Your News from Walker

Walker’s fiscal year wrapped up on June 30th, and we’d like to thank you for a great year! Please read on to see highlights of the wonderful happenings at Walker over the past year and your impact on the Walker community.

NEWS

Lives in Bloom Gala Raises $400,000

Walker hosted the 19th annual Lives in Bloom Gala on May 11th at the Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel. Emcee Trenni Kusnierek of NBC Sports Boston (pictured) kicked off the dinner program where two honorees were awarded the 2019 Distinguished Community Leadership Award. Jennie Shaw, LICSW was recognized as outstanding staff member, and Paul Shorthose & Family were recognized as outstanding community partners.

Read More →

Corporate Volunteers Give Back at Walker

Thank you to our corporate volunteers who accomplish so much so quickly! Over the past year, we have hosted several wonderful groups including volunteers from Liberty Mutual, Middlesex Savings Bank, NESN (pictured), and TripAdvisor who jumped into several projects with enthusiasm.

Read More →
30th Anniversary of Walker's *Fore the Children* Golf Tournament

On Monday, October 7th, Walker will host the 2019 *Fore the Children* Golf Tournament at Dedham Country and Polo Club. We are looking forward to celebrating the 30th anniversary of this tournament which has provided three decades of advocacy and support for Walker's life-changing programs and services. Registration is OPEN and we expect this tournament to sell out early! Click below to learn more about how you can support this milestone event.

**Learn More →**

Team Walker Raises More Than $180,000

Ten runners tackled the challenge of the 2019 Boston Marathon on behalf of Walker. We’re grateful to all of our Team Walker runners: Katie, Elly, Michelle, Melissa, David, Sherri, Tamara, Jimmy, Wenping, and Corey!

**Read More →**

Summer Fun!

Students in Walker’s educational residential program participate in summer activities to promote academic success, physical and mental health, creativity, self-esteem, and life skills. We are grateful to the many generous individuals and foundations who support enrichment programming over the summer and during the school year. Foundations that have supported enrichment activities over the past year include the Boston Bruins Foundation, DCU for Kids, Fuller Foundation, Pabis Foundation, and Constance O. Putnam Foundation.

**Read More →**

Meet Walker's Therapy Dog, Emmit

Emmit works with children in the residential and educational programs, intensive group home, and acute treatment programs. Emmit has worked at Walker for the last four years and is known for providing comfort, support, and friendship. Stay tuned for more about Emmit in future news from Walker.

**Read More →**
WALKER UPDATES

Needham Campus Celebrates New Additions

Over the past year, we’ve made some important renovations to Walker’s Needham Campus, none of which would have been possible without our Board of Directors and generous donors. We completed construction of the new Beechwood Field House (pictured above) which includes a gym and multipurpose space. We also constructed an addition to two existing buildings that houses family meeting space and offices, and renovated the Walker School to create six new classrooms. Our priority is to put children, families, and staff first, and these capital improvements help to position Walker to accomplish this goal.

Congratulations to Walker Beacon Class of 2019

In June, 19 students graduated from the Walker Beacon School in a ceremony that included several heartfelt and inspiring speeches by students who talked about how Beacon impacted their lives. Most Beacon graduates plan to continue their education after high school. Some are pursuing jobs, travel, gap year, and technical training. Congratulations and best wishes to all of the graduates!
Walker Community Counseling Expands Services in South Shore Communities

Walker has increased the capacity of our services offered through Walker Community Counseling, including Outpatient Therapy and community-based In-Home Therapy and Therapeutic Mentoring. These programs serve youth and families in their homes and other community locations. As part of this expansion, Walker recently added a team to provide these services in South Shore communities extending from Quincy to Scituate.