

Meet Our Committee Member: Jerry Vitti

Jerry Vitti plays many important roles at Cardinal Cushing Centers. First and foremost, he is the father to one of our students, Francesca, affectionately referred to as "Frankie". When Frankie started at Cardinal Cushing Centers at age 11, Jerry and his wife Erin were excited. They were looking for a place where Frankie would be among peers, form friendships and be in an environment where she could thrive. They found what they were looking for in Cushing's educational program. "There are so many opportunities available to Frankie. We look forward to seeing all that she can accomplish."

In addition to being a Cushing parent, Jerry serves on the Board of Directors and is a member of the Capital Campaign Committee. Knowing what the new Marketplace building can do for Cushing's students, adults and the overall community, Jerry and Erin have made a generous pledge to the Capital Campaign.

They know that moving Cushing's VIP employment training program to a new building on Route 53 will create even more opportunities for Frankie when she starts this program at age 16. "By adding this state-of-the-art educational facility as well as the Marketplace shops to provide hands-on work experience, Frankie will be able to do so much. Her skills and confidence will grow and help her work towards finding employment as an adult. The residents of the South Shore will have a wonderful shopping destination that values people of all abilities and provides the very best in baked goods, handmade crafts and donated treasures."

We are truly blessed to have Jerry as part of the Cushing family.



Meet Who We Support

Preston Linthwaite is someone who stands out in a crowd. His smile and positive energy make everyone around him feel his happiness. As a young man who loves Donald Duck, bagpipe music, birds, and car washes, how could you not?

But Preston wasn't always this way. In fact, when he arrived at Cushing he spent most of his time in class resting his head on his desk. He did not engage in lessons and tantrums were somewhat of a frequent occurrence. His teacher Barbara worked with Preston and utilized the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports method to improve his time in class. He earns points for following instructions and being a good classmate and saves those points to earn gift cards. Barbara says, "I am so proud of him. He is doing amazingly well."

Kristin Linthwaite, Preston's mother says "When Preston was struggling, we felt like we didn't have our son... he had lost his happiness. Since attending Cushing Preston has become the best version of himself. We have our Preston back and then some...Preston version 2.0." One of the goals of Cushing's program is to help students become more independent. Preston's Service Coordinator recently increased Preston's level of independence and he can now leave his residence on his own to play basketball with other Cushing students without supervision. A check in every 20 minutes allows him this freedom and proves to Preston, his family and friends that he is capable of great things in the future.

As a 17 year old student in Cushing's Vocational, Program Preston recently began working in the Bass Café, Cushing's own bakery where students gain hands-on work experience. His manager Maren says, "It has worked out really well having Preston in the bakery. He is a hard worker and is always eager to learn new jobs and take on more." Preston is gaining valuable experience through the program by interviewing for his job, showing up on time for his shift, following instructions and waiting on customers. His experience, work ethic and great attitude set him on a path to land his dream job....working at a car wash!



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A Message from our Campaign Chair, Jody Nash

Dear Friends,

I am excited to share the latest Campaign Update with you. As the plans for the construction of the Marketplace building move forward and we continue to gain support for the project we are hopeful to begin construction in 2018!



Cushing's vision to transform the Hanover location into a neighborhood where people of all abilities live is becoming a reality. The Kennedy Building, which once served as a dormitory and then classrooms and office space, will now be converted to 37 units of affordable housing for people without disabilities. Renovations on this building have begun and construction is expected to be completed in 2018.

The Campaign Committee continues to broaden our circles by holding cultivation events to introduce new friends to the project. Mary McGoldrick, Sara Warwick and I all co-hosted a Ladies Paddle Social at Black Rock Country Club where we shared our plans and played paddle with some of Cushing's students. It was great fun.

Jerry Vitti, Cushing parent and Board Member, held a cultivation event at his office at Healthcare Financial, Inc. in Quincy to introduce some of his colleagues to our work and tell his daughter Francesca's story about her experience at Cushing.

