

Addendum A:

Jack & Marci Williams Center at St. Ann's Home and School, Methuen, Massachusetts Dedication Ceremony, Friday, June 3, 2016

We met with Dennis Grandbois, President & CEO, St. Ann's Home & School (over an 18 year tenure), Joe Cronin, Vice President of Residential Care, John Rice, Director of Development, Beth Liao, MD, Medical Director (full time), Massachusetts State Representatives Linda Dean Campbell and Diana DiZoglio, and State Senator Kathleen O'Connor Ives.

Also in attendance were Mark Lund, GM of WBZ-TV, as well as news crews from WBZ TV, WBZ Radio, and Methuen News cable TV.

St. Ann's started out in 1925 as an orphanage with nuns caring for the children. Today, St. Ann's is a residential treatment center for children ages 5-22. It is very nice and welcoming. It sits on a campus of six buildings including a playground, outdoor amphitheater and a community garden. There are two off-site residences nearby. On staff, there are 2 full time clinicians, 2 full time nurse practitioners and a half time nurse and many other support staff members. Placement of children comes from the State Department of Family Services, Social Services and local schools. The majority of the children come from Massachusetts and a few from New Hampshire and Rhode Island. There are approximately 145 residents and 80 day based children. There is currently a long waiting list to attend St. Ann's.

The new Williams Center is a community based acute care treatment services facility developed in response to the well-documented shortage of pediatric in-patient psychiatric beds. It is an 8,000 square foot facility with four floors and 15 beds. The ground floor is the activity center where school and homework is done in addition to arts and crafts and socializing. The first floor is the clinical area where the medical staff can meet and counsel the children as well as family members. The 2nd and 3rd floors are the living quarters and each has its own kitchen and dining areas.

Dennis Grandbois opened the dedication by giving everyone a warm welcome and saying how special this day is. He said he met Jack several years ago and he admired his work and they created a bond. Mr. Grandbois said how important the support from the Wednesday's Child endowment has been to St. Ann's over the years and how much it is appreciated. He said he and the entire staff were proud and honored to dedicate the new facility, the Williams Center, to Jack & Marci.

Lisa Funaro, Executive Director, Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) said she appreciates being here today as Wednesday's Child has been very important to MARE. She remembers when the first child was featured on air. They received an overwhelming response of 31 phone calls and 55 inquiries. Since the inception of Wednesday's Child in 1981, 1,189 children have been featured on Wednesday's Child with 60% of them finding adoptive homes.