



# Timelines



FALL 2010

## You're Invited to A **RED CARPET** Event! Monday, November 1st

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Join us on **November 1st**, for a magical **16th Annual Tucker Gala** as we celebrate our everyday stars in true starlet fashion with a professional magician, live & silent auction, tasting stations and **get your picture taken in the Hollywood Hills!** The event begins at 5:30 p.m. It will be hosted by the Marriott Boston Peabody, 8A Centennial Drive and chaired by John Mitchell, President of CAM Media. Dennis Drinkwater, President & CEO of Giant Glass, serves as Honorary Chairman. Radio personality Hank Morse will emcee. Auctioneers include comedian Tony V, Steve Sweeney and other local celebrities. Live auction items include a **Martha's Vineyard Escape**, **VIP Nascar Tickets** and **Red Sox Opening Day Tickets**.



Guests will visit tasting stations sponsored by local restaurants including: Fuddruckers, Harrows Chicken Pies, Sam's Bistro, Dockside, Horseshoe Grill, Restaurant Molise, Just Desserts, Gaetano's, Kowloon Restaurant, Marriott Boston Peabody, Mia Cucina, New England Coffee Co. and more to come.

We look forward to seeing you on November 1st. **Register by October 22nd.**

**If you are unable to attend but still wish to contribute here is a list of items still needed for our auction: sports tickets, golf outings, theater tickets, trips/vacation stays, gift baskets, gift certificates and spa certificates.**

Please use the enclosed auction insert and reply envelope to make a contribution today! **Advance registration required. Tickets are \$55 each or table of 10 \$500. For more information, please visit the EMARC's website at [www.TheEmarc.org](http://www.TheEmarc.org) or contact Beth Celona at [bethc@theemarc.org](mailto:bethc@theemarc.org) or 781-942-4888, ext. 4029.**



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### Program News

#### *A Message from our Executive Director*

I am dedicating this article to thanking the dedicated EMARC staff who diligently worked to finalize program development projects in process for nearly a year. As these projects began, staff addressed last minute details including: space renovation and set up, collaboration with funding sources and partner groups, hiring new staff and too many other small organizational details to list.

On August 16th, EMARC Day Services opened a third Life Choices program, at 2 Ray Avenue, Burlington, that provides life skills and vocational training and opportunities for 100+ full and part time participants. EMARC is pleased to offer this unique service to Burlington and the surrounding communities.

Please welcome Neil Wyatt, Life Choices Director in Burlington. Neil comes to us with 25 years experience in the Human Services field. He worked at WCI for a number of years and while there he created an Arts Initiative Collaboration, primarily for artists with developmental disabilities, for which he won two awards. Neil has an extensive background in art, and actually has a studio in Boston. Welcome aboard, Neil, we're happy to have you as part of the EMARC family.

After a year of processing applications, developing operating policies and training protocols EMARC is licensed to bill Medicaid, and placed our first Adult Foster Care (AFC) participant! The growth for AFC is only limited to the number of individuals who meet the eligibility requirements. EMARC expects twenty participants by July 2011 with continued growth in subsequent years.

Our Family Support Center was the successful bidder for the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Metro North Family Support Center contract which began on July 1st. EMARC's Family Support Center is excited to continue to provide high quality family support and advocacy for which we are known while increasing the number of families that will be referred to our agency. As well Family Support was the successful bidder for the Intensive Flexible Family Supports (IFFS) contract in DDS' Metro North and Central Middlesex areas, thus expanding the geographic footprint of EMARC's services.

EMARC's Residential Supports Division has purchased a house on Woodcrest Drive, Wakefield, that will be home for five individuals. The staff seeks a second property to offer barrier-free living space for five other residents who have ambulatory challenges. The purchase and renovation of these two homes will allow us to relocate nine individuals currently served by EMARC and create an opening for another individual seeking residential services.

Also, please welcome Gail M. Covelluzzi, CPA, as our Director of Financial Services on September 7th. Gail is an accomplished professional with over 20 years of industry and non-profit experience including 6 years as Chief Financial Officer of a non-profit healthcare organization.

