

## GMPI hosts Friends & Family Outing

**MARLBOROUGH**— Greater Marlboro Programs Inc. (GMPI) will host their second Friends & Family Outing on Saturday, Sept. 13, 1 to 5 p.m. at Marlboro Fish & Game, 1 Muddy Lane, Marlborough, rain or shine. Cost to attend is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5 to 10; children age 4 and younger free. Proceeds benefit GMPI. RSVP by Sept. 1. For information call 508-485-4227, ext. 104, or visit [www.gmpinc.org](http://www.gmpinc.org). GMPI is located at 40 Mechanic St., Suite 100, Marlborough.

# Marlborough fair poses a lot of fun

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**MARLBOROUGH** — Celebrity sightings are a sure thing at the 2nd Annual Friends & Family Outing as Greater Marlboro Programs Inc. rolls out the red carpet for "standouts" in the entertainment business.

Guests can pose for a photo with Hannah Montana, David Ortiz or Elvis himself, but the catch is they are life-sized cutouts of these famous people. It's all part of the fun at the annual event, to be held Saturday, Sept. 13, 1 to 5 p.m., at the Marlborough Fish & Game.

"We had such fun last year," said Carol Manne, executive director of the GMPI. "We wanted to open it up to everybody else. Last year, the annual outing was more so for the GMPI family."

In 2007, the Three Stooges were on hand and will make a return visit along with Snow White and the others. Also, there will be an appearance by Finz, the mascot for the Worcester Sharks.

"This also is the celebration of GMPI's 35th anniversary," said Manne.

For more than three decades GMPI has been dedicated to promoting the personal growth, dignity and acceptance of people with developmental disabilities.

"It's a great family event," Manne said, "and I think there are enough activities for adults and for young children."

There will be clowns, a ring toss, arcade games, face painting, raffles and a moonwalk as well as arts

and crafts.

A silent auction will include a baseball signed by Mike Timlin of the Red Sox and a variety of restaurant gift certificates. A nine-hole miniature golf course will be set up for the day and there will be live music.

The all-you-can-eat barbecue menu will include chicken, hamburgers and hot dogs served with potato salad and cole slaw.

"GMPI serves over 200 individuals a year and 75 families," said Manne. Four GMPI residential homes in Marlborough serve 39 residents with 24/7 services.

"Helping People Help Themselves" is the motto for GMPI, which offers a variety of programs including transportation that runs 359 days a year, covering 200,000 miles, transporting 65 people to jobs and medical appointments.

"The Friends & Family day will offer the opportunity for people to get to know GMPI and the services we provide," said Manne. "We're looking forward to a hopefully very nice, sunny day."

Tickets for the Friends & Family event are \$10 adults, and \$5 children ages 5 to 10. Children 4 years and under are free. Tickets can be purchased by calling Sharon at 508-485-4227, extension 104.

Tickets may also be purchased the day of the event at the Marlborough Fish & Game, 1 Muddy Lane, off Elm Street.

Photos with the celebrity cutouts will be \$2 each.