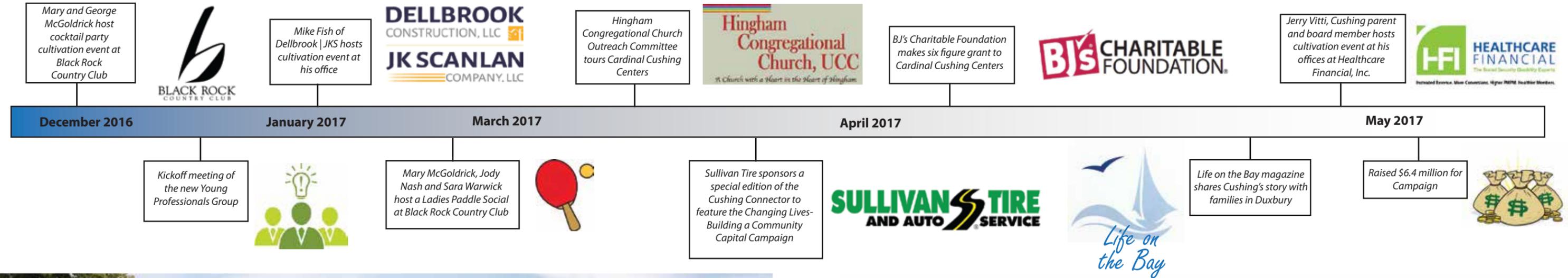
Board Member Deirdre Latour is hosting an event for us at GE's new headquarters this July where we hope to reach even more people interested in the life changing work of Cardinal Cushing Centers.

The work we do at Cushing is life changing....just ask any parent, family member or student. Thank you for being a part of our success.

Warmly,

Jody Nash

Timeline to Success



Campaign Overview and Progress

It is our belief that every person, regardless of ability, should have the opportunity to wake up and have a productive, fulfilling day. We believe that barriers to integration in the community should be removed and opportunities for meaningful employment should be plentiful. The new Cardinal Cushing Centers Marketplace Building moves us closer to realizing that vision.

- 20,000 square foot sustainable building
- Estimated to cost \$9 million
- Raised \$6.4 million as of June, 2017
- Construction documents 100% complete
- Permitting process underway with Town of Hanover
- Building is visible and accessible directly from Route 53
- Three Retail Shops for job training and paid employment opportunities
 - o Café
 - o Thrift Store
 - o Gift Shop
- Six state-of-the-art classrooms for job training
- South Shore Community becomes a more inclusive place
- We create a destination shopping experience for people of all abilities

Meet Our Supporters: Deirdre Latour

While Cardinal Cushing Centers has benefited from the generosity and leadership of many long-time donors, it is always special when a new relationship begins. Little did we know that when GE moved its corporate headquarters to Boston, Cushing would gain a new Board Member and a generous donor in Deirdre Latour.

As GE's Vice President and Chief Communications Officer, Deirdre has made a wonderful addition to Cushing's leadership team. She brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise in the field of communications and has a particular fondness for our mission as the mother of a son with autism. She has generously shared the resources of her team to help us enhance our marketing, communication and social media strategies and is hosting an event for Cushing at GE's headquarters in July.

Every year GE's Chairman and CEO, Jeff Immelt, recognizes leaders from across the company with the Chairman's Award for outstanding performance and leadership. Deirdre was presented with this prestigious award in 2016 which comes with the opportunity to designate a \$25,000 contribution to a charitable organization of the recipient's choice. We are so grateful that Deirdre chose to contribute her award to Cardinal Cushing Centers' Changing Lives - Building a Community capital campaign.

Deirdre states, "I want to see Cushing's vision for the future succeed. Their plan to create an integrated neighborhood where people with and without disabilities live, learn, work and socialize together in the same space is innovative and exciting, and I am delighted to share my gift in support of this cutting-edge project."

