CORPORATE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

DOES YOUR COMPANY SPONSOR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE COMMUNITY? If the answer is yes, you might consider May Institute for your next volunteer service day.

Twenty-four employees from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts spent a day volunteering at our May Center for Adult Services in Raynham. They tackled several projects from assembling sensory boards to painting the walls.

Teams of employees from Emergent BioSolutions volunteered for two half-day events to paint May Center School residences in Randolph.

Risk Strategies employees assisted in running various games during the Special Olympics at the May Center School for Autism and Developmental Disabilities in Randolph.

We are grateful for the contributions from our corporate volunteers. If your business would be interested in talking to us about a volunteer event, contact Christy Goodrich at 781-437-1236 or cgoodrich@mayinstitute.org.
FALMOUTH ROAD RACE #TEAMMAY
PROFILE: CHRIS HUGHES

Each runner on #TeamMAY had a personal reason for lining up at the start of the 2018 Falmouth Road Race. One team member ran to help support his daughter’s school, the May Center School for Brain Injury and Neurobehavioral Disorders in Brockton.

At the age of six, Chris’ daughter, Hannah, had a profound regression that led to losing her speech along with other skills. While searching for services, he found the May Center School in Brockton, Mass. The school focuses on both education and rehabilitation, which was a great fit for Hannah. In the summer of 2006, she started as a day student.

Chris was impressed by the teachers and clinical team. “Through the years May staff have worked tirelessly to guide and encourage Hannah to make as much progress as she is able.”

In 2012, it became harder to manage Hannah’s needs at home. The difficult decision to move Hannah into one of the school’s residential settings was made.

“I am grateful to the May for providing a nurturing and safe place where I could feel comfortable knowing Hannah was well cared for,” Chris said. “They have provided a loving and caring place for her to be educated and to live.”

We are grateful to Chris and all of our Falmouth Road Race runners for their dedication to raising money for our mission. Thanks to the generosity of friends and donors like you, last years runners on #TeamMAY raised more than $25,000 for May Institute’s programs and services for children and adults with autism, brain injury and neurobehavioral disorders, and other special needs.

Interested in joining #TeamMAY and running the 2019 Falmouth Road Race? Contact Laura Joyal at ljoyal@mayinstitute.org or visit our website at mayinstitute.org/falmouth for more information about joining our team.
And he’s come a long way since his diagnosis of cerebral palsy at a young age.

Christian attended Barnstable Public Schools in Massachusetts until he turned 22 years old. Prior to graduation, his parents, Ron and Jill, looked at adult services programs on Cape Cod. After visiting several places, they were immediately captivated by the program size, staff, and energy May Institute had to offer.

“We were impressed by the applied behavior analysis approach the May staff and clinicians use,” said Jill and Ron. “We were thrilled that Christian would continue to learn and become more independent.”

Christian started at May Institute’s Day Habilitation program in 2006. Since Christian is so flexible and easy going, the transition to the new program was seamless. His parents were impressed with the staff’s communication and high level of care.

The family always had a long-term goal for Christian to move into a group residence. In 2017, staff approached Jill and Ron about an opening at one of May’s community-based residences. They thought it would be an excellent fit for him. After careful thought, Ron and Jill decided Christian should move into the residence.

The staff was very supportive as they transitioned Christian to living in the house. He immediately settled in and started to form friendships with the staff and housemates. It was hard for Ron and Jill to see Christian leave home, but they knew they had made the right decision. “We are extremely happy Christian enjoys living at the house. He has a safe place to live where we don’t have to worry.”

Christian loves boating, swimming, bowling, and riding rollercoasters, especially at Disney World.

Christian on Thunder Mountain at Disney World.
Christian has become more independent since moving into the residence. The staff set goals for him to work on. After dinner during one of Christian's visits home, Ron and Jill noticed that Christian picked up his plate and brought it to the sink. This was something they had never seen him do before. Christian also surprised them by placing his discarded clothes in the hamper. They continue to be excited to see Christian becoming more independent and reaching his goals.

The family is extremely grateful for everything May Institute does for their son. They describe Christian as a happy, active person who enjoys spending time with his parents and older brother Brendan.

