

CARDINAL CUSHING CENTERS CONNECTOR



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Rendering of a new building on Route 53 that will house classrooms and three Cushing stores. Building design by Architectural Resources Cambridge; rendering provided by Neoscape, Inc.



Patrick Berry works in the Cushing Greenery.



A sampling of items at the Cushing Trader gift shop.



Carraig Roth displays framed artwork at the Cushing Trader.



Julie Ellis works in the Cushing Greenery.

*Changing Lives —
Building a Community*

A campaign for children
and adults of all abilities



Stacey Cutting bakes breads at the Bass Café.



Jordyn Cook in the greenhouse.



Changing Lives – Building a Community

Support for Cushing gains traction with Sullivan

As someone who has long been sold on the outstanding work that is being accomplished at Cardinal Cushing Centers, Paul Sullivan is confident anyone who is exposed to the organization will be equally impressed.

“I would hope that people would take the time to visit and take a tour and learn about the rich history and how it has grown not only in physical space, but in the reach of the number of people it has benefitted over the last 70 years,” Sullivan said. “It is very impressive.”

Sullivan, vice president of Sullivan Tire and Auto, the sponsor of this edition of the *Cardinal Cushing Centers Connector* and a long-time supporter of Cardinal Cushing Centers, attended Mass at Cushing as a child. His mother, Mary, worked in the bookstore.

“I have always held Cushing in the highest regard for the tremendous work it does with the most vulnerable members of our population,” Sullivan said. “As Cushing celebrates its 70th year, a milestone like that only happens when you have leadership with a vision. It started with Cardinal Cushing and the great Sisters of St. Francis and it has continued with all the stakeholders.”

Sullivan, who serves on the Board of Overseers at Cushing, said the biggest beneficiaries of the work done at Cushing are the students and parents. “The children are given the compassionate and loving care that has become the trademark of Cushing,” he said. “To see the hope they instill in all parents is very inspiring for me.”

Having a brother with cerebral palsy, Sullivan said he can especially relate to the “love and caring that is synonymous with Cushing.”

Sullivan said it is encouraging to see Cushing grow, including the construction of the building on Route 53 that will house retail shops and classrooms. “It’s very heartwarming to see an organization like Cushing step up and make an investment for the betterment of people who have special challenges,” he said. “To be able to support a growing organization is a wonderful opportunity. I would hope that everybody would take a look, visit, shop, contribute, volunteer – help in whatever way they can.

“Cushing is an easy organization to support,” he added. “The leadership, staff, and dedicated board are all so committed to what they do. We greatly appreciate everyone who works tirelessly to help these children and families.”

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Make a pledge
- Support the endowment through a planned gift
- Join the Campaign Committee
- Help us broaden our circles through introductions
- See if your employer has a foundation or giving program
- Take a tour to learn more about us

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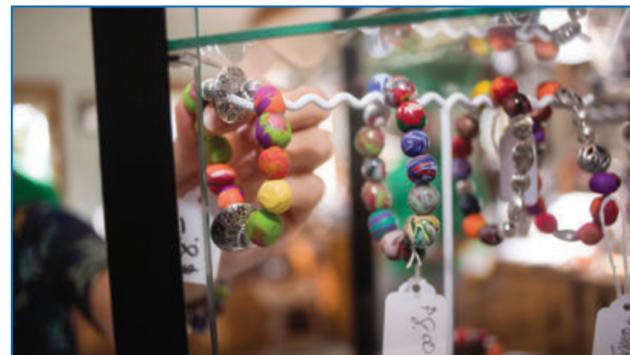
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Cushing Centers by the numbers

- **600** people supported annually
- **6** retail shops open to the public
- **13** community residences for adults with disabilities age 22 and older
- **463** full-time staff
- **110** students supported in our employment training program
- **70%** of these students working in the community
- **45** employment partners (companies or businesses that employ both students and adults)
- **200** volunteers
- **70** years of history



Sarah Martin at Starbucks, which displayed Cushing students' photography.



Graham Earl is ready to serve a variety of tasty treats at the Bass Café.

A campaign for children and adults of all abilities

The goal of the Changing Lives – Building a Community capital campaign is to raise funds to construct a new educational and vocational building and establish an endowment.

Phase 1, estimated to cost \$8.8 million, will include the construction of a 20,000-square-foot building that will house state-of-the-art classrooms that support the Bass Café restaurant, Timeless Treasures thrift shop, and Cushing Trader gift shop. The retail stores will be staffed by Cushing students and adults served by the organization.

As we continue to raise the necessary capital, we will move into the second phase of the project, which will include eight academic classrooms. A \$2 million endowment will provide a permanent funding source for building maintenance.

The new building will provide students with the highest level of classroom and hands-

on job training. The location of the building – on Route 53 – will make it more visible and accessible to the general public, ensuring that it will be frequented by customers at the same rate as a typical retail location. Students will have the opportunity to meet and interact with more people outside of their families and the Cushing staff.

Giving students the opportunity to work and interact with customers is critical. According to the Mass. Department of Developmental Services (DDS), young adults who have work experiences while attending school are much more likely to find and keep a job after leaving school. Also, the unemployment rate for people with intellectual disabilities is double that of the general population.

To this point, we have raised approximately \$6 million.



Cushing staffer Corey Kelly shows off a thrift store find.



Olivia Bosco tends to plants.



James Mulligan works at the Bass Café.