

Meet Our Committee Member: Joanne Jaxtimer

The Capital Campaign Committee plays an important role in the success of the Changing Lives- Building a Community Campaign. By working as ambassadors and sharing our mission with colleagues and friends, Committee members broaden our circle of support to bring us closer to reaching our goal.

Joanne has had a distinguished career in the field of corporate philanthropy, both in Boston and beyond. She is particularly proud of her work advocating for the special needs community and has long championed the importance of promoting opportunities for individuals with intellectual and developmental differences to reach their full potential through education, social engagement, recreation, and integrated employment.



Joanne is the founder of Joanne Jaxtimer Consulting, a small firm that focuses on providing non-profit organizations with fund development, relationship management and stakeholder engagement services. She is also a founding partner of CJR Strategic Transition Partners, a consulting firm that specializes in assisting nonprofits with executive leadership transitions, organizational and development assessments, strategic planning, and executive search.

Joanne and her husband have first-hand experience with Cushing's programs. Their son, Michael Jaxtimer-Barry, was a participant in our culinary program under the guidance of Food Service Director Gerry Fanning. The skills and experience Michael garnered from the program helped him gain competitive employment at Davio's Northern Italian Steakhouse. "Michael is so proud of what he has accomplished through Cushing's culinary program- and so are we," says Joanne. "With the creation of a new MarketPlace, we can ensure that these opportunities are available for people like Michael for years to come."

We are so thankful for the support Joanne and her family have provided to Cardinal Cushing Centers through the years, and are grateful to have her on our Committee.

Meet Who We Support: Jack Seigel

Jack has been a residential student at Cardinal Cushing Centers since the fall of 2015. As it might be for any of us, moving away from his family in Pennsylvania to a new school and a new living environment did not come without some bumps along the way. At first it was hard for Jack to stay on track with where he needed to be according to his schedule. Sometimes this would result in some behavior issues and Jack wasn't always as happy as he could be. Over time, Jack's team at Cushing learned more about what makes him tick and they were able to incorporate some changes into his daily routine that have since lead to many successes for Jack. First, he switched classrooms, transitioning to one that has more space and focuses more on prevocational opportunities. Second, with Jack's help, we figured out that he is happiest when he can move around and be active. This has led Jack to work in both our Central Supply and Recycling work sites, and he is doing a wonderful job in both places. Jack's favorite part of work is when he gets to make deliveries all around our neighborhood. He always gets the heavy things to deliver – like boxes of printer paper and 5 gallon water jugs to make sure all of our bubblers are stocked! Not only is Jack strong and fit, since he has found his way at Cushing, his true-self has been able to shine through. Ask anyone and they will tell you that he is smart, caring, and an overall wonderful addition to our Cushing Family. "We're so thankful that Jack has found his groove at Cardinal Cushing Centers," says Jack's mother, Lisa. "We couldn't be happier with the progress he has made during his time there and are so thankful for the thoughtful and caring staff who have helped Jack along the way. It's really exciting to see him working! We can't wait to see what strides he continues to make in this area."



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Dear friends,

With 2019 in full swing, I am happy to share the latest Changing Lives - Building A Community Capital Campaign Update with you all. Spring brings with it some exciting news regarding Cushing and I cannot wait to see our vision become a reality throughout 2019.

We are extremely pleased to announce that John Von Ahn, has been appointed the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Cardinal Cushing Centers. John comes to us from New York where he served for 11 years as Executive Director of WWAARC of NYSARC, Inc. WWAARC provides an extensive array of services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Warren, Washington & Albany Counties. Under John's leadership, WWAARC significantly expanded its services and the number of clients served while strengthening the chapter's financial health. John's administrative experience is both broad and deep and is matched by his expertise in the ID/DD field. We are delighted and honored that John will be joining us as we wrap up the campaign.

Speaking of wrapping up the campaign, thanks to your generous support we have raised almost \$9.5 million towards our 10 million dollar goal and we have signed a letter of intent with Connolly Brothers, Inc. located in Beverly, MA, to construct the MarketPlace Building.

In anticipation of having a new building with larger and more modern space for our retail shops and supporting classrooms, we have been working hard to get the word out about our Cushing businesses. Over the past few months we have held pop-up shops with several of our corporate sponsors, including Voya Financial in Braintree, the Cohasset Tennis Club, and Eileen Fisher at the Derby Street Shoppes in Hingham. If your business would like to host a pop-up shop, please let me know!

