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Moran—Ventre CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Moran-Ventre is completing 33 years of providing initiatives that benefit people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. A major initiative provided by the Foundation has been the Ben Moran Scholarship. Since 2011 the Foundation has been awarding scholarships to college students enrolled. In 2019 the Moran-Ventre Foundation created the Ben Moran Endowed Scholarship at RIC Foundation to provide scholarships to students enrolled in the Special Education Curriculum at Rhode Island College. At the December 17, 2019 Board of Directors meeting, it was voted to Grant an additional \$50,000 to the RIC Foundation Ben Moran Endowed Scholarship in 2020.

We give special thanks to Doug Brown for his many years of service as a member of the Board of Directors of our Foundation. The Board and I appreciated Doug's many contributions and for his commitment to the Foundation. We will miss Doug's presence on our Board, but wish Doug and his lovely wife Rosemary many wonderful years of retirement.

Along with providing financial Grants in 2019, the Foundation continued to operate the very popular Paul Tardif Sr. Good Times With Friends winter bowling league. 28 five member teams enjoyed 12 weeks of bowling (every other Sunday) during the gray winter days at Walnut Hill Bowl, including our Christmas celebration and year ending Awards Fun Day.

Our musical group, Blind Faith, continues to inspire hundreds of fans who attend their performance each year.

I would like to thank my Board of Directors, volunteers and many contributors for their continued support. Together, we enable our Foundation to serve as a safety net for many individuals and their families.

Wishing you a Happy and Healthy 2020.

RIC Foundation Introduces New Scholarship



Rhode Island College President Frank D. Sánchez and Moran-Ventre Charitable Foundation President Jerry Ventre.

November 20, 2019

The Moran-Ventre Charitable Foundation, which supports people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, has announced that its Ben Moran Endowed Scholarship will now be managed by the RIC Foundation. Moran-Ventre is contributing a \$50,000 gift toward the scholarship, which will start in academic year 2020-21 and provide \$2,000 annually to a Rhode Island College student(s) pursuing a degree in special education.

The scholarship initially began in 2011, after John Moran Sr., who established the charitable foundation, named the scholarship in honor of his grandson, Ben, who died tragically at a young age.

“We hope this scholarship will help students financially while they strive to obtain their degrees, and we hope that they will commit to helping people with disabilities,” said Jerry Ventre, president of the foundation.

“We’re glad to be working with Rhode Island College because it has an excellent special education program,” said Ventre, who graduated with a special education degree from RIC in 1968. “There’s a significant number of people affected by developmental disabilities and they need good teachers.”

“Rhode Island College recently launched a new teacher education curriculum intended to address the shortage of special education teachers in the state,” said RIC President Frank D. Sánchez. “With this scholarship, Jerry Ventre and the Moran-Ventre Foundation are ensuring that these teacher candidates will have the resources they need to address the critical needs of Rhode Island’s education system.”

RIC Foundation Executive Director Edwin Pacheco praised the Moran-Ventre Charitable Foundation for its generosity. “Their support will serve as inspiration to those students aspiring to serve community members with developmental disabilities,” he said. “None of this would have been possible without the leadership of Jerry and his fellow board members.”

Ying Hui-Michael, chair and professor of special education at RIC, echoed Pacheco’s sentiments.

“Individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities must have the opportunity to have a meaningful quality of life. We prepare special education professionals to uphold the values of self-determination, dignity and respect in every interaction with individuals with disabilities. The Ben Moran Endowed Scholarship helps special education program students who have such values and qualities,” said Hui-Michael.

Ventre recalled his devotion to special education.

“My connection to people with developmental disabilities was immediate,” he said. “When I was 15 a good friend of mine invited me to volunteer for the Woonsocket chapter of an organization that helps children with disabilities. I enjoyed helping and becoming friends with them.”

After graduating from RIC, Ventre went on to become a special education teacher in Woonsocket. In 1986 he became president of the Moran-Ventre Charitable Foundation.



BEN MORAN SCHOLARSHIP

The Board of Directors of the Moran-Ventre Charitable Foundation voted to partner with the Rhode Island College Foundation to offer the Ben Moran Scholarship Grant.

