



MISSION STATEMENT

Supportive Living, Inc. (SLI), a non-profit organization, was established in 1991 to work in partnership with public, private for-profit entities, and non-profit organizations to assist the ever increasing number of survivors of brain injury to live as independently as possible in their own housing in the community. Individuals with brain injuries

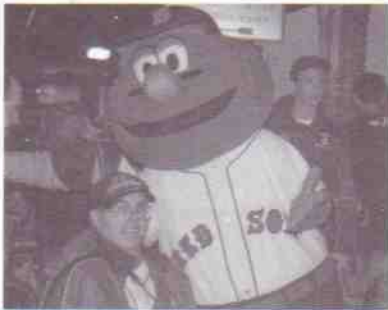
have different physical and emotional challenges than people with other types of disabilities. Often they are placed, inappropriately, in institutions or other settings where there is no real possibility for rehabilitation. Accordingly the mission of Supportive Living, Inc. is:

To create appropriate and affordable life-long supportive housing options which will enable survivors of brain injury to live with dignity and achieve their highest level of independence in the community.

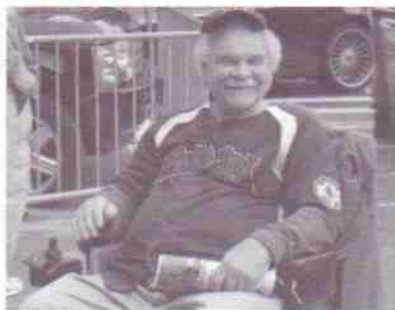
“TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME”

On July 8th a total of 52 residents and staff from Warren House, McLaughlin House, and Douglas House headed to Fenway Park for a Red Sox game. Everyone filled up on hot dogs, hamburgers, cotton candy, ice cream, cracker jacks, pretzels, and sodas. During the 7th inning, Wally the Green Monster came by to pay a visit and have his picture taken with the residents. Everyone had a great time. They saw Tim Wakefield pitch, Big Popi hit a home run, a standing ovation for Nomar Garcia, and most important, a win for the Red Sox over the Oakland Athletics.

The SLI Douglas Stephens Memorial Fund, created in 2004 to enhance the quality of life for SLI residents, sponsored the event.



Peter C. and Wally



Bruce C.



George R.

NEW BOARD MEMBER

Supportive Living, Inc. (SLI), is pleased to announce that Mark Morganelli was elected to the Board of Directors this past June. Mark received a Bachelors degree in Accountancy in 1986 and a Masters degree in Taxation in 1996. With 24 years experience in public accounting and a member of the Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants, he started his own accounting and tax practice in Burlington in 2003.

Mark resides in Wilmington with his wife and two children, ages 10 and 7 years old, and is very involved in the Wilmington Boy's and Girl's Youth Soccer Teams.

We look forward to having Mark on the board and know his expertise in accounting will be a valuable asset to SLI. On behalf of the Board of Directors, survivors and their families, welcome.

The Only Cure For Traumatic Brain Injury is Prevention.

WARREN HOUSE NEWS

*Ellen Atkins,
Program Manager*



The recent months have been fun-filled at Warren House. Many weeks included multiple recreation events that the residents participated in. These events included a 3 Dog Night concert at the Hatch Shell in Boston, several breakfasts at Bickford's, bingo nights at Douglas House, two ice cream socials, trips to Ice Chips, the Shriners Circus, Northeast Recreation events and support groups, BABIS (Boston Acquired Brain Injury Support Group), a spaghetti supper, a macaroni supper, the semi-annual lobster roll sale and finally a movie

night every Tuesday night! Warren house has been borrowing the McLaughlin House van to take residents out on shopping trips and outings. It is our hope to make it a weekly event. Susan D. is also doing a great job organizing monthly "Cultural Dinners" for the residents. This has included an Italian dinner and a Texas BBQ night and so far the residents have had a fabulous time! The other exciting news is that Warren House now has a Wii and have had a great time playing with it.

Upcoming events the residents are looking forward to are the Temptations and Beach Boys concerts at the Hatch Shell, the BABIS (Boston Acquired Brain Injury Support Group) cruise, and comedy nights at Kitty's.

A few of our residents are also looking forward to and have enjoyed their summer vacations. Roger S. had a wonderful time at camp, Jeffrey H. is planning a trip to New Mexico, and Dave K. just returned home from a cruise with his family.

The most exciting of all these events was the Red Sox game! Many residents were fortunate enough to ride to and from the game in limousines provided by George R.'s sister Maria. Everyone enjoyed eating hot dogs, hamburgers, popcorn, cotton candy, soda, cracker jacks, and ice cream while watching the Red Sox win 5-4 over the Athletics. *A special thanks to everyone who helped make this event such a huge success.*

In May some Warren House staff attended training on brain injury in Marlborough. This was an intensive training program where participating staff learned a great deal about how to better help the residents they work with.

Ellen Atkins, Warren House's new Program Manager, continues to provide strong support and advocacy for Warren House residents. She has started monthly support groups and resident meetings in an attempt to provide Warren House residents with an outlet and a place where they can share their concerns. The residents look forward to speaking with her as she is constantly listening to their concerns and putting forth great effort to alleviate worry and stress in their environment.