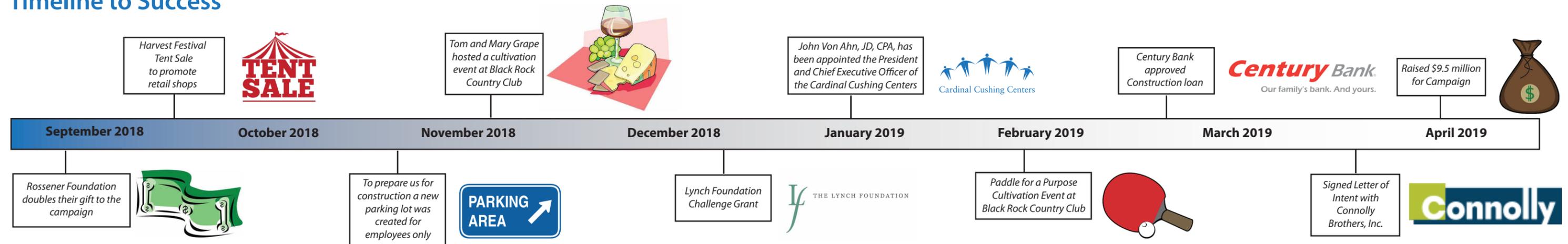
I hope you enjoy the latest edition of our Capital Campaign Update. Thank you for being a part of our success.

Warmly,
Jody Nash



Jody pictured with
Campaign Committee member's
Jordan Berns and Mary McGoldrick

Timeline to Success



We are pleased to announce that we have signed a letter of intent with Connolly Brothers, Inc. to construct our new MarketPlace Building. Established in 1880, Connolly is an open-shop/merit shop general construction contractor and construction management firm based in Beverly, Massachusetts specializing in private industrial, commercial, and institutional construction. Currently in their fifth generation of family leadership, owner Stephen J. Connolly IV and his son Jay Connolly are just as involved in client projects as were the original founders, Stephen J. Connolly and his three brothers, when they founded the company.

“We are very excited to work on this innovative project and honored that Cardinal Cushing Centers trusts us to bring their vision into reality,” says Connolly. “We believe in their goal of creating a neighborhood where people with and without disabilities interact on a regular basis and are thrilled to partner with Cushing on this effort.”

To learn more, or to schedule a visit, please contact:
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Meet Our Supporters: Kathi and Bryce Blair

Cardinal Cushing Centers is so fortunate to call Kathi and Bryce Blair our supporters and friends.

The Blair's, Hingham residents, stepped up to fund the first model classroom at Cushing, equipped with a new laptop, SMART Board, and SMART Table. The classroom was also totally remodeled with new floors, walls, lighting, and furniture.

“It was a nice fit to help to contribute towards the capital campaign in a more immediate manner,” said Bryce. “This is a bite-sized transformation while they pursue the larger campaign.”

The Blairs were introduced to Cushing through their neighbor, Jody Nash. Both Bryce and Kathi visited Cushing for a tour and left with an urge to do something.

“Both of us grew up on the South Shore, so we knew of Cushing, but the endorsement from Jody really pushed us to take a closer look,” said Bryce. “It’s hard to leave without a feeling of ‘how can I help?’”

“We know how much it’s meant to the Nash family to have this resource so close,” said Kathi. “And education is important to us, so we were happy to contribute.”

A retired teacher, Kathi taught for a number of years at Rosie’s Place and still volunteers as a tutor for homeless children. Speaking from experience, she recognizes how much a setting can affect both students and teachers. Since this generous contribution, Kathi and Bryce have continued to step-up for Cushing, making two significant gifts to the Changing Lives – Building a Community Capital Campaign.

“A warm, inviting, clean, and bright environment is one that’s more conducive to learning,” she said. “Students and teachers feel more valued. We are looking forward to seeing the positive impact the new MarketPlace building will have on the entire Cushing community.”

“We are proud to support Cardinal Cushing Centers’ vision for the future,” says Bryce. “And their plan to provide greater accessibility to the retail shops for the general public, thus enhancing their job training program, is a wonderful way to ensure their students are better prepared to find success in the workplace.”

We are honored to recognize Kathi and Bryce Blair as campaign supporters. We are so grateful for their commitment to helping us create an integrated neighborhood where people with and without disabilities live, learn, work and socialize together in the same space.

