



Standing up for our Values



Welcome back, donors, family and friends, to Meeting Street's *Everyday Heroes* newsletter!

With so much happening in the world, we'd lost track of just how long it has been since we connected with you. Where to begin?!

As it has been for every organization I speak to, calendar year 2025 at Meeting Street has reminded us to stay focused on our work and remain calm despite continuing change and uncertainty. Federal policies — from budget negotiations and government shutdowns to immigration policies and executive actions — remain the single greatest variable in our work.

My message to you is this: Meeting Street will continue to remain steadfast for all children and families who count on our programs, schools and professionals. Every decision we make comes back to that promise and our commitment - since 1946 - to our organizational values of respect, compassion, integrity, inclusivity and excellence.

That's why I'm especially proud to share two new efforts that illustrate our mission in action. Our **Young Learners' Library** has quickly become a safe and welcoming space where children can read in multiple languages and modalities, explore and learn. This summer we also opened our **Community Cupboard**, a food bank for Meeting Street families, that was created to respond to growing needs we've seen among our families.

Along those lines, please help us remain attuned to your needs by sharing your thoughts in the survey included in this newsletter. Responses are anonymous and we value your input!

Thank you for standing with us, for believing in our mission, and for being part of our community.

Sincerely,

John Kelly, President

Faith's World Is Growing

Faith, a young child in our RI Early Intervention program, faces significant medical challenges. Her challenges once confined her to her bedroom, but with support from her occupational therapist Julia, Faith's world continues to grow.

Julia and Faith are focused on accessibility, allowing Faith to venture outdoors and experience the simple joys of life. Over the past year she's felt the breeze on her face, met her neighbors, smelled flowers and saw a cat and a dog for the very first time. Soon, she will enjoy her first apple-picking adventure.

Faith is also beginning to communicate through sign language, waving goodbye to Julia at the end of her home visit. This simple act moved both Julia and Faith's home health aide to tears, as they realized they were witnessing a milestone that once seemed impossible.



Faith's story illustrates the incredible impact of our Early Intervention professionals. They help children achieve milestones and discover the world in ways that once seemed impossible. They are our ***Everyday Heroes***.

*Meeting Street Early Intervention serves communities across **Rhode Island** as well as the communities of **Greater Fall River** and **Greater New Bedford**.*

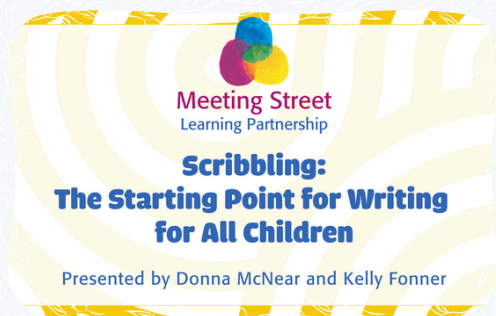
No doctor referral is needed, so contact our Early Intervention team today!.
There are no out-of-pocket costs to enrolled families.

Constituent Survey:

We want to hear from you!

Your input is invaluable as we work to continuously improve our programs and services. Please click the link below to complete a brief survey. All responses will be anonymously recorded.

[Click here to take our survey!](#)



Learning Partnership Presents: Scribbling!

Join us on Oct. 30 to learn the value of scribbling. This webinar will contain tips for all learning styles and abilities!

[Sign up Today.](#)



Open Library!

Have you visited our new Young Learners' Library? Join us on Thursday, 11/13 from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. to enjoy literacy nirvana for ALL kiddos!



Meeting Street In the News

In case you missed it... WPRI-12 News reported on the recent strike on Meeting Street's values.

[Watch Now!](#)



New Employee Spotlight!

Meet Kat! She joined The Grace/Carter Schools this month as a Teacher Assistant, supporting teachers and students with instruction, supervision and program implementation.

We couldn't resist asking Kat a few, fun get-to-know-you questions:

Sweet or Savory? Sweet

Dogs or cats? Dogs

Favorite season? Autumn

One item you can't live without? My puffer jacket

Breakfast or Dinner? Dinner

What is something on your bucket list? Visiting the Himalayas

Chocolate or Vanilla? Chocolate

What color represents your personality? Green

JOIN OUR TEAM

Our friends and families are our greatest referral source. If you, or someone you know, is passionate about helping others and is looking to join an inclusive and collaborative team. We offer competitive pay, 403B match, 13 paid holidays, generous PTO, medical, dental, vision and MORE!

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including:

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