to enhance our programs sooner and makes Cushing an attractive option to parents and school systems, strengthening the organization overall.

Schematic and design documents are complete. Architectural Resources of Cambridge is working on the construction documents with input from Dellbrook | JKS. A Building Committee of experts in the field has been created to oversee the process of document creation and later actual construction.

## Meet Our Supporters: Mike and Maureen Sheehan

Forty-two years. How many non-profit organizations can say they have had a relationship with a supporter for this length of time? Even better, how many can start that relationship with a local teenage volunteer who grows up to be a successful businessman, generous donor and thoughtful community leader? Cardinal Cushing Centers is lucky to be able claim this honor with our good friend Mike Sheehan.



As a teenager growing up in Weymouth, Mike was motivated to give back to the community through his Catholic upbringing. He assisted with the after-school program and loved working with Cushing's students. As his career progressed, so did his level of support. As the President and CEO of Hill Holiday, Mike served on Cushing's Board of Directors for many years, utilizing his business expertise in the fields of communications and marketing, strengthening Cushing overall. As an Overseer and the CEO of the Boston Globe, Mike has hosted cultivation events, modeled in our annual Springtime Fashion Show and provided guidance and leadership as the organization has transitioned over time.

We are honored to recognize Mike and his wife Maureen as donors to the Capital Campaign after all of these years of support. Their pledge to the Campaign ensures that we will be able to enhance and expand the vocational training we offer to students and adults in a new state-of-the-art facility. This gift is a valuable representation of their commitment to our mission and the individuals we support. We couldn't be more grateful to have them on our team.

## Foundation Support

We are pleased to report that four local foundations recently made grants to support the Changing Lives- Building a Community Campaign totaling \$327,000. This level of support brings us closer to our goal of providing the highest quality education and employment training facility to our students and adults.