

MARY JO BROWN FOUNDATION

- Spreading Smiles Through Acts of Kindness -



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Hello Again!! As Buster Poindexter would say: it's "Hot-Hot-Hot". Time to catch up before we begin ramping up for our traditionally hectic fall schedule here at the foundation.

ON-TIME AND ON-BUDGET: That was our July 4th Herobox shipment that went overseas in June, in plenty of time for holiday delivery. Big thanks to our treasurer, Marcy Young, and newest board member, Terri DiOrio, for taking care of the shopping, packing and shipping. And a special shout out to Hailey Allocco of Wakefield and the kindergarten students of the Chevrus School in Malden for the special artwork they made for us to include. THAT brought some extra soldier smiles for sure!



CALLING ALL SHOPPERS!! Do you shop on Amazon (doesn't everyone?) Are you aware that you can have .5% of all qualifying purchases go to a charity of your choice? We are hoping that you will choose to do this and choose us as the recipient. You need only to click on the following link: <http://smile.amazon.com>

Just enter our name and follow the very quick and easy instructions. Once you register, they will automatically send the money to us. Doesn't affect your cost and it helps us spread more smiles!! Thanks for your support.

WE ARE IN THE NEWS!! In an effort to garner more nominations for our 2015 Kindness Campaign, press releases have been issued and were recently published in the Wakefield Item and Melrose Weekly News. We are awaiting articles in the Eagle Tribune and on Patch. com. Of course, our best source of getting our message spread is through our supporter network. So, PLEASE, if you know of a worthy youngster deserving nomination, or have a friend or family member who works with children (teacher, counselor, etc) please mention the campaign to them. Deadline for nominations is September 1st. For complete details, including nomination forms, please visit our website: www.maryjobrown.org

RECYCLE/REPURPOSE/REDUCE YOUR TAXES!! Consider the following instead of a yard sale—or dumpster for renovation projects:

Mission of Deeds www.missionofdeeds.org Nicest people in the world. All volunteers. You can drop household items off at their facility in Reading—and they will pick up large furniture pieces. Everything is GIVEN to qualified people in need. Website has list of acceptable items.

National Cristina Foundation www.cristina.org Don't throw out that old, working computer, laptop, printer, digital camera. Enter your location and items you have on this website—they will give you a list of local charities who can use these items. It is truly amazing. I have used this several times, donating to places like the Carroll School for the Blind in Newton and Charlestown Boy and Girls Club. Some places will even come and pick the stuff up—it is all listed on the site.

Boston Building Resources www.bostonbuildingresources.com

Habitat for Humanity www.habitat.org/restore

Both of these seek usable items such as countertops, cabinets, doors, etc. Check out their websites for detailed info. Save on dumpster fees!! Take the write off. Everyone wins.

Save the Dates!!!!

September 1 Deadline for Submitting Nominations for the Kindness Campaign.

September 27 Country Heals Walk—(formerly the Harbor Walk) Join MaryJo's Smile Squad and raise money for Child Life Services at Floating Hospital for Children at Tufts Medical Center. To track progress, donate, and/or sign up to join us, either in person or as a virtual runner, use the following link:
<http://www.countryheals.org/faf/search/searchTeamPart.asp?ievent=1137313&lis=1&kntae1137313=FE934CE4BC2E4E099CAA7C629A50FFB7&supId=0&team=6391544&cj=Y>

October 18 Our 4th Annual Indoor Luau from 3p to 7p at the Saugus Elks Hall. Hope you will be able to join us!

~~May all your dreams come true~~

Comments, concerns, corrections or anything else: feel free to contact Sharon at brandomac@comcast.net