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For 50 years, Communities for People has been there for children, youth, and families—helping create brighter futures, strengthen connections, and open doors to new possibilities. Over five decades, tens of thousands of youth and families have been touched by CFP’s work, made possible by the dedication of our staff and the support of a community that believes every young person deserves the opportunity to thrive.

Tonight, we celebrate that legacy—and the people who have made it possible. To our staff, community partners, sponsors, volunteers, foster families, donors, and supporters: thank you. Your commitment has shaped CFP’s past, strengthened our present, and helps us build toward the next 50 years.

Thank you for being part of the CFP family and this incredible journey. Let’s celebrate 50 Years of Care. A Lifetime of Impact. And in true 1970s spirit, we’ll make it a night to remember!

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EVENING PROGRAM

6:00 - 7:30PM Enjoy cocktails and small bites while we take a step back in time! Be sure to visit each room to learn more about CFP over the years, and check out our photo ops, raffle, and silent auction.

7:35 - 8:15PM Brief program, featuring:

- Nicole Estaphan Reporter and Producer, WCVB's Chronicle
- Joe Leavey, Founder
- Craig Gordon, President and CEO
- Featured video
- Misty Delgado, Esq.
Former CFP Youth and Board Member
- Boyce Slayman, CFP Chairperson Emeritus

8:20 - 9:00PM Auction and raffle winner check out
Dessert will be served, to enjoy over one last drink or box up for the ride home

Meet our Keynote Speaker, Misty Delgado, Esq.



A proud daughter of Providence, Rhode Island, Attorney Misty Delgado's lifelong connection to the communities she calls home deeply fuels her commitment to public service. Her journey is beautifully intertwined with CFP; she first connected with the organization over twenty years ago as a parenting youth in foster care, growing alongside CFP and eventually joining its Board of Directors.

Misty later stepped down from the CFP Board to accept the role of Senior Legal Counsel for the Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF), where she prosecuted sensitive cases involving the safety and well-being of children across the state. Today, she serves as DCYF's Chief of Staff, overseeing a wide range of critical operations that support the department's mission.

Misty's journey reflects the growth and resilience that CFP works to inspire. During her first year with CFP, while participating in the mandatory parenting class as a young parent, she received the "Most Improved" award—an honor that speaks to her determination and commitment to growth. Today, she continues to serve her community through leadership roles on nonprofit boards statewide, focusing on education, essential services for justice-involved individuals, and the support and development of young people.

Misty lives in Rhode Island with her children and looks forward to sharing her experiences—from youth in foster care to adult advocate—as well as her hopes for the future of CFP, with all of us.

Meet our EMCEE: Nicole Estaphan

Reporter and Producer, WCVB's *Chronicle*



Award-winning journalist Nicole Estaphan is a reporter and producer for WCVB's *Chronicle*, the nation's longest running and top rated locally produced news magazine which airs weeknights on WCVB at 7:30 PM. Nicole joined WCVB NewsCenter 5 in January of 2016 as a freelance news reporter.

Before joining WCVB, Nicole reported in Utica, New York; Burlington, Vermont; Providence, Rhode Island; and most recently Atlanta, Georgia at WAGA-TV FOX 5. During her time in the south, she conducted the last televised interview with poet Maya Angelou. Her work also included Georgia-based reporting for "On the Record with Greta Van Susteren." While in Georgia, Nicole received state recognition for her series of reports on a toxic neighborhood with a legacy of military waste dumping. The chemicals left behind were thought to be the cause of a cancer cluster. Though the military never admitted fault, Nicole's reporting led to immediate mitigation.

While at WCVB, Nicole also spent some time over the last two years working on NASA's North Atlantic Aerosols and Marine Ecosystems Study (NAAMES) documentary project, including shooting two full months in the North Atlantic. It was the first time a journalist was embedded for that length of time with a NASA mission at sea. She's also done producing for The Discovery Channel.

In addition to her charity work serving as event emcee for The Muscular Dystrophy Association, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, The National Brain Tumor Society, and Girls, Inc., she volunteers at a dog rescue shelter in Dedham, MA.

