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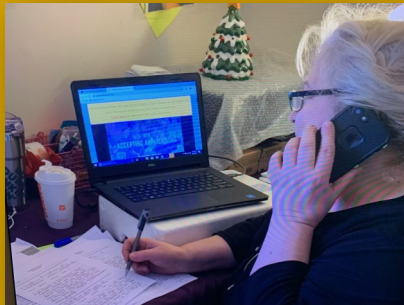
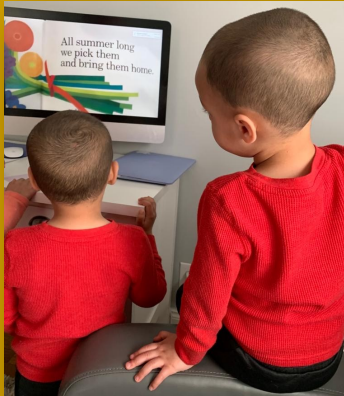


Date: October 15, 2020 at 6 PM

Place: Wherever You Want!

Who: Communities United, Inc.





A Message from the Executive Director

Dear Friends and Supporters,

We hope you and your family are well. CUI is celebrating 50 years of supporting children and families in the Greater Boston area. This year's fundraiser is even more important than past years due to the impact COVID-19 has had on services to our most vulnerable children and families.

When our centers closed on March 13th, no one could have imagined that our doors would remain closed for the remainder of the school year. However, CUI teachers rose to the challenge with innovative solutions, including:

- Weekly lessons with teachers on Google Meets
- Videos of teachers reading books in multiple languages
- Staff dropping off groceries to quarantined families
- Weekly progress phone calls to all families

We need your help meeting the new Massachusetts health and safety standards. Our classrooms will only accommodate half of the children from last year, which means half of our children will continue to receive home distance learning as their primary mode of education.

Thank you for joining us on October 15th as we go virtual with special guests Ed Harding from WCVB and multi-platinum recording artist Rachel Platten. And if you haven't yet, won't you please commit now with a donation that supports "Funding our Children's Futures!" at www.communitiesunitedinc.org/annualgala.

Sincerely,

Terri Natale
Executive Director



SPECIAL GUESTS



RACHEL PLATTEN

Born in New York City and raised in Massachusetts, Rachel Platten is an Emmy Award winner, Author, and multi-platinum selling recording artist. Few artists in the past decade have struck a chord of hope and resilience like she did with her empowering hit “Fight Song.” Rachel topped countless radio and iTunes charts worldwide, with her major label debut album “Wildfire” which also included the platinum Billboard Hot 100 hit, “Stand By You.” In 2017, Rachel Platten released her second full-length album for Columbia Records called Waves, co-writing every song. More intimate songs such as the bewitching “Collide,” the piano-tinged “Hands”, and the album’s moving closer “Grace” reflect the unguarded side of the talented singer songwriter. Earlier this year, Rachel authored her first children’s book titled “You Belong.” Based on her 2018 song of the same name, “You Belong” is a warm and loving message of welcome to newborn babies that will touch the hearts of everyone.

ED HARDING

Ed is an award-winning local journalist who has been a member of NewsCenter 5 for over 25 years. He is the recipient of numerous awards including three Boston/New England Emmy awards for best Anchor-News and two first place Massachusetts Broadcasters Association Sound Bites award for On-Air Personality, among others.

Ed joined WCVB in 1988 as weekend sports anchor and reporter. He took over as co-anchor of the EyeOpener newscast in 2000 and added co-anchor of the 11 PM newscast in 2004. He helped launch WCVB’s NewsCenter 5 at 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM in January 2016 when WCVB added those newscasts to its lineup.

A native of the Boston suburb of Newton, Ed graduated from Emerson College in Boston.



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Gala Agenda


1. Welcome remarks from Executive Director, Terri Natale
2. Back on Track Initiatives: Ed Harding, WCVB News
3. Event Committee Leader Steven Favreau,
Favreau Design
4. Lead Sponsor Recognition by Bob Ernst,
FBN Construction
5. CUI Teachers
6. Harry Carey, Chairperson, CUI Board of Directors
7. CUI Children and Families
8. Ed Harding
9. Sarah Surrain, Ed. M. Harvard University

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Gala Agenda (continued)

- 10. CUI Families
 - 11. Terri Natale
 - 12. CUI Parent
 - 13. Special Guest Introduction by Danielle Coles,
Waltham Creative Start
 - 14. Rachel Platten, Special Guest Performance
 - 15. CUI Parent
 - 16. Closing Remarks: Terri Natale
 - 17. “Thank You” from CUI Teachers
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ABOUT MILDRED'S DREAM FOUNDATION

Mildred's Dream Foundation was created in appreciation of the legacy and lifetime work of Mildred Pilch, whose passion for and commitment to making the world a better place was evident in everything she said and did. MDF honors her passions: helping those with physical or mental health challenges, as well as their families; eliminating violence and abuse while supporting survivors of such trauma; and providing the best education possible for everyone.

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Executive Director

Terri Natale



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Communities United, Inc
Creative Start Children's Centers

ABOUT US

Communities United, Inc.'s (CUI) mission is to provide high quality education and family services to a diverse population of children. For 50 years we have strived to ensure the success of the child, empower the family and strengthen the community. Our Creative Start Children's Centers serve 350+ children annually.

Our students and families:

- Range in age from birth to 5 years old
- Speak 18 different languages
- Speak English as a second language. Only 38% of students speak English at home
- Mostly live at or below the federal poverty line

Communities United, Inc. (CUI) provides comprehensive services in education, social services, health and parenting via our three Creative Start Children's Centers and our home visiting programs serving Arlington, Belmont, Brookline, Burlington, Lexington, Newton, Needham, Waltham, Watertown, Wellesley and Woburn.

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