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## Friends and Family Outing Raises Over \$10,000 for Social and Recreational Programs!

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual GMPI Friends & Family Outing was held on September 11, 2010 at the Hudson Elks and was a huge success. The day was picture perfect, 100% sunshine and a slight breeze with temperatures in the 70's. Volunteers arrived, tables were set, raffle baskets were placed, entertainment and games were ready to go and the BBQ grills fired up.

At 1:00 pm friends, families and neighbors came together from as far away as New Hampshire and Rhode Island for an afternoon of food, music, magic, mini golf, face painting and all around fun. The three hundred or so that attended enjoyed hot dogs and hamburgers, pies and ice cream while listening to the rocking' sounds of local band Drama. The magical talents of Steve Charette entertained the folks going table to table wowing all with his slight of hand. Steve's balloon hats and animals were also a big hit. Everyone took their

chances on the beautiful raffle baskets that were donated and assembled by the four residential programs of GMPI as well as a 50/50 raffle and door prizes.

Carol Manne, President/CEO states "*This Outing was a first rate event. It had everything: an exciting crowd of turned-on community members and supporters, impressive activities and raffles, good food, notable venue, dazzling entertainment and a smooth running program. The phrase, without your help it would not have been possible, is one often used in the non profit business. In this case, it is the entire and unmitigated truth.*"

GMPI has many people, businesses and organizations to thank for the success of this event. A complete list of our sponsors and donors is listed on the back of this newsletter. What we really want people to know is how the funds raised by the event are used.

Jim Karami, Director of Social, recreational and Transportation

Services describes it best. "*An event like this, with numerous volunteers from different organizations, helps promote GMPI's mission to the community. The individuals and families served, as well as our staff, develop lasting relationships with the people who volunteer and that extends beyond the event. The funds raised will allow individuals served through GMPI to participate in more diverse activities and travel outside the community. Without this fundraising that would not be possible.*"

GMPI holds only two major fundraising events, the Outing and the Jim Forrest 5K Walk/Run Memorial Race; to help defray costs of our social and recreational services. These services receive no funding from the state and are extremely important to a well rounded life experience for people with disabilities who have limited access to community programs. Next year the Outing will be held in June so it will not compete with the very popular road race.

## Jim Forrest 5K Walk/Run Memorial

In its' 26th year, The Jim Forrest 5K Walk/Run Memorial Race continues to grow in strength as a celebrated community event from year to year. This year was no exception and GMPI raised another \$15,000 to assist in delivering quality services to individuals and families in the Greater Marlborough area. After enjoying the traditional pasta dinner the night before on Sunday, September 18, 2010, over 200 people arrived at the Wayside Racquet and Swim Club to participate in the event. Under blue skies and with a cool breeze at their backs they embarked on the well traveled route. Participants again included the Boston Marathon legends and Dick and Rick Hoyt. The tremendous efforts of the staff and volunteers make this truly successful in all ways you can measure. The runners have an extraordinary race to participate in and the recipients of the fundraising enjoy activities all year round. Everyone wins in this race!



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All of the staff, families and individuals served by Greater Marlboro Programs, Inc. would like to say Thank you to all of those who helped in the 4th Annual Friends & Family Outing.

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Wednesday  
November  
17th

Annual Board  
Meeting

6:00-8:00pm

June 4th 2011

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