



## Cardinal Cushing Centers

*All ages. All abilities. All together.*

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If you were able to be at Cardinal Cushing Centers every day, you would see our vital community in action. You would see our students, residents, staff, friends and neighbors working together to proudly achieve their goals and experience success. As the year-end holiday season approaches, we ask that you consider a gift to support our important work. Sometimes we hear an individual's story told in such a way that it brings into focus all the important work and interactions that make our Cardinal Cushing Centers life-changing places. Last spring Steve Morse, whose son, Nick, is a residential student on our Hanover Campus, told us his family's story. We asked him to share it with you and he agreed. We hope you will take a moment to read the enclosed story.

This past year in Cardinal Cushing Centers' history presented many changes and challenges—the economy, state agency and local budget cuts, reduced critical resources available from foundations, individuals and businesses. In spite of these challenges, we have moved forward to keep our vision for the future active and prospering. Among other exciting initiatives we want to highlight these two:

For eleven students, college life began this fall. Students were encouraged and guided through the application process and 100 percent were accepted to Project Forward, a Cape Cod Community College program.

For 50 adults a new initiative was established this past spring. Life Opportunities Unlimited, offered on the Braintree campus, offers small groups of adults nutrition, cooking, fitness, independent living, community, social and volunteer opportunities.

Your contribution to our Annual Fund enhances the organization's ability to build and sustain a team of gifted faculty and staff and to continue to create innovative programs for future generations, while sustaining the proud tradition of Cardinal Cushing Centers' students and residents. We hope you will consider making a gift to the Annual Fund. Thank you.

Sincerely,

John Boucher  
Chairman, Board of Directors

Sincerely,

Jo Ann Simons  
President & CEO

P.S. By saying "Yes" to the Annual Appeal, your gift will continue to give all Cardinal Cushing Centers' students the ***Possibilities, Opportunities, and Hope to succeed.***