Without a doubt, and above all else, Nicole believes that sharing our stories can be life changing. Of all her work, encouraging younger generations is of utmost importance to her. She is currently working on a program with the Children's Smile Coalition, to help kids living in poverty find their voice and confidence through public speaking.

Nicole graduated from Emerson College in Boston with a master's degree in journalism. In her spare time, it is a safe bet that you can find her on the water or in the pottery studio.



Proudly featuring Cody as the artist of our 50th Anniversary invites, save the dates and more.

Cody Lottmann is a Boston-based artist, creative, and small business owner of Cody's Illustrations. Their passion for art began at age five and has grown into a lifelong pursuit of creativity, storytelling, and entrepreneurship. Cody has been involved with DCF since age 10 and joined a Communities for People residential program in February 2024.

Their work has been featured in several zines and anthologies, including Spine, The International Stories Project, and Excellence. Cody has also partnered with Futures Without Violence on a performance project and received the Beyond Pride Scholarship for a poetry project exploring the intersection of art and writing.

Most recently, Cody collaborated with CFP on artwork for our 50th Anniversary cards and event materials. Now beginning their college journey, Cody plans to major in Illustration and Interrelated Media with a minor in Business of the Creative Industries. They are also completing their first book, combining art and poetry, with plans to publish in 2026.

PREVIEW AUCTION ITEMS



Two Night Stay for Two at the beautiful Von Trapp Family Lodge in Stowe, VT

Donated by: *Von Trapp Family Lodge*

Value: \$1,000 **Starting Bid:** \$250

Blackout dates: holiday and foliage season.

Escape to the beautiful Vermont mountains with a two-night stay for two at the iconic Von Trapp Family Lodge in Stowe, Vermont, including breakfast each morning.

Inspired by the real-life von Trapp family of *The Sound of Music*, the lodge offers European-inspired hospitality, breathtaking mountain views, and a peaceful setting perfect for a romantic getaway or relaxing retreat.

This memorable Vermont escape steeped in history, scenery, and the spirit of the Von Trapp family includes:

- Two-night stay for two
- Breakfast each morning
- Beautiful mountain setting in Stowe, Vermont



Four VIP Tickets to Boston's Holiday Tree Lighting with WCVB

Donated by: *WCVB*

Value: *Priceless* **Starting Bid:** \$300

Kick off the holiday season in style with four VIP tickets to Boston's Holiday Tree Lighting with WCVB! Enjoy a festive evening filled with holiday cheer, live entertainment, special guests, and the excitement of watching Boston's holiday tree light up.

Package includes:

- Four VIP tickets to the Thursday, December 3rd Tree Lighting from 7-8PM
- Access to exclusive VIP areas and event experiences
- An unforgettable evening of holiday festivities with WCVB

Gather your family or friends and make lasting memories at this magical Boston holiday tradition!

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Two Portrait Prizes with 1-night luxury stay for 4 at AC Hotel by Marriott Portsmouth Downtown/Waterfront

Donated by: Mallory Portraits

Value: \$3,000 - \$3,100 **Starting Bid:** \$300

Hotel stay is for a Sunday-Friday and the portrait session must be scheduled and used at the same time. Certificates must be used by March 1, 2027.

You have two great options to bid on! between a family portrait session OR give your furry family member the star treatment with a pet portrait.

Winners will enjoy a one-room, overnight luxury stay for four at the AC Hotel by Marriott Portsmouth Downtown/Waterfront, located in the heart of beautiful downtown Portsmouth. The winner of the pet portrait will also receive pet sitting (if needed) to use while exploring the town.

Studio policy requires all clients to make a 100% refundable deposit of \$300 at the time of scheduling to reserve a portrait session appointment and their hotel reservation. Refunds are made after the client makes their portrait selection.

Clients can expect to receive their finished, unframed 20-inch heirloom portrait within 5 months.



Viola Davis

In a custom St. John gown and wearing EFFY jewelry.

Own a Piece of Red-Carpet History: Custom St. John Gown worn by Viola Davis

Donated by: Craig and Suellen Gordon

Value: Priceless **Starting Bid:** \$300

Step into Hollywood history with this stunning St. John gown worn by Academy Award-winning actress (and Rhode Island native!) Viola Davis at the 2016 NAACP Image Awards.

