



“Our program has used Bridget Brigade Foundation to ease the financial burden of patients and families. The Bridget Brigade has been a tremendous help, particularly to one family who is in great need while their son is being treated for a brain tumor,” --- Michele Sloper, Jimmy Fund social worker

“When a parent is not working to be with their sick child for months at a time, it is the generosity of others that helps keep the family going. Thank you Bridget Brigade!” -- A recipient mother

EARLY SUMMER 2013 NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends,

Happy Summer 2013! Before we head into the hot summer months we want to thank all of you who have generously supported us throughout the year. We also want to provide an update on what our foundation has been up to and what we have planned for the near future. We hope to provide this type of update twice a year, in the late spring/early summer and in the winter. As you can tell by the quotes at the top of our newsletter, your generosity is making a difference for families with critically-ill children and we want to share our activity.

If you have any questions or suggestions after reading this update, please don't hesitate to contact us at info@BridgetBrigade.org.

Best,

The Bridget Brigade Foundation

About The Bridget Brigade Foundation:

Founded in memory of Bridget Marie Dobbins, The Bridget Brigade Foundation is a Winchester-based 501(c)(3) charity that raises funds to provide support to families from Massachusetts with a critically-ill child.



Bridget Brigade Bash Recap

"The Bash" is our major fundraising event. Last December, more than 200 friends and family members attended the celebration at Winchester Town Hall. It was a festive party with dinner and dancing thanks to the Swinging Johnsons who performed live. We are happy to announce that through ticket sales, donated raffle and silent auction items and the generosity of our sponsors, we raised more than \$34,000 dollars! The event proceeds, coupled with funds obtained from previous fundraising efforts, are enabling us to help six new families.



Bridget Brigade Toy Drive Recap

During our annual toy drive, we collect toys at various locations and give them to pediatric patients at area hospitals during the holidays. This past season, 980 toys were delivered!



2013 Milestones:

- Supported families with substantial \$5,000 grants helping them with mortgage payments, rent, heat and other monthly expenses.
- Provided an additional \$500 in "quality of life" funds to our families. The grants have been used for such things as gym memberships, family outings, children's Christmas gifts, sibling's college supplies and children's bedroom furniture.
- Donated 150 pinwheels to local pediatric patients. The pinwheels included a "get well" message from children who stopped by the BBF booth at Winchester's Town Day.
- Approved a grant to Winchester Hospital for the purchase of a pediatric glidescope (enables quick intubation).

SAVE THE DATES!

 8th Annual Toy Drive: November 27 through December 10, 2013

 4th Annual Bridge Brigade Bash: Saturday, December 7, 2013

Information about these events and more about the BBF can be found on our website at www.BridgetBrigade.org and also on our [Facebook page](#).