Three years ago, E.J. Jaxtimer approached longtime friend Ron Murphy (Christian's father) about participating in a fishing tournament for Cape Cod charities. As the owner of Stray Cat Sportsfishing, Captain Ron knew he wanted to be involved and have the money raised go to May Institute.

The past summer, we were grateful to be one of nine beneficiaries of the 2nd Annual Charter Cup Fishing Tournament, organized and hosted by E.J. Jaxtimer Builder Inc. and Baxter's Boathouse. Captain Ron and the crew who fished on the Stray Cat raised more than $7,000 to benefit our Cape Cod and Southeastern Massachusetts adult services programs.

Carl and Guy Riedell of Carl F. Riedell & Son, Inc. Plumbing and Heating of Hyannis sponsored the Stray Cat and matched all donations made to May Institute.
Did you know there are many ways to give back?

May Institute is grateful for the friends who impact our programs and services with their contributions. Your gifts have helped us: provide iPads and devices in the classrooms; purchase educational, garden, and art supplies for the day habilitation centers; build a splash pad at the May Center School in Randolph; and install exercise equipment across all programs.

There are many easy ways to make a gift to May Institute that will fit within your charitable giving plans. In addition to sending a check or giving online at mayinstitute.org/donate, there are other ways to give back.

Gifts of Stock

Transferring stock is a generous way to impact a May program or residence important to you. To make a donation like this, call your broker and let them know that you want to make a gift of stock to May Institute, federal tax ID number 04-2197449. Your broker will want to know the name of the stock to be used, and the number of shares you are contributing.

You or your broker should contact Mary Tiernan, Senior Vice President of Philanthropy at 800-778-7601 or mtiernan@mayinstitute.org.

Stock gifts often receive very favorable tax treatment. Consult your tax adviser for specific information. Mary will notify you of the amount of your contribution based on the date that the transfer is complete.

Matching Gifts

Many employers sponsor matching gift programs and will match any charitable contributions made by their employees. Check with your Human Resources department to see if your company is eligible. If so, request a matching gift form from your employer, and send it completed and signed with your gift donation. We will do the rest!

Depending on your employer’s matching gift plan, the impact of your gift may be doubled or possibly tripled. Some companies also match gifts made by retirees and/or spouses. If you have a question about matching gifts, please contact the Philanthropy Office at giving@mayinstitute.org.
Bequests
Adding May Institute as a beneficiary in your will continues your support and provides a lasting legacy. As you prepare your estate plan, simply share this sentence with your financial advisor or attorney: “I bequeath ____% of my estate to May Institute, 41 Pacella Park Drive, Randolph, MA 02368 for its unrestricted use.” Just think about the impact your gift will have!

Gifts in Kind
Hopefully you’ve seen and shared our #WishListWednesday posts on May’s social media! Each week we display much needed items from our gifts-in-kind list on our website and Amazon Wish List found at mayinstitute.org/giving/gifts-in-kind.

These are educational and recreational objects that can be used by the children, adolescents, or adults at any of the May Center Schools, Adult Services programs, or residences. Among the requested items are books: for ages 3–22; stacking and sorting toys; puzzles and games for all age levels; bicycles and helmets; art and craft supplies; and household and gardening supplies.

MONTHLY GIVING
Become a member of our Sustainers Circle by signing up to make a monthly contribution to May Institute. Your recurring gift will provide steady, reliable funding to more than 140 programs and services. Monthly donations add up over time and truly make a lasting impact for the individuals in our care.

YOUR GIFT OF $25 A MONTH — $300 PER YEAR — might help fund a music therapist to work with the individuals in our care.

YOUR GIFT OF $50 A MONTH — $600 PER YEAR — could buy supplies for a calming sensory room for the adults in our day habilitation centers.

YOUR GIFT OF $100 EACH MONTH — $1,200 PER YEAR — might outfit a technology room with desks and chairs designed for our individuals in schools and day habilitation centers.

YOUR GIFT OF $250 EACH MONTH — $3,000 PER YEAR — could purchase an innovative multi-level reading curriculum which will help our younger students learn to read and improve language development.

