Arbella Insurance Group Celebrates 25th Anniversary by Giving Back

The Arbella Insurance Foundation has awarded a grant of $50,000 each to Father Bill’s & MainSpring (FBMS) and Interfaith Social Services as part of its “50 to 25” program, which presented one-time grants of $50,000 to 25 local charities throughout Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Connecticut. “50 to 25” was created in recognition of the Arbella Insurance Group’s 25th anniversary and the important role the Foundation plays in supporting the communities Arbella serves.

More on page 2.  Shown L-R: John Donohue, Chairman & President of Arbella Insurance Foundation; Elizabeth Kim, Director of Claims and long-time FBMS board member; John Yazwinski, President & CEO, FBMS; Rick Doane, Executive Director of Interfaith Social Services

Tribute to Jeff Ciffolillo (1964-2013)

Our hearts were heavy as we learned of the tragic loss of dear friend and board member, Jeff Ciffolillo. As a member of the Housing Development Committee of the board, Jeff made a great impact on our services. An avid sports memorabilia collector, Jeff would often donate many of his favorite items to the annual FoodFest auction and was a staunch supporter of our mission.

“Jeff was a tremendous friend and a great leader to our mission at Father Bill’s & MainSpring. As a long time Board Member, Jeff was very instrumental in helping us create more than 300 units of housing for families and individuals in need,” shares John Yazwinski, FBMS President and CEO. “There are a lot of children who are not homeless anymore because Jeff Ciffolillo believed in ending homelessness, one life at a time.”

We are forever grateful for his service, and we offer our deepest condolences to Jeff’s family, friends and colleagues. He will be greatly missed.

Jeff Ciffolillo (center) shown here with his family at the FBMS annual fundraiser, FoodFest in 2008.
We Need Your Help!

Would you consider hosting a donation drive in your office or community?

With the onset of winter our need for donations increases steadily. Every fall, we begin preparations to ensure that more than 300 individuals and families enjoy a delicious Thanksgiving dinner, hundreds of children and teens on the greater South Shore receive holiday gifts, and every individual in our shelters has basic necessities.

We thank everyone who has organized donation drives in the past; we could not provide these supplies without your support. If you are interested in hosting a drive this winter season, please contact the development office at 617.376.2255 or download a donation drive kit from our website at www.helpfbms.org.

FoodFest 19

It’s hard to imagine that 19 years have passed since only hotdogs and ice cream were served at the first FoodFest at the Galleria in “Quincy Square.”

Thanks to our incredible supporters, FoodFest 19 was another amazing success! On July 30th, 40 restaurants and beverage providers, 75 corporate sponsors and 1,000 attendees enjoyed a picture-perfect summer evening at the Ocean Club at Marina Bay.

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Corie Bulman Nagle, granddaughter of the late Jack Conway, receives the Richard C. Welch Tribute award for more than 15 years of volunteer service to the families and children served by FBMS through the “Holiday Hope for the Homeless” program she created when she was 11 years old!

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Braintree Resident & Volunteer, Ellen Ward, in partnership with the Weymouth Club, organized a holiday drive in 2012.
It's not uncommon for high school seniors to complete community service hours as part of their graduation requirements. What is uncommon is a true passion for the cause they have chosen.

Nick Dacey is an honor student at Abington High School, who was challenged to write a research paper on the topic “What is wrong with the World Today?” and found himself bringing it to a whole new level.

Nick focused on the fallout from the disease of alcoholism, which led him to the subject of homelessness and Father Bill’s Place in Quincy. He completed his 12 page paper (receiving a grade of 92), and delivered a 20 minute speech to his class, which would have satisfied his obligation, but Nick decided he needed to do more.

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The Foundation’s Selection Committee chose the 25 recipient charities from proposals thoughtfully submitted by Arbella employees, independent insurance agents and longtime charitable partners. Checks were presented to the selected charities at a celebratory luncheon in Quincy on September 10th. The awardees are all organizations that focus on social services, health and/or education.

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We were fortunate to have many new sponsors join our mission this year, and we certainly appreciate our returning sponsors who have been so loyal year after year. Please see a complete list of FoodFest 19 corporate sponsors on page 4.

Today’s FoodFest takes months of planning. By day’s end, dozens of employees and 100+ volunteers work diligently leading up to and during the event.

This enormous collaboration helps keep our shelter doors open to everyone in need and particularly during those frigid winter months.

Thank you to those who supported our event this year, and all the prior years. Please visit our FaceBook page for photos and a great video: www.facebook.com/fatherbillsmainspring.
Corporate Philanthropy Profile: Don Rodman

If you grew up within 30 miles of Gillette Stadium, the Rodman name is quite familiar. In 1960, with borrowed money, Don and his brother Gerry began a small Ford dealership in Foxboro that eventually grew into the highly successful Rodman Ford Dealership we know today.

Raised in Dorchester by his single mother during the depression, Don shares that although times were tough, friends and family were always around to help make things easier and never expected anything in return.

Now at 82, with five sons, nine grandchildren, and three great grandchildren (some of whom are involved in the business), he

New Distribution Center

Father Bill’s & MainSpring is happy to share the news of our new distribution center. In the past few years, we have seen an increase in guests accessing our facilities. With this increase we are always in need of in-kind donations like new towels, toiletries, new bedding and new clothing. The increase in guests at both our shelters challenges us in finding creative ways for our sites to store the items they need while freeing up space for guests.

FBMS came to a crossroads, and needed to find a place to house items in one location, and a systematic way to deliver donations to our programs. In December of 2013, we found the perfect location that provides space to sort, organize and store donations. Site managers are able to make requests when inventory is low and have their items quickly delivered. The center is run by one FBMS staff member and a group of volunteers Monday through Thursday each week from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our mission through donations or by hosting a donation drive. If you are interested in making a donation or hosting a drive, please contact the development office by phone 617.376.2255 or email us at info@helpbms.org.

Bridgewater Boy Scout Troop 88 with the help of Arbella Insurance collected more than $1,000 worth of in-kind donations to benefit those served by FBMS.
looks back at more than 50 years of success. Don shares that corporate social responsibility is high on his agenda; not simply to promote the family business, but because he feels fortunate to have the resources to make a difference and change lives for the better.

Don founded the Rodman Ride for Kids in 1991, which is an umbrella matching gift charity, raising funds for youth-focused social service agencies that support at-risk children in Massachusetts. The Ride’s mission is to have every child in our community live as we would want our own children to live. To date, the Ride has raised more than $71 million for at-risk kids.

Don will attest that generous people are healthier and happier, but emphasizes that you do not have to be wealthy to give. A desire to make a difference and find a cause you have passion for brings endless returns.

Thank you, Don Rodman, and the entire Rodman family for your contributions to the community and your continued support to end homelessness on the greater South Shore.

Please visit their website to see the great work they are doing in the community - rodmanrideforkids.org.
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