A memorable piece connected to one of today's most celebrated actresses, this elegant gown offers a unique opportunity for a fashion collector, Viola Davis fan, or lover of red-carpet history to own a truly special piece. The dress has been custom made for Ms. Davis and is approximately a US size 10.

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2025-26 Boston Celtics Team Autographed Basketball

Donated by: *Boston Celtics*

Value: \$750 **Starting Bid:** \$200

Bring home a piece of Celtics history with this official 2025–26 Boston Celtics basketball autographed by the team.

A must-have for any Celtics fan, this collectible features signatures from members of the 2025–26 team and makes a standout addition to any sports collection, office, or fan cave.

A one-of-a-kind piece of Boston basketball memorabilia—and a chance to own something signed by the team you cheer for!



“Flowers in Blue Vase” , Original Oil Painting

Donated by: *Walter Sherburne*

Value: \$400 **Starting Bid:** \$100

Beautiful 9x12 oil painting, created by former CFP staff member Walter Sherburne.

"I worked at CFP for 12 amazing years and I'm just glad to support the work by a great organization."
-Walter Sherburne

PREVIEW AUCTION ITEMS



A Private Paint Night Party for 10

Donated by: *Positive Paint Party, Ally Boyle*

Value: \$350 **Starting Bid:** \$100

Bring the fun of a guided painting class right to your home, office, or next gathering with a Positive Paint Party led by artist and instructor Ally Boyle!

Perfect for any skill level and all ages, Ally's step-by-step classes make painting approachable, relaxing, and fun—think of it as your own traveling "Bob Ross" experience. Ally provides all art materials, setup, guided instruction, and cleanup, making this a completely turnkey experience for your group.

Gather your friends, family, coworkers, or community for an unforgettable creative experience—and everyone gets to take home their own one-of-a-kind masterpiece!

About the Artist: Ally Boyle studied Illustration at Massachusetts College of Art and Design and founded Positive Paint Parties to share her love of art and creativity with communities throughout the region.



Football signed by New England Patriots Tight End Hunter Henry

Donated by: *Hunter Henry*

Value: \$300 **Starting Bid:** \$120

Own a piece of New England Patriots memorabilia with this football autographed by Patriots Tight End Hunter Henry. A great addition to any football fan's collection, this signed football is a unique keepsake for Patriots fans and sports memorabilia collectors alike.



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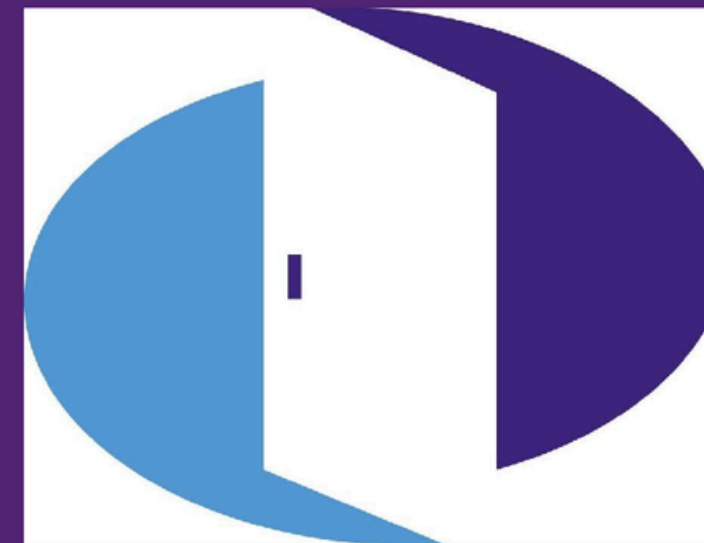


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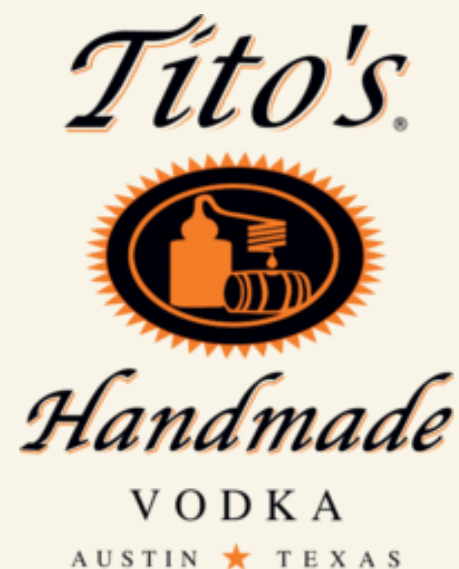


