Christopher Medeiros, owner of South Coast Towing Inc., New Bedford, recently donated $10,000 to support 3 programs at Child & Family Services, Inc.

“We are honored that Mr. Medeiros chose to support the vital work we do in the community to heal and strengthen the lives of children and families,” stated Susan Remy, Director of Development. “A donation of this magnitude goes a long way to enhance our programs that provide direct services to those in need.”

“I have had people ask me why I decided to donate to Child & Family Services,” stated Christopher Medeiros, owner of South Coast Towing Inc. “The answer is simple. When I was a child, I was not raised in a wealthy family of money but a wealthy family of love and support. I have seen unfortunate children that don’t have the love and support that I grew up with and it’s not fair that they don’t have a chance.

We at South Coast Towing Inc. empathize with the families and children that Child & Family Services assist every day. The everyday heroes that we forget to acknowledge is the staff of Child & Family Services who assist these families. I want to say thank you to all the staff of Child & Family Services who make a difference in the lives of these children and their families, each one of you are an extraordinary person.”

Mr. Medeiros went on to say, “We were blessed to raise $10,000.00 thanks to our guests who purchased tickets and attended this event.” Thank you to our generous sponsors: Kia of Dartmouth, Route 6 Auto Mall, Savage Advertising, Couto Construction, Check Collision Center, Top Shelf Bar & Grill, Toyota of Dartmouth, Maaco of New Bedford, Acushnet Police, Black Bass & Grille, Palace Pizza, Rockland Trust and more. This charity event would not have been successful without everyone’s generous donations. South Coast Towing Inc. strongly believes in ‘Pay It Forward’ and everyone that attended, along with the sponsors, helped keep this spirit alive. “I personally thank you all for that,” he added.

“Again, thank you from the bottom of my heart for making a difference in a child’s life,” said Mr. Medeiros. “May God bless these children and their families.”

**HOMETOWN HEROES**

**The Greater New Bedford Community**
for their continued support and generosity

**Five Star Collision**
for donating 50 new children’s coats

**Country Woolens and Trucchi’s Supermarket**
for holding coat drives this winter

**Holy Name Church, Prince Henry Society, and Chris Gallant**
for collecting toy and personal care items to benefit children and adults this holiday season

**Members of the New Bedford Chamber and the South Coast Young Professionals**
for volunteering their time to wrap for Holiday Hope

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT US ONLINE AT: WWW.CHILD-FAMILYSERVICES.ORG
There’s No Feeling Like Hope for the Holidays

Each and every year we become more and more impressed with the members of our community. This year, we had an outstanding outcome with both our 365 Days of Hope Gala and Holiday Hope Project. It is because of YOU, 558 individuals and families had hope for a brighter holiday. Whether you purchased a ticket, sponsored our event, bought a gift for a child, shopped for an entire family, ran coat/toy drives, or volunteered your time, it was recognized and appreciated by all of us here at Child & Family along with the many hearts you’ve touched this holiday season. We are forever grateful for your kindness and support!

The following groups, along with many individuals and local families, contributed to helping children and families this holiday season:

- Acushnet-Wesley U.M. Church
- AFC Cable
- Alphographics
- Anne & Paul Luenva
- Anne Whiting
- Atlantic Lighting, Inc.
- Babitt Steam
- Bishop Stang High School
- Body Works Zumba
- Borden & Remington Corp.
- Brian & Mary Lynch
- Brother Machine Co.
- Buzzards Bay Rowing Club
- Card’s Customer Service
- Charlton Memorial Hospital
- CEL Engineering
- Congo Church South Dartmouth
- Daniel & Jennifer Schiltzer
- Dartmouth Early Learning
- Dartmouth High School
- Dartmouth Total Fitness
- Dartmouth YMCA
- DeMello Elementary School
- Dryzone Basement Systems
- East Fairhaven High School
- Fathom Resources
- FII Insure
- First Bristol Corp.
- First Citizens’ Federal Credit Union
- First Congregational Church
- Five Star Collision
- Freemasons of Fairhaven
- Gail & Roger Dahlberg
- Glaser Glass Corp.
- Hadley Insult Group
- Hawthorn Hill Preschool
- Helen Dandurand
- How On Earth Stone
- Holy Name Church
- Horizon Marine
- Jack Conway Mattapoisett
- Joseph DeMello School
- Kerrin & Ernest Thompson
- Law Office of Moira Tierney
- Learning House Preschool
- Lockheed Martin
- Lorraine & Louis Travers
- Lyles & Nancy Bourgault
- MA Commission for the Blind
- Michael & Susan Kramer
- Nancy & Jack Brainmayer
- New Bedford Mayor’s Office
- Northeast Maritime Institute
- Old Rochester Regional Central Office
- Panera (Dartmouth)
- Paul & Dixon Insurance
- Pine Hill Equipment
- Prince Henry Society
- R.A. Mitchell Co. Inc.
- Rolos Electric
- Reinhart Foodservice
- Rockland Trust Bank
- Rosalyn Glaser
- Smithers Viscent
- Southcoast Health
- Southern Mass Credit Union
- St. Lukes Hospital
- State Police Dartmouth D-3
- Stephanie & Marga Gabriel
- Sunrise Racquetball League
- Tabor Academy
- The Dancer’s Edge/I’ve Got Rhythm
- The Jolly Family
- The Longchamp Family
- Transit Services, Inc. (Yellow Cab)
- U13 Vipers
- Wed. Afternoon Bookworms
- Westport Pt. United Methodist Church
- Women’s Alliance of Fairhaven
- Zeiterion Performing Arts Center

CFS Announces New Program: Parents as Teachers

Parents As Teachers (PAT) is a modeled-certified program that emphasizes parent-child interaction, development centered parenting, and family well-being. The PAT program works with parents from prenatal to kindergarten age by doing family centered assessments and following a structured curriculum. Family centered assessments serve as a strategy to get to know and understand the family, their resources, and their needs.

Each participant is assigned a certified Parent Educator. A certified Parent Educator will do four interrelated and integrated components to the PAT model:

1) Personal Visits
2) Group Connections
3) Child Screening
4) Resource Networking

The PAT model is designed to achieve four primary goals:

1) Increase parent knowledge of early childhood development & improve parenting practice
2) Provide early detection of developmental delays and health issues
3) Prevent child abuse and neglect
4) Increase children’s school readiness and school success

- Erich Blankenburg
  Director for YPBA and PAT Programs

The 19th Annual MARE (Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange) Awards Ceremony recognizes the exceptional work done by agencies and individual social workers to accomplish a common goal of finding permanent families for waiting children. We are proud to share with you the awards our adoption staff received for their outstanding work:

Outstanding Use of MARE Registration & Photo-listing:
Fall River

Outstanding MARE adoption party attendance:
Fall River

Outstanding Number of MARE-assisted placements:
Natalie Gill (Lawrence Office)

Outstanding Agency Collaboration with MARE:
Lawrence Office

Congratulations to all!

Adoption Program Receives 4 MARE Awards!
Lanes are filling up fast. Register Now!

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Child & Family Services presents its 13th Annual Bowl For Kids’ Sake!

This is a great event for family, friends, and coworkers to get together for a fun afternoon of bowling to benefit the children in need of a mentor.

Not a bowler?
Pledge someone who is, or be a Lane Sponsor. There are many ways you can show your support!

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