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SMALL MIRACLES IN LIFE EXIST

A Place Like No Other: Club SMILE Mass

A Community Within a Community





A Note from our Founder

As a young mother of a child with severe disabilities, I quickly learned that the world was not set up for someone like my son, Nicholas. Access and Inclusion to the world outside of our home was often problematic.

So, 14 years ago, I founded SMILE (Small Miracles In Life Exist) Mass to help families raising children or adults with disabilities enjoy happy, healthy memories through education, recreation and vacation experiences.

Today, SMILE Mass serves approximately 30,000 families with a wide range of programs that are built around inclusion and accessibility:

- Donated over 180 floating beach wheelchairs throughout New England.
- Purchased a handicap-accessible beach house on Cape Cod and made it available to families with severely disabled family members.
- Developed a thriving, adaptive equipment loaner program that improves access and quality of life.
- And, most recently, created “Club SMILE Mass,” a robust, adaptive-fitness program at a local gym.

In fact, Club SMILE Mass has been so successful, we have outgrown our current space. Therefore, I am thrilled to announce our next project: We are going to build a state-of-the-art activity center customized to serve thousands of children and adults with severe disabilities right here in Metro West. We can't wait to show you the future and official home of Club SMILE Mass, **A Community Within A Community.**

Best Regards,

Lotte Diomede



SMILE Mass Programs

We're extremely proud to say that all of our programs are self-sustaining.

Club SMILE Mass

We currently host most of our weekly services at a local gym for over 60 children and young adults. Activities include one-on-one gym, swim, music therapy, storytime, and so much more. The Club SMILE Mass program is built on movement, in an effort to stimulate the frontal lobe of the brain which promotes communication, voluntary movement, happiness, social skills, and many other benefits while using a cross therapeutic approach.

Beach House

SMILE Mass purchased and outfitted a beautiful, fully handicap-accessible vacation beach house in Truro, MA, specifically designed for families caring for loved ones with disabilities.

Beach Wheelchair Program

SMILE Mass has donated over 180 floating beach chairs to public beaches so that everyone can enjoy full access to fun in the sand, sun and water.

Equipment Loaner Program

SMILE Mass administrates an amazing, adaptive equipment loaner program providing wheelchairs, bath chairs, strollers, ramps and more to hundreds of families caring for children and adults with disabilities so they can travel and vacation with more peace of mind.



SMILEMass Beach House

The Need Is Extraordinary

- Over 1.2 million children and adults in Massachusetts have a disability.
- Programming for those with multiple disabilities is hard to find. Over 10,000 families are without appropriate services.

The Severely Disabled Need A Place, Just Like You and I



- ... a place where they belong.
- ... a place where they can make a friend.
- ... a place where they can be stimulated, engaged, learn and grow.
- ... a place where the entire facility, inside and out, provides a holistic and adaptive environment.
- ... a place outdoors where they can safely explore and learn.
- ... a place to receive music therapy and other educational lessons.
- ... a place where our specially trained teachers, coaches and volunteers can connect.
- ... a place with the capacity to serve children and adults with severe disabilities.
- ... a place where we can continue to **MAKE A DIFFERENCE** and change the lives of thousands of families throughout Massachusetts.



Beach Wheelchair Program



Introducing Club SMILE Mass

Phase 1 (2023-2024)

- Purchase 30 acres on the Framingham/Sudbury line.
- Design trails, create driveway and parking lot.
- Renovate interim clubhouse, gym, music room, art space, kitchen and so much more.

Phase 2 (2025)

- Install heated pool for therapeutic swim classes.
- Expand trails throughout the property and around the pond.
- Build a Universal Design treehouse, sanctuary, pavilion, benches and evolve the outdoor leisure space.

Phase 3 (2028)

- Build 8,000 sq. ft. state-of-the-art clubhouse.
- Further expansion of the trail system.



Club SMILE Mass Ways To Give

Phase 1

Sponsorship Levels

- \$250,000
- \$100,000
- \$50,000
- \$25,000
- \$10,000
- \$5,000
- \$500



We are counting on your support.

Thank you for helping us make a significant difference to thousands of families throughout Massachusetts.

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