



Helping People Help Themselves

GMPI's Vision

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Thirty five years and counting... expanding our "vision"

In a recent Chairman's report delivered at GMPI's Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors has never been more optimistic about our ability to serve our community. All of our strategic decisions and investments over the past year are specifically to enable us to grow and continue to be financially sound. While maintaining steadfast focus on the needs of individuals we have served for many years, we are actively pursuing new endeavors we feel will yield exponential benefits for many years to come.

Our mission is to promote the personal growth, dignity, and acceptance of people with developmental disabilities in the Metro-West area. In that effort, over the past year we have been growing our relationships at the local, state, and federal levels of government to ensure adequate funding, accommodation, and recognition of the challenges of the developmentally disabled and

their families continue to be a topic and concern of our community. In addition, we continue to be embraced and recognized by the local corporate and non-profit community as a critically important source of support for those that need our assistance now and in the future. DMR (Department of Mental Retardation), is the source of 70% of GMPI funding. The major expense is the residential program at 74% of the overall budget, which is funded from the DMR revenue, HUD funds and client fees.

Fiscal 2008 was an exciting year also with the purchase of another residential home on Sunset Circle in Marlborough. This is the first expansion of our residence program in 30 years.

We also established an Employment Program to serve individuals and families throughout the Metro West area. Focusing on individual preferences and needs, the Em-

ployment Program provides assessment, job readiness trainings and placement services designed to assist each person achieve their highest potential. Working in collaboration with community resources and employers, the Employment Program seeks to develop a natural network for individuals with disabilities.

Without a doubt, our most valuable assets continue to be the scores of dedicated employees, volunteers, and individuals GMPI has been so fortunate to form as a family. We will always celebrate and reflect on the foresight and fundamental intention the Founders of GMPI had thirty-five years ago while we continually adapt to the changing needs of children and adults with disabilities within the Greater Marlborough area.

Community Members honored at Annual Meeting

Recently, Carol Manne, President & CEO of GMPI, reported three resignations from GMPI's Board of Directors. Those retiring members are Charles Stradford, Judith V. Butterworth - Kremer and Camille Vigeant. The many years of dedication and vision of all three people, embodies the mission of the organization. We want to thank these individuals for their devotion and their many hours dedicated to

GMPI.

Josefine Achilles, Rosemarie Decenzo, Claire Krysa, and Lorraine Spinzolla were also recognized at GMPI's Annual Meeting.

The four women were inducted into the newly formed, "Founder's Club", which honors people or organizations that have made a significant, long lasting contribution to the success of GMPI and individuals and

families served. A plaque, with their names engraved on it, will be placed on the wall of GMPI's administrative offices.





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Fairmount gets Refreshed!

Motorola employees paint for the day!

On Wednesday, October 15th, Fairmount house was brightly transformed and freshly painted by nineteen volunteers from Motorola in Marlborough, Lowell, and other Massachusetts communities. They painted the first floor hallway, and living areas of Fairmount, brightening up the lives of everyone who lives there.

Coordination for this effort was spearheaded by Jason Paolillo of the United Way of Tri-County, and Noreen Livolsi from Motorola in Marlborough. We at GMPI extend our deepest appreciation and sincere gratitude to all of the volunteers.

GMPI's Gold Star Business Partner

Murphy's Insurance Agency

Over the past year, Murphy Insurance Agency has become an important sponsor of GMPI. Their donations helped make our 2nd Annual Family and Friends Outing, and 35th Annual Board Meeting successful. In addition, they have been generous supporters of our social and recreation programs.

Michael Murphy, President of Murphy Insurance Agency has been instrumental with working with GMPI. Michael joined the family insurance agency in 1990. He oversees the daily operations of the agency managing all aspects of the business in conjunction with the entire Management Team. In addition to his leadership role, Michael continues the Murphy tradition of being directly involved with clients. He takes an active role in building and maintaining relationships with new and longtime clients...both personal and business. He is also active in the community serving on a number of community organizations. Thank you Murphy Insurance for making a difference!

Forrest Road Race raises funds for GMPI

Recently, Mr. J. Patrick Forrest presented GMPI Social and Recreation Department, with the proceeds raised from the 24th Annual Jim Forrest 5K Walk/Run. Mr. Forrest presented GMPI's Director of Social and Recreation Department, Jim Karami, with a check for \$27,000.00. We thank the entire Forrest Team for their tremendous efforts.

Crossroads Community Foundation Grant

Recently, GMPI was awarded a grant in the amount of \$4,500 thanks to the efforts of Crossroads Community Foundation and the dedicated students of the Middlesex School. These funds will supplement existing resources to run Summer Camps for children with disabilities attending local educational systems. We want to thank Crossroads Community Foundation, for making a difference!

New GMPI Board Appointees

Deborah Campbell
Vice President Sales,
Marlborough
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Ivette Mesmar
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