EMARC staff worked additional hours beyond their normal work week with focused determination and positive attitudes knowing their efforts built services that would offer hope and opportunity to many individuals and their families. Please join me in sharing your thanks and appreciation to the EMARC staff for the successful openings of Life Choices, Burlington, the Adult Foster Care program, the Family Support Center's expanded services and the new Residential group home in Wakefield. Good Work Team!



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry Kennedy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**EMARC is pleased to acknowledge gifts from the following donors...**

**Gifts Up to \$100**

Susan D Daley  
Roger Landry, NAPA Auto & Truck Parts,  
2010 Tucker Gala

**Gifts \$101 – \$300**

James Vincent – Sponsor 16th Annual  
EMARC 5K

**Grants**

City of Medford, Recreation funding  
City of Malden, Recreation funding  
Massachusetts Charitable  
Mechanics Association

**Tributes**

**In Honor of Joshua and Daniel Owens**

Jane Ownes  
Rose Reardon

**In Honor of Jane Owens and Family**

Shawn M. Powers

**Memorials**

**In Memory of Patty Armstrong**

Tom and Margaret Morse  
Joanna Wurtele

**In Memory of John H. Bruno, Jr.**

Janine Parks

**In Memory of Christopher Flynn,  
1 year anniversary**

Irene Flynn

**In Memory of Antonio Grassini,  
10 year anniversary**

Concetta Grassini

**In Memory of Linda Lukas**

Diane Lukas Duplissa

**In Memory of Robert Noseworthy**

Dolores Parks and Family

**In-kind Gifts**

Deb Mason-McCaffrey

*Gifts received through  
May 27, 2010 – September 16, 2010*

**Making a Memorial or Tribute Gift**

Use the enclosed envelope or the pledge form on the fundraising page of our website ([www.theemarc.org](http://www.theemarc.org)) to remember a loved one or honor a friend or relative for a special occasion.

**Wish List**

EMARC is looking for donations of **furniture and household items in clean, good condition**. Please email a description of the furniture or household item(s) and your name, location and phone number to [info@theemarc.org](mailto:info@theemarc.org). Our Residential group homes are in need of **fax machines** (fax all in ones) and **flat (thin) LCD computer monitors**. **We're sorry; we are unable to accept clothing**. Thank you!

*Edna Mae Miller*  
July 7, 1918 – September 11, 2010  
*“Requiescat in pace”*



Miss Edna Mae Miller, of Malden, passed away on Saturday morning, September 11, 2010 at EMARC's Cliffside Commons home with her loving caretakers at her bedside. She was 92 years old. Born in 1918, Edna moved into our lives in June 2006; she was a beautiful soul, who loved

engaging with people. Edna was a ray of sunshine, full of life and the joy of being alive. She enjoyed knitting and other handicraft, and loved spending time with her friends, including staff. Edna made friends with almost everyone she met.

Orlease Flemmings, Cliffside Commons Director, said, “Edna has been the joy of her group home. It was always a pleasure to see her and interact with her. Edna’s spirit and heart were filled with love and joy, it sometimes make you forget how old she was. The staff here at Cliffside will greatly miss Edna and the joy that she gave to our hearts each day. We will never forget her and are forever grateful that she was placed in our lives. I personally have learned alot from her about enjoying life and taking each day with joy and gratitude. Thank You, Edna Mae.”

Our thoughts and prayers go to those who lovingly cared for Edna; Orlease Flemmings, Tracy Hanson, Sylvia Calangi, Elizabeth Habtegabriel, Grace Ligunya, Teresa Kimani, Jane-Frances Faniel, Cecelia Nyoke, Sophie Kayondo, Cristina Jalba, Tina Claydon and Anne Tetrault. Also in our prayers are the family members of staff and her neighbors, many of whom were very close to Edna, and invited her to birthday parties. Everyone very much enjoyed spending time with her, Edna was indeed a treasure.



## A Picture is Worth A Thousand Words of Gratitude

Because of the continued support from our friends at Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, Hallmark Health and EMARC staff, EMARC had a successful and fun 5K road race on September 12. The volunteers served as marshals along the course and manned the water and snack tables. Thank you to all volunteers, runners and sponsors!

