

MARY JO BROWN FOUNDATION

- Spreading Smiles Through Acts of Kindness -



Ring out the Old-Ring in the New-New Year's Eve 2018

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Ring out the Old

2018 was a banner year for the Mary Jo Brown Foundation! As we look back on all that was accomplished we know it was because of your support! So look at what YOU provided!

In the spring we held two extremely profitable events—our annual textile drive partnered with the Epilepsy Foundation –and our first ever Wine Tasting Event partnered with Total Wines. These monies go directly to Child Life Services at Floating Hospital for Children at Tufts Medical Center.

Throughout the year we sent hero boxes and care packages to deployed service men and women throughout the world. Most notable was our favorite group of Marines aboard the U.S. Theodore Roosevelt headed by Gunnery Sargent Brian Auten.

In October we held our most successful annual Indoor Luau, raising the most money since we started in September 2012. The MOST successful part was our president, Christina Brown, going full-on Oprah and announcing that ALL FOUR of our Kindness Campaign finalists were going to Disney. Our heartfelt thanks to

Hannah Finn, Meredith Casey, Sarah Podradchik and Julia Degnan for making the world a better place.

In November Christina and Sharon set out to shop for the families that we adopted for the 2018 Christmas Initiative.

December 9th we met at Christina's Christmas Castle for a holiday brunch and wrapped everything in preparation for delivery to our families. Christina and Sharon loaded up their SUV/sleighs and made sure everything was under the trees for Christmas morning.

We want to thank the following for once again connecting us with families:

Father Ron Barker, Mrs. Merry Nordeen and Mr. Robert Curran of St. Josephs Parish in Wakefield

Mrs. Maureen Cartier of All Saints Parish in Haverhill.

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In 2019 we will be bringing back those events that our supporters love:

Textile Drive Once again we will partner with the Epilepsy Foundation and collect your kitchen size trash bags of clothing, household linens. etc. Exact date in May will be announced in our winter newsletter.

Wine Tasting Last year was our first year doing this and met with great success— so we will once again be hosting a wine tasting at Total Wines. Full details will be in our winter newsletter –tentatively scheduled for May.

Our 9th Annual Indoor Luau Mark your calendars now! Sunday October 6th at the Saugus Elks Hall. Please note: because of scheduling this will be the week BEFORE Columbus Day and not our usual week AFTER.

From Christina, Marcy, Kara, Terri and Sharon: May 2019 bring you good health, great success and a heart full of joy. And, as always:

May all your dreams come true. Happy New Year!