McLAUGHLIN HOUSE NEWS

Frank Santillo, Program Manager

The long, snowy cold winter was no match for our residents here at McLaughlin House. It would have taken a lot to keep everyone home for very long. A fun event that the Warren House and McLaughlin House residents attended was the "Night of Comedy" at the Sons of Italy in Woburn. It featured three local comedians that have traveled all over the country with the headliner being John David who appeared on the "Tonight Show."

Congratulations to George R. who won first prize (\$250.00) in the Advocates' Essay Contest. The topic was "How Advocates has Helped Me to be Well". George's essay can be seen on Advocates' website: www.AdvocatesInc.org.

With the arrival of March, the residents were anticipating the warm spring weather. For St. Patrick's Day, the staff made a corned beef and cabbage dinner and showed the movie, "Darby O'Gill and the Little People", starring Sean Connery. Our community service worker, Nick, spent time with the residents playing Scrabble, Monopoly, Bingo, and taking them to Dunkin Donuts. Our old friend, Ernie, played his guitar and sang a variety of songs. He loves coming here to entertain and spend time talking about what's going on in the world. On March 7th the residents attended a Spaghetti Dinner at St. Theresa's church here in North Reading. *A special thanks to the hosts for waving the cost.*

The Spring Pot Luck Supper was a big success. The McLaughlin House families who attended had a great time, enjoyed a large selection of delicious food, and discussed plans for a yard sale which was to be held in late Spring.

In April, residents attended the Ice Chips at the Harvard University's Bright Arena, with former Olympic skaters Emily Hughes and Jeffrey Buttle along with several other national champions. They also attended the annual Shriners Circus located in Wilmington. Both events were well attended by all three houses. *A heartfelt thank you to Ada Wong and Joe Stone for soliciting the tickets for the two events.*

Last but not least, residents attended the monthly Brain Injury support group meetings at New England Rehabilitation Hospital where residents get together with other survivors to share their experiences and make new friends.



THE HUMAN BRAIN REMAINS THE MOST COMPLEX COMPUTER ON EARTH.

DOUGLAS HOUSE UPDATE

Huntley Skinner, MSW, LICSW, Program Manager, Douglas House

The arrival of 2 new residents brings the number of Douglas House residents to 12. All are glad to be here and even more glad that summer has finally come to Lexington, and with it, a spate of good weather activities. Everyone took advantage of these as well as other events that took place during the cooler weather.



In March, the Lexington Symphony string ensemble performed a concert to great acclaim at the house. A potluck supper for residents, family, and friends took place on March 26. Representatives from Supportive Living, Inc., and Advocates, Inc., presented their vision for the organization, recipes were exchanged, and family members volunteered for the yard sale scheduled for May.

In April, the Lexington "season" begins. Thoughtful townspeople went to great lengths to include the Douglas House residents in the Patriots' Day celebrations. Huntley set the alarm for 3 am so that the residents could arrive at Lexington Green by 5 am to witness the annual re-enactment of the Battle of Lexington which is timed to take place at the same time of the original battle. Back at Douglas House by 7 am, the residents enjoyed a Red, White and Blue Patriots' Day breakfast, following which they were escorted by staff and the Patriots' Day committee to reserved seats for viewing the parade. Also in April, residents enjoyed a trip to the Ice Chips "Show of Champions" at Harvard's Bright Arena.

In May, the members of the Episcopal Church of Our Redeemer in Lexington invited residents to a "welcome to the neighborhood" supper, with all dietary restrictions catered to. At the end of the month, the Meriam Hill Neighborhood Association donated the proceeds of their annual yard sale to the money raised by families at the first Douglas House yard sale.

At Huntley's request, "All Out Adventures" of Easthampton, Mass., sponsored a bike Jamboree in Lexington, bringing adaptive bikes to the house so that all residents who wanted to could benefit from the bike path which is close to the house. Douglas House provided lunch for the participants. In addition, the Massachusetts Department of Conservation held an "open park day" at Artesani Park in Brighton where several residents tried out adaptive bikes and letter-boxing!

The summer season kicked off with a Memorial Day cookout and an ice cream social at Community Rehab Care in Medford. Residents also attended a family spaghetti dinner at the Shriners Auditorium. Some residents enjoyed a 3 Dog Night concert at the Hatch Shell and look forward to hearing the Temptations and the Beach Boys at the same venue later this summer. A number of residents traveled to our neighboring city of Waltham for the 4th of July fireworks.

A long-held dream of some residents is becoming a reality. We have vegetables and herbs growing in pots on our decks and look forward to sampling the fruits of our labors.

Grateful thanks go to Ginny Alibrandi who comes two Thursdays a month to play Bingo with the residents. Likewise, Mary Morgan, who organizes Casino nights and other activities that bring the residents from all three houses together and allow them to get to know each other.

THANK YOU



The Board of Directors want to give heartfelt thanks to Larry and Judy Fudge for donating their time to coordinate and prepare SLI's Annual Board of Directors/Residents cookout. It was a great event and it was one of the few sunny days we had this summer.



Board of Directors/Residents Cookout.



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