*In the photo to the left:* (from left to right) Michele Boyer, Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare, Shawn Nault, EMARC Director of Day Services, Pat Simons, EMARC Volunteer Coordinator, Helen Woods, Hallmark Health Medical Center Director and Toni Russo, Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare Manager

## Bank of America School Supply Drive Benefits EMARC Students

August brings cooler mornings and a hint of fall. It also brings thousands of advertising sales on back-to-school supplies. The thought of having to purchase all the supplies on teacher's lists heightens every parent's stress level and for a number of parents served by the Family Resource Center just the thought of purchasing school supplies sends stress levels "through the roof". Enter Lori Clavette and Team Bank of America/Malden. For the past few years Lori and her team have donated cases and cases of school supplies to the families served by the Family Resource Center. Thanks to this year's donations eighty+ students served by the Family Resource Center went to school sporting the latest backpack styles overflowing with everything on teacher's back-to-school lists.



Families of kids with disabilities are often faced with financial stresses of increased medical and therapeutic expenses and one income rather than two due to the extra care their children require. Through their generosity, Bank of America's Malden associates have greatly reduced the back-to-school stress for many EMARC families.

The back-to-school drive was led by Lori Clavette, Malden Events Site Director for Bank of America. According to Lori, "Company-wide, commitment to 'make a difference in our community' is an integral part of our corporate culture. Volunteering time and resources is a way of life for Bank of America associates. We believe in the power of human relationships and encourage all associates to get involved in the communities where we live and work. We look forward to continuing our community service with EMARC staff, children and families."

The staff and families of the Family Resource Center cannot thank Team Bank of America enough. As the backpacks and supplies are located in the Family Resource Center, the staff often is lucky enough to observe parents and children picking out backpacks and filling them with needed supplies. Both the children and parents are overjoyed with their choices. There are backpacks for every age group in every imaginable color and style.

One of our most touching stories this year was having the ability to provide school supplies for a young man who received an academic scholarship to an area private high school. Although his tuition was paid, his parents would have struggled to provide him with the supplies required. He came in to the Center, along with his brother who has autism, and put together everything both boys needed to go to school. He was thrilled to have choices and Bank of America provided everything he needed to start his high school experience.

Our thanks to Team Bank of America/Malden!

## Show your EMARC Pride with Natural Elegance

As the leaves on the trees turn from green to brilliant red and orange, the CEA artists are creating an exciting new signature bracelet in brilliant "EMARC" orange. To celebrate the roll out of our exciting new logo and return to our EMARC roots, the CEA artists have designed a signature bracelet that will debut on our birthday October 14th. A limited edition of 54 bracelets will be created over the coming months, and will be available in two designs. The first will be a stretch bracelet featuring brilliant orange beads and pewter findings. The cost will range from \$10 to \$30. This design is perfect for the youngsters in your life or the young at heart.

The second design is a memory wire wrap bracelet featuring orange swarovski crystals, among other sparkling gemstones. It is a sophisticated and unique way to show your EMARC pride. Follow Natural Elegance Jewelry on Facebook for information on purchasing one of these stunning bracelets.

If you would like to host a Natural Elegance party, please contact Heather Weikel at 781-942-4888 Ext. 5029 or [ceapromo@themarc.org](mailto:ceapromo@themarc.org). Our hosts receive invites and a complimentary piece of jewelry.

## EMARC Membership Application

Membership includes our *Timelines* newsletter; the Arc US newsletter; the Arc MA newsletter, *The Advocate*; access to our Recreation and Advocacy programs and invitations to EMARC events.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all that apply:

Family Member     Professional     Interested Friend

Family Member Served (used to send mailings for age-appropriate events)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Dues: \$40 per year. Please make check payable to EMARC.



**Road Race Volunteers: Nancy Woolman and her son Cooper help out at a water station during Marathon Sports EMARC 5K.**

## Upcoming Dates & Events

**Journey to Independence:** *Real World House*

**Now offering: Payment plan options, Buy 3 get 1 free and new age group for 22+ respite skills weekend.**

**Program Dates: October – December 2010**

**House Dates:** Pick up/drop off at 368 Main St., Andover.

**Hotel Dates:** Pick up/drop off at EMARC.

**All Drop offs 11:00 a.m./pickups at 4:00 p.m.**

- October 9-10 house.
- October 23-24 hotel.
- November 6-7 hotel.
- November 20-21 house.
- December 4-5 hotel.
- December 18-19 house

Contact Nancy Nastasi at 781-942-4888, ext. 5036.