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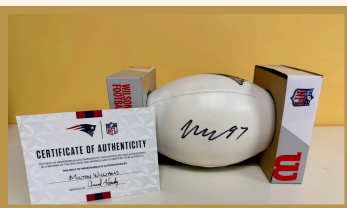
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***and decades of amazing Staff, Foster Parents and
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We are grateful to be ongoing recipients of Cake4Kids' delicious donations. Cake4Kids was founded in California in 2010 after Libby Gruender was moved by an article about a teen in foster care receiving her first ever birthday cake. Fifteen years later, volunteers across the country are still honoring Libby's legacy by delivering homemade cakes for kids in foster care in nearly 30 metro areas across the country. Throughout the year, we reach out to Cakes4Kids to help ensure every birthday spent in CFP programs feels like a celebration.



Our first Topgolf sponsor, our first furniture grant, our first iWorks employer in the financial sector. We have a lot to be grateful for when it comes to Charlesbridge, and for their willingness to take chances when it comes to supporting their community. A mutual multi-bank holding company headquartered right where we are celebrating in Dedham, Charlesbridge clearly take their core values (Mutuality, Accountability, Innovation, Quality, and Collaboration) and community dedication seriously.



For almost all of the twenty plus years Concentric Energy Advisors has been in existence, they have been helping make the holidays brighter by fulfilling wish lists from youth in our programs. An employee-owned management consulting firm specializing in solving complex issues in the North American energy and water industries, we're grateful to be selected year after year as a way for their team to slow down and give back.

Hunter and Parker Henry



For four years and counting, Hunter and Parker Henry have gone above and beyond for CFP and the youth and families we serve. From holiday gift parties and bike and sneaker giveaways to hosting special events at Kendra Scott, they continually make time in their busy schedules to show up for our community. They've donated incredible auction items, served as ambassadors for CFP, and found

countless ways to turn their platform and generosity into meaningful impact. We couldn't be more grateful for their continued partnership, generosity, and commitment to CFP—and we're so proud to recognize Hunter and Parker as Community Champions.



For nearly half of CFP's 50 years, we've been proud to partner with Suffolk University's Moakley School of Management and the Department of Children and Families to help young people move from foster care to a paycheck, résumé, workplace skills, and a vision for their future. Together, we help each youth find an appropriate fit for their first work experience, partnering with over 50 employers across every sector to make that path real, one job, skill, and milestone at a time.



Pizza Center

We are continuously grateful to The Pizza Center in Winthrop for the decades of patience, kindness, and willingness to work with youth facing a variety of challenges as they help guide them through their first work experience as iWorks interns.

Foster Parents and Mentors



Foster parents and mentors have been at the heart of CFP's work, opening their homes, sharing their time, and showing up for young people when they need someone in their corner. From welcoming a child or youth into their family to offering guidance, encouragement, and a listening ear, their commitment has made a lasting difference in countless lives. To every foster parent and mentor who has supported CFP over the years: thank you for believing in young people, investing in their futures, and being part of the CFP family. Your care and commitment have helped shape 50 years of impact—and we are incredibly grateful.



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Special thanks to our state partners, advocacy groups, fellow child welfare agencies, and the many others who have helped us long the way:

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THANK YOU TO OUR DEDICATED STAFF

For 50 years, **CFP staff** have been the people behind the mission—advocating, innovating, problem-solving, and finding new ways to meet young people and families where they are. From those who helped shape CFP in its earliest days to the team carrying that work forward today, generations of staff have poured their knowledge, creativity, and dedication into building an organization that continues to evolve with the needs of the community. To every staff member who has been part of CFP’s journey: thank you for the work you’ve done, the change you’ve helped create, and the legacy you’ve helped build.



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