

*From the Desk of Mary A. McGeown,
MSPCC Executive Director*



Dear Friends:

IT IS WITH GREAT EXCITEMENT THAT I SHARE WITH YOU A PIECE OF IMPORTANT NEWS FOR THE MSPCC COMMUNITY —

the Boards of Directors of MSPCC and of Eliot Community Human Services (Eliot) announced plans in May to combine our two great agencies. MSPCC has a rich history of making challenging decisions to enable our good work to continue on behalf of children and families. This shift is no exception — by joining forces we create a comprehensive system of care to better address the needs of children and families struggling with mental health issues, domestic and community violence, abuse and neglect, and poverty. Combining these two agencies capitalizes on our individual strengths and provides economies of scale to create a solid platform for growth and sustainability despite an increasingly competitive health care services field.

Together, Eliot and MSPCC broaden our mission and impact in ways we could never accomplish alone. Children and families served by the combined agencies will have access to a broader set of quality services. Our employees will benefit from Eliot’s well-established training, technology, and management systems. State and philanthropic leaders can have confidence that precious funding is being maximized to enhance services and cost efficiency.

As leaders in the delivery of services to at-risk children and families, Eliot and MSPCC share a deep commitment to making a real difference in the lives of children and families across Massachusetts. Eliot has a strong track record of working with state and community leaders to address the needs of the state’s most vulnerable citizens. Since 1878, MSPCC has not only provided services for children and families, but has been at the forefront of social change, playing a major role in defining and shaping child welfare policy in both the Commonwealth and the nation. The combined agencies now jointly provide young parent home visiting, behavioral health, residential, foster and adoption support services, and much more — uniquely positioning us in the state and the country as a leader in comprehensive programming for children and families.

With over 180 years of collective experience serving the community, we will have a workforce of more than 2,000 and revenues exceeding \$115M. Kate Markarian, CEO for Eliot, will lead the combined agencies. Recognizing its legacy as a voice for children, MSPCC will retain its name and expand its advocacy for policies, services and funding to meet the needs of children and families. I look forward to spearheading these efforts as MSPCC’s Executive Director.

This is a true milestone in the history of agencies serving families in Massachusetts. And with your continued support, together, we will strengthen our capacity to protect and promote the rights and well-being of children and families.

Sincerely,

Mary A. McGeown
Executive Director



MSPCC Advisory Board and Honorary Directors. Back row, left to right: Kevin Cronin, Michael Quinlan, Steve Pagliuca, Jerilyn Asher, Charles Senatore, Greg Gordon. Front row, left to right: Rev. Dr. Gregory Groover, Sr., Kitty Flatlers (Honorary Director), Mary A. McGeown, Maureen Flatley, Bob Gittens (Honorary Director).



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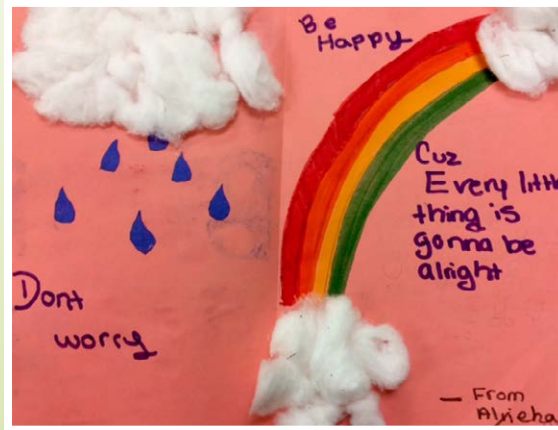


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Spring Happenings!



A get well card created by our incredible Kids Day children.



Wishing a Happy Mother's Day and Father's Day to all of our amazing caretakers (adoptive, foster care and grandparents too!). Shown here: Healthy Families teen parent home visiting program participant Dolymar and her son.



MSPCC's Drive Fore Kids Golf Tournament Co-Chair Rich McCarthy (second from left) and his foursome at Black Rock Country Club in Hingham.



An inspiring Wisdom Weavers event was held to celebrate the dedicated grandparents and caretakers in our KINnections program.



Congratulations to our Healthy Families participants and staff for another set of successful graduation ceremonies!



A special thank you to Bright Horizons for their donations to Kids Day!

2016 TOGETHER AGAINST ABUSE GALA RAISES \$670,000

MSPCC supporters gathered at the Fairmont Copley Plaza on April 7th to raise awareness for services and advocacy for children and families. Emceed by Billy Costa from KISS 108's *Matty in the Morning Show* and NESN's *Dining Playbook*, attendees included Boston Celtics Managing Partner and MSPCC Chair Steve Pagliuca, Secretary of the Executive Office of Health & Human Services Marylou Sudders, and DCF Commissioner Linda Spears.



Upper Right: Guests enjoying our Fund-A-Cause!

Lower Left: MSPCC Executive Director Mary A. McGeown and Board Chair Steve Pagliuca.

Lower Right: Supporters from Breckinridge Capital Advisors.



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INVESTING IN MSPCC THROUGH THE MARY ELLEN SOCIETY

Named for a little girl whose landmark child abuse court case led to the establishment of MSPCC in 1878, the Mary Ellen Society honors supporters whose generosity via bequests or life income gifts assures MSPCC's future excellence. Mary Ellen Society members receive invitations to all MSPCC events and donor appreciation gatherings. Other Society benefits include publication of the members roster in MSPCC's annual report and on our website. There are no dues, fees or minimums associated with membership in the Mary Ellen Society.

If you have already included MSPCC in your estate plans, or would like to learn more, please contact Melanie Lima, Director of Development at 617-587-1587, or via email at mlima@mspcc.org. We would love to invite you to join the Mary Ellen Society, attend a private reception and help children and families for years to come.

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MSPCC's Collaborative Advocacy Efforts Support Landmark Opioid Abuse Prevention Bill

MSPCC has a strong reputation for promoting child welfare in Massachusetts and our advocacy efforts have once again become national news! As a result of MSPCC's leadership and collaboration through the *Children's Mental Health Campaign's "Addiction Free Futures Project,"* Massachusetts has emerged as a leader in the fight against the opioid crisis. On March 14th Governor Charlie Baker signed into law a landmark bill called the Substance Abuse Treatment, Education, and Prevention (STEP) Act, which includes critical language around prevention advocated for by MSPCC and partners. This legislation requires school nurses to screen students for drug and alcohol use — an evidence-based public health approach that focuses on preventing addiction before it starts.

As Mary A. McGeown, Executive Director of MSPCC remarked, "supporting youth to make healthy decisions and getting them help if they need it is the best way to prevent addiction and all of its devastating consequences. The positive impact of this effort will be felt for generations to come."