Email: [nnastasi@theemarc.org](mailto:nnastasi@theemarc.org). Each program is \$350.00. A deposit of \$178.00 is required at registration. Families may use family support funding or be funded via their local school district if applicable.

### 16th Annual Tucker Gala

Please save the date: our Annual Dinner & Auction will be held **Monday, November 1, 5:30 p.m. at the Marriott Boston Peabody**, 8A Centennial Drive. Join us for a magical 16th Annual Celebration as we celebrate our everyday stars in true starlet fashion with a professional magician, live & silent auction, tasting stations and **get your picture taken in the Hollywood Hills!**

## FROM THE CENTER FOR EMERGING ARTISTS

**October 2:** Reading Community Arts Festival, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., First Congregation Church, 25 Woburn Street, Reading. Please stop by for a selection of CEA merchandise on sale along with other vendors.

**October 14:** Hallmark Health Medical Center Sale, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., 30 New Crossing Road, Reading. Please stop by for a selection of CEA merchandise on sale in the lobby.

**October 22:** Electric Insurance Holiday Sale, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., 75 Sam Fonzo Drive, Beverly. Please stop by for a selection of our fine jewelry and merchandise from our Beverly site on sale in the cafeteria.

**November 5:** Electric Insurance Holiday Sale, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., 75 Sam Fonzo Drive, Beverly. Please stop by for a selection of our fine jewelry and merchandise on sale in the cafeteria.

**November 11:** Hallmark Health Medical Center Sale, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., 30 New Crossing Road, Reading. Please stop by for a selection of CEA merchandise on sale in the lobby.

**December 1- December 31:** Stoneham Public Library, 431 Main Street, Stoneham. CEA will have a group art exhibit in the library gallery and Natural Elegance jewelry displayed in cases for sale.

**December 2:** Annual Holiday Sale, 5-8 p.m., 34 Gould Street (Family Resource Center), Reading. Held on the same night as Reading's "Shop the Block" CEA will have a wide array of merchandise for sale for your gift giving needs.

**December 9:** Hallmark Health Medical Center Sale, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., 30 New Crossing Road, Reading. Please stop by for a selection of CEA merchandise on sale in the lobby.

**December 11:** Secret Santa Sale, 9-12 p.m., 20 Gould Street, Reading. A special shopping day for those last minute shoppers. Shhhh, don't tell Santa!



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### Be Social With Us



Learn about our upcoming events and opportunities on Facebook and Twitter. Our Facebook group page name is EMARC and our Twitter username is EMARC1954.

We have something new and exciting we'd like to share with you! It's the new EMARC toolbar, once added to IE or Firefox, each time you shop at more than 1,300 stores (from Amazon to Zazzle!) a percentage of your purchase will automatically be donated to EMARC at no cost to you (and you may even save money as the toolbar provides coupons and deals as well!). The toolbar also has a search box and each time you search the Internet, about a penny is donated to EMARC.

To join check out: <http://www.goodsearch.com/toolbar/the-arc-east-middlesex>



Masthead photo  
on page 1 - Kids Rule:  
Two participants of our  
Kids Race relax before  
the big event!

## Ready, Set, Go!



On a sunny Sunday morning in September, 365 runners came out to run in the Marathon Sports EMARC 5K. What they didn't realize is that they participated in our most successful race in our 16 year stretch!

Congratulations to our **top finisher: Nick Wirth** of Melrose.

EMARC gives special thanks to Race Director, Brian Slater of the Melrose Running Club, Melrose Mayor Rob Dolan as Honorary Chairman of the event and Marathon Sports our Grand Sponsor. Thanks to our volunteers and runners who were sponsored and to those who pledged their support.

Funds raised support our Recreation Programs. The recreation activities we offer include integrated sports, Special Olympics training and teams, dances, crafts, music therapy, cooking, outings and special events. These activities are held independently and in cooperation with local schools and YMCAs. Recreation programs are vital to social development, self-confidence and good health. Because people with disabilities are at risk of developing diabetes and cardiovascular disease more frequently and at an earlier age than the general population, we have made it a priority to make fitness fun for the children we support.

We hope to see you all next year!