Call Philanthropy Officer Laura Joyal at 781-437-1247 to learn how your monthly gift of $100, $500, or more can impact the individuals at May Institute!
On May 1, May Institute will host the second annual We Are One May day of giving. You won’t want to miss this exciting 24 hours where the entire May community will come together, whether in person or through social media, to support the individuals in our care. Anyone can be a philanthropist on May 1 by making a donation or giving your time.

**Here is how to join the fun:**
- Make a gift to support May Institute online at mayinstitute.org/donate
- Follow May Institute on our social media channels (see back page of this newsletter) so you can like, share, and tweet the photos and stories we will post on May 1
- Spread the word on social media with #WeAreOneMay
- Sign up on our website mayinstitute.org to receive email updates

*Thank you for all your help in making this day a success!*
$844,009 RAISED through GIFTS from INDIVIDUALS, CORPORATIONS, FOUNDATIONS, and COMMUNITY PARTNERS

1,327 INDIVIDUAL GIFTS made

378 DONORS to our FALMOUTH ROAD RACE TEAM

258 IPADS/TABLETS PURCHASED for use by INDIVIDUALS SERVED and CLINICAL STAFF across programs

30 COMPUTERS PURCHASED for use in our ADULT SERVICES PROGRAMS

3 INTERACTIVE SMARTBOARDS PURCHASED for use in our MAY CENTER SCHOOLS

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PATHWAY TO MAY

Brick “Pathways to May” were recently installed at four of our May Institute sites. Commemorative bricks inscribed with special messages were placed at our Corporate Office and our May Center Schools in Randolph, West Springfield, and Wilmington, where students, teachers, families, and employees enjoy reading these inspirational messages as they enter the buildings each day.

When you purchase a commemorative brick you’re supporting our “MAY You Be Healthy” health and wellness initiative. This initiative raises funds for physical activities, community outings, and sporting and outdoor equipment.

Available in two sizes, the commemorative bricks are engraved with your personal message. Honor a student, teacher, or family member; celebrate special achievements; highlight a birthday or graduation; or recognize a loved one.

“Pathway Bricks” are 4” x 8” in size and can have up to three lines of wording and 20 characters per line. The price is $150.

The “Stepping Stone Brick” is an 8” x 8” brick that can have up to six lines of wording and 20 characters per line. The cost is $350 per brick.

Purchase a brick today! Visit mayinstitute.org/pathway or call 781-437-1247.

May Institute Corporate Headquarters, Randolph, Mass.
Grants from the Nora Roberts Foundation, Horace A. Moses Charitable Trust, and Charles H. Hall Foundation supported literacy instruction at the May Center School in West Springfield. The school upgraded its English Language Arts curriculum and purchased new books, tablets, and apps to provide greater resources for students learning to read.

The May Center School for Autism and Developmental Disabilities in Randolph recently held its third annual Special Olympics field day. Risk Strategies donated funding and also sent a group of volunteers. In addition, Wegmans committed funding to support this event.

The John W. Alden Trust funded a new project at the May Center School in Randolph to set up a virtual reality lab where students can access virtual and augmented reality as a learning tool to enhance the existing curriculum. This technology provides interactive and engaging instruction that creates a multisensory learning experience.

The Todd Fournier Center for Employment Training and Community Inclusion at the May Center School in Randolph received a grant from Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association to purchase an industrial shredder for vocational training.

We’d love to partner with you!
If your workplace has a corporate social responsibility program or foundation, please email us at giving@mayinstitute.org.

The May Center School for Brain Injury and Neurobehavioral Disorders received funding from the Edwin Phillips Foundation for iPads and educational apps for students to use in the classroom.

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May Institute is a nonprofit organization that is a national leader in the field of applied behavior analysis, serving individuals with autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities, brain injury and neurobehavioral disorders, and other special needs. Founded more than 60 years ago, we provide a wide range of exceptional educational and rehabilitative services across the lifespan.

The organization is one of the largest and most well-respected providers of services and special education schools for children and adults with autism and other special needs in Massachusetts and in the U.S.

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