Beginning in 2019, the Ben Moran Scholarship will be available to Rhode Island College students who have chosen to serve the community of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Students who are sophomore and above along with Graduate students who have selected the curriculum of Special Education may apply for the Ben Moran Scholarship. Jerry Ventre, President of the Moran-Ventre Charitable Foundation is a RIC graduate whose life's work has been in this special field. The Board of Directors is very excited about this opportunity to continue the work of the Moran-Ventre Charitable Foundation to make a difference in the daily lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 17

Annual John E. Sr. & Rita Moran Memorial Golf Tournament at the Pawtucket Country Club.

November 14

Club 100 2020 Grand Finale Dinner at Wright's Farm Restaurant.

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JOHN E. SR. AND RITA MORAN MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The John E. Sr and Rita Moran Memorial Golf Tournament took place this year at Pawtucket Country Club on August 19, 2019. The weather accommodated us on this special day with perfect conditions for all to enjoy the Pawtucket CC Course. Once again, we had a full field of players resulting in another great year for the Foundation along with a very successful raffle and Auction. Pawtucket CC received high praise for the golf course, meals and wonderful accommodations. Our sincere gratitude and thanks to McLaughlin & Moran Inc for being our prime sponsor for beverages and dinner. With favorable reaction to the Pawtucket CC venue, our Board of Directors has chosen to return to Pawtucket CC for the 2020 John E. and Rita Moran golf tournament. Tournament to be held August 17, 2020.



2019 GOLF TOURNAMENT WINNERS



First Team Scramble Women: Mary Ellen Walsh, Anna Horoschak, Cheryl Racofsky, Gale Hanna

First Team Scramble Men: Bob Lafond, Alicia Cannon, Gary Alger, Mike Sherry

Second Team Scramble Men: Dave Narodowy, Glenn Narodowy, Neil Narodowy, Gary Narodowy

Best Ball Winners: Joe McKenna, Jake Gaffey, Jim Shriver, David Hanna



2019 John E. & Rita Moran Golf Tournament
"Best Shot Golf Award" presented to Alex Campellone
by Jerry Ventre and Richard Carriere

Best Tournament Putt by a Golfer with Special Needs
presented to John Nunes

2019 MAJOR GRANTS AWARDED

- Rhode Island College Foundation Ben Moran Memorial Scholarship Fund \$50,000
- Diocese of Providence Msgr Sabourin Vacation Bible Camp for people with Disabilities \$1,500
- ShRI Service Corp Grant for \$1,500 Yoga Classes for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities
- R.I. Special Olympics Grant \$1,000
- Children's Friend Grant \$1,500 for Early Intervention Program
- Stepping Out Grant \$1,500 to support community socialization programs for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities
- Ocean State Charities \$1,000 to support programs for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities
- Kaleidoscope Theatre \$1,000 for program support
- Woonsocket Wolverines \$1,500 for program support
- Camp Ruggles Grant \$300 for program support
- J.Arthur Trudeau Center Grant \$1,000 for Ipad computers for Employment Concepts Program
- Artist's Exchange Grant \$1,000 for Christmas Carol production
- Arc of Blackstone Valley Grant \$1,000 for Square point program
- Seven Hills of Rhode Island Grant \$1,000 for basic living expenses related to fire disaster.
- Chris Day Grant \$1,000
- Braintree Public Schools Grant \$538 equipment for Special Needs
- Advocates in Action Grant \$2,000 for self advocacy



Good Times With Friends Christmas Fun Day.



7 Hills Christmas party 2019
that Moran Ventre Foundation co-sponsors

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The past dedication of these individuals will always be remembered.

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MAY THE ROAD RISE
TO MEET YOU.
MAY THE WIND BE
ALWAYS AT YOUR BACK.
MAY THE SUN SHINE
WARM UPON YOUR FACE,
THE RAIN FALL SOFT
UPON YOUR FIELDS.
AND UNTIL
WE MEET AGAIN,
MAY GOD HOLD YOU
IN THE HOLLOW OF
HIS HAND.

*Past Board Member **Passed away 2019

GRAND FINALE WINNERS!

\$250	Pat Lindquist, Karol Izureta
\$100	John Moran Jr, Charlotte Higham Marie Capobianco
\$1,000	Francis Pacheco
\$500	Jeff Bernier