

The Charity Guild's New Executive Director

It is with pleasure to tell you that The Charity Guild has hired an executive director, Michael Molyneux. We have not had an executive director for two years. So to have him will bring many benefits to our organization.



Michael lives in Sharon, MA, and has an extensive and interesting background. For twenty-three years, he was an editor for The New York Times. He participated in Pulitzer Prize winning 9/11 coverage as a writer of three profiles of World Trade Center victims. Michael's goal is to use his organizational and writing skills to help a social service agency flourish in this challenging environment.

Michael's career in non-profits is fairly recent. He has done grant writing for the Neponset Valley Philharmonic Orchestra and House of Hope in Warwick, RI. He obtained many sponsors for the Father Bullock Road Race in Sharon and the annual gala for House of Hope. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Sharon and does a lot of fundraising for them. He wrote the speeches for the Guidance Center of Cambridge that were delivered by their executives honoring the first lady of Massachusetts, Diane Patrick.

Educationally speaking, he has a very impressive background. After graduating from Regis High School in New York City, he went on to graduate from Princeton University and Stanford University.

We welcome Michael and his wonderful ideas. May he be with us for a very long time to see us through these very trying times.

Recent Events

- ★ Our Mother's Day Project 2010 was held at the Raymond School on May 7. The students' project was to paint potholders for their mother. When they finished they chose hand cleaners and crèmes plus tissues. Our board members then wrapped up the items in gaily colored gift bags and ribbons. One hundred ten students brought home lovely Mother's Day gifts. The costs of this project was through a Yawkey Grant.
- ★ During March, April, May and June, we brought over 80 parents and their children to the Children's Museum in North Easton. We partnered with the Museum through Paula Peterson, their executive director. There was no cost to the Guild since this was covered by the Clipper Ship Foundation and Hannaford Markets. Families had the opportunity to spend quality time with their children in an educational setting.
- ★ On May 16, 2010, we held our first "Race Against Hunger" at D.W. Field Park. The day was a ten in terms of running and walking enthusiasts. Children between 3 and 10 had fun with the 50-yard dash and Peter Vuono, the Balloon Man. There were over 65 runners and walkers. Dave Gorman was our mentor for this event. He is the "King of Races" in Brockton. We hope to see more people next year since this will be a city-wide event for all pantries in the city.
- ★ We started a program in which we deliver foods to our disabled elderly clients. The Howard Home Foundation has funded this successful program. So far, we have 20 individuals in the program.



Harvest Gala featuring "Dancing With the Champions"

On September 15, at 7:15 p.m. at the Shaw's Center, 10 couples will be competing in our first of two preliminaries gearing toward the third Harvest Gala "Dancing With the Champions." The second preliminary will be on September 22. Then on September 30, all 10 couples will be dancing at the Gala, which will also be held at Shaw's. You, the audience, will be voting for your favorite couple. Look for your invitations mid August. Remember, this was a sellout last year!

The Guild Loses a Major Food Delivery

With all this good news, it is difficult to have to tell you some bad news. Beginning in July, the Charity Guild will be cut by \$2,500 worth of food that it receives each month. This means a cut in meats, poultry and dairy products. This means that we lose 10 cases of beef, 10 cases of cheese, 5 cases of eggs and 500 pounds of chickens. This is devastating to us since we have been so dependent on this supply for several years now. We are hoping to write grants and contact wholesalers and supermarkets to help us face this challenge in a positive way. If any of you would like to recommend some viable resources, please contact us. We do not want to deprive our clients.

Overheard at The Charity Guild's Food Pantry

Just last week: A woman who had two children — an infant and a toddler — said, "You saved our lives because we have no food and I did not know what to do."

This is what The Charity Guild is all about!

Check out the news on our web page and on Facebook!

Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is open
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
10:00 a.m.

The Food Pantry is closed
when the maximum allotted
clients have been served
each day.

Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop is open
Monday through Saturday
10:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

The Thrift Shop
carries designer and
name-brand clothing
at bargain prices.

Volunteer

Just a few hours
make all the
difference!