



EVERYDAY HEROES

An inside look at the people who make dreams come true at Meeting Street

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TELETHON EDITION

Welcome to the Telethon edition of our Everyday Heroes e-newsletter!

In this issue we feature our caring community, which, for the 47th year in a row, came together to celebrate the milestones of our amazing children, families, donors and professionals. It was a night to remember, full of smiles, happy tears, big surprises, and most of all, hope for the future.

To everyone who tuned in, donated, volunteered and shared their stories, this newsletter is dedicated to you. Thank you for being part of the Meeting Street family! - *Lori Sousa, Director of Development*

625,000 Reasons to Smile

2023 was a banner year for the Meeting Street Telethon, thanks to our good friends WPRI 12 and Cardi's Furniture and Mattresses who make it all possible. For the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic started, our Telethon was fully live at both our Providence, RI and Dartmouth, MA campuses.

A total of \$625,000 was raised by people calling in, purchasing auction items, providing challenge matches, making gifts online, becoming monthly donors, and caring ... caring about the work we do at Meeting Street, and about the children and families who rely on us for life-changing programs.

And who couldn't help but fall in love with Connor, Arianna, Lilliani, and Kareem, our wonderful co-hosts?



With Gratitude to our Telethon Sponsors

The businesses who supported our 47th Telethon took their sponsorship one step further this year by not only encouraging their customers and employees to get involved, but their gifts were used as matching gift opportunities for the viewing public. [Click here to see who stepped up to the plate!](#)



Meet Our Big Hearts

What does it mean to be a Big Heart at Meeting Street? For the individual donors who participated in the inaugural launch during the Telethon, it means that the work taking place on our campuses holds a very special place in their hearts. And that special place has been there for a very long time. Philanthropically minded and committed to leveling the playing field for children of all abilities, our Big Hearts challenge the community to support Meeting Street by matching all gifts, up to a minimum of \$10,000.



Malcolm G. Chace, Jr.

Supporter since 1997

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Larry M. Goldstein

Supporter since 1998

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Barry G. Hittner, Esq. & Dr. Kathleen Hittner

Supporter since 1984

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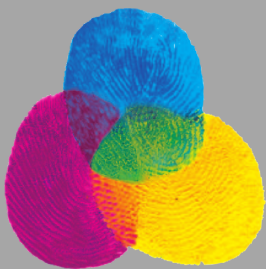
Michael E. McKelvy
Supporter since 2015



Carol A. Peterson
Supporter since 1995
[Click to view Carol's Big Hearts Video](#)

In Case You Missed It. . .

We hope you had the opportunity to tune in on February 4. In case you missed the Telethon, you can click on the links below to enjoy some of the wonderful moments and compelling videos from our big night. And, of course, there’s always an easy way to support Meeting Street right at your fingertips!



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