

# MARY JO BROWN FOUNDATION

- Spreading Smiles Through Acts of Kindness -



**Spring Newsletter May 2016 [www.maryjobrown.org](http://www.maryjobrown.org)**

Springtime brings all new things—and it is no different with the Mary Jo Brown Foundation!

## **NEW WEBSITE!!!**

We are very happy to announce the launch of our all new website!! After many meetings, re-writes, re-designs and choices, we feel we finally have a website that reflects the beauty and class of our namesake. There are several people that we need to thank for this:

Angela Maida and Rhonda (Ronnie) Merritt and the entire design team at Vistaprint: your patience, suggestions and responsiveness got us to the finish line. This thanks also goes out to your customer service support team who have been simply the best. Thanks for verifying that we made the right choice in our new webhost provider.

Cara Hrubes: Our web advisor and go-to gal for everything web-related. Thanks for taking the time from your busy schedule to volunteer with us.

Marcy Young, Terri DiOrio and Karen Bowden—my “board sisters”—thanks for your presence on the team and for bringing our vision to our supporters and beyond. I can’t believe that choosing our website background was actually easier than choosing a painting for last spring’s Paint Nite fundraiser!!

**YARD SALE SUCCESS!!** After putting our faith in the weather forecast, we went ahead with our plans for a yard sale in Melrose on Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Although the forecast wasn't exactly correct—and resulted in things being moved in and out of Sharon and Nick's garage to the driveway more than once—we were quite successful! The sun finally came out—the location, as promised, was a magnet for shoppers, and we even had our own playlist for the day:

Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head     B.J. Thomas

Here Comes the Rain Again             Eurythmics

Who'll Stop the Rain                     Credence Clearwater Revival

Singing in the Rain                        Gene Kelly

AND FINALLY (around 1P.M.)

Here Comes the Sun!!                     The Beatles



Not only did we sell—we delivered!! A new resident of Melrose stopped by, needing things for her senior housing apartment. Many thanks to our top notch delivery team of Tom Brown, Kevin Furlong and Pat Ward for delivering the furniture to this very happy woman.

We would like to thank Colleen Snell, Katie McGeary and Jean McGeary for the items they donated to be sold.

Big thanks to Connie Allen, Deb Bednarek and Sue Grant for their help in selling, wrapping, pricing, and everything else they helped us with.

Thanks to Butch Allen, Steve Young, Kevin Furlong, Tom Brown and Kara Waldron for getting everything to Sharon's house to be sold.

And BIGGEST thanks to Connie and Butch Allen for having a follow up yard sale at their home in Wilmington on April 30<sup>th</sup> so we could wrap this up!!

All told, we raised over \$1100!! AMAZING!! In case you missed our previous announcement, all proceeds go directly to support Child Life Services at Floating Hospital for Children through the Mary Jo's Smile Squad Team Country Heals walk.

## **KINDNESS CAMPAIGN 2016**

We are happy to announce the launch of our 2016 Kindness Campaign—seeking nominations from our supporters and beyond of children who have selflessly shown unsolicited kindness to others. WE NEED YOUR HELP IN SECURING THESE NOMINATIONS!!

You need not know the child personally. Watch your local newspapers, web sites, and other media for stories about potential candidates. If you come across an article that seems like a good fit, you can send us a message on our new website (just use the “SEND US A MESSAGE” link on the “CONTACT US” page ) Or you can email us directly:

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With your help we can find the right children to honor at our fundraiser in October:

**Our FIFTH Annual Indoor Luau**

**Sunday October 16, 2016**

**3PM to 7PM**

**Saugus Elks Hall**

**SAVE THE DATE!!**

Thanks for reading this to the end!! Watch for our summer edition coming sometime around July 4<sup>th</sup>. And, as always, May all your dreams come true!