

## Meet Our Chair

Jody Nash graduated cum laude from St. Lawrence University in 1986. From there she began her career in the finance industry, starting as a public finance analyst at E. F. Hutton in NYC. She moved to Boston where she traded money market instruments at the Bank of Boston for 5 years, and then worked at Fidelity Investments for 5 years marketing Institutional Money Market Funds to a national client base. In 1996 Jody took a break from the workforce in order to care for her three children, Hannah, Sophie and Lucy. She has been an active volunteer in her town of Hingham, including a 12 year term as a board member for the Hingham Community Center, two of which she served as President. Recently Jody participated in an advocacy training class sponsored by the Federation for Children with Special Needs and now offers pro bono advocate services to families that come through the Federation. She enjoys spending time with her family, reading and tennis.



## Meet Who We Support

"The best part of my day is working." This was the answer William Powers, age 17, gave during his Individual Education Plan (IEP) meeting just a little over a year ago. His mother Thelma, resistant to taking him away from the classroom in exchange for time at a worksite, was shocked. She realized the future she had envisioned for William held so much more possibility and opportunity than she had ever imagined.... and she was thrilled.

When he was seven years old, William enrolled at the St. Coletta Day School at Cardinal Cushing Centers. Anxiety, learning disabilities and extreme behavior issues were among his obstacles to education.

Through the one-on-one attention and quality teaching programs at Cushing, William began to thrive. At the age of 16, and as part of the school's transition to adulthood, William began working in Cushing's vocational training program located in Hanover. The Greenhouse and the Bass Café, both retail shops open to the public, were his favorites. It was there that he learned a variety of skills, gained a solid work ethic and most importantly built up his confidence and social skills.

He now has two paying jobs which came about as a result of this job training. The Potting Bench in Braintree hired William, appreciating that he already had experience working in a greenhouse. Montilio's Bakery and Pizzeria in Braintree pays William to help with a variety of tasks. William is an important part of both businesses and is proud to earn his own paycheck.

William opened his own account at the Bank of Canton and makes monthly deposits. His family, teachers, employers and most importantly William himself are proud of his success...just one of Cushing's many students who have accomplished their goals.



# Changing Lives - Building A Community

## Capital Campaign Update : August 2015



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## A Message from our Campaign Chair, Jody Nash

Dear All,

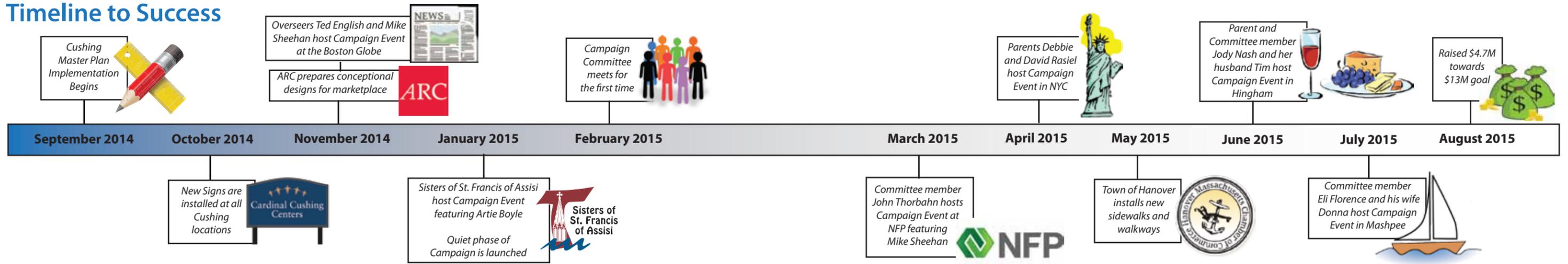
I am honored and thrilled to be writing the first official update for Cardinal Cushing Centers' Capital Campaign: Changing Lives - Building a Community. One of our daughters, Sophie, is currently enrolled at Cushing. She lives in their community in Hanover with her friends. She attends class every day, participates in the many after school activities offered, and looks forward to swapping stories about her school life with her sisters when she visits us on weekends and over school vacations. Sophie has friends that care about her, and she cares about them. Sophie has an intellectual disability and because of Cardinal Cushing Centers, she has the opportunity to live a full life in a caring community.

My husband Tim and I strongly believe in the vision and the mission of Cushing Centers and are proudly supporting their Capital Campaign. We want to see their vision come to life with the building of a new marketplace and the creation of a neighborhood where people with and without disabilities live, learn, work and socialize together in the same space.

I am pleased to report that our campaign has had a strong start. To date we have raised over \$4.7 million and are well on our way towards our goal of \$13 million. I look forward to sharing campaign updates and success stories with you as we work towards our mission of Changing Lives - Building a Community.

Warmly,  
Jody Nash

# Timeline to Success



## About the Campaign

The Cardinal Cushing Centers' campaign, Changing Lives- Building a Community, accomplishes three goals for the organization:

- o Adds a new state-of-the-art building to our Hanover location replacing several older buildings
- o Enhances the educational and job training opportunities available to our students
- o Ensures sustainable funding for maintenance in the future

Cardinal Cushing Centers was founded in 1947, giving us more than 68 years of experience in the field of disability. This longevity makes us a leader in the field, yet it also means that many of our buildings are several decades old. To address this issue, we plan to build an \$11 million environmentally friendly building in Hanover, accessible directly from Route 53.

The new building will have state-of-the-art classrooms as well as retail shops which double as working classrooms for students to gain on-the-job training. The shops will be visible from the road and easy to access. South Shore residents will benefit from having a one-stop shop for baked goods, gifts and flowers while our students will benefit from the increased traffic this new location will provide. More hands-on work experience for our students will mean more meaningful employment opportunities in their futures.

A \$2 million endowment will ensure that we have a permanent source of funding to maintain the new building for many years to come.

## Meet Our Supporter



Paul Sullivan has been a long-time champion and supporter of the Cardinal Cushing Centers. Serving on the Board of Overseers, Paul has been a regular contributor to the organization's annual events. Paul is the Vice President & Director of Marketing for Sullivan Tire & Auto Service.

Each and every time he attends a Cardinal Cushing function or visits the Center, his heart is filled, seeing the tremendous milestones each and every student accomplishes. Always looking for ways to improve their experiences at school, he donated iPads, critical learning tools for individuals with disabilities. The iPads help students to participate in class with more attention and enthusiasm. In many instances they provide a means of expression to individuals who are nonverbal.

If you have been to the Hanover community over the past few years, you will notice a wonderfully official Cushing Community scoreboard that overlooks the track and field. The students needed a way to keep score and Paul helped them hit it out of the park. It is fitting that Sullivan helped to select the title of "Cushing Community Field," as this fits beautifully and consistently with Cushing's vision for the future: to create a neighborhood where people with and without disabilities live, learn, work, shop and socialize

together in the same space. A true community. Paul has shown his support of this vision by making a generous multi-year gift to the Changing Lives – Building a Community Capital Campaign. Because of so many generous donors whether large or small, Cushing Centers is that much closer to making a vision a reality.