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*Eileen D. Foley Award
Honoring*

Elisabeth Robinson

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14th Annual Dinner & Roast

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About Friends Forever International

FFI empowers leaders to connect, strengthen, and serve communities around the globe by combining their passion to make the world a better place with the skills, experiences, and resources required to do so.

In 2021, we launched our national program for youth from across the United States to participate both virtually and with an immersion trip to New Hampshire. These amazing young leaders come from a variety of backgrounds but all share the same goal of building a better world right now. In order to remove all barriers of access to this program, FFI has decided that each individual youth accepted into our programs would have 100% of their expenses covered. The support generated from our annual Eileen D. Foley Dinner & Roast will help make this possible.

About the Award

The Eileen D. Foley Award is presented each year in the spirit of its namesake to a New Hampshire citizen(s) who continues to take a personal responsibility to make the world a better place.

Past Recipients

2020: Renee & Dan Plummer

2014: Cy & Bobbie Sweet

2019: Jim Jalbert

2013: Maxine Morse

2018: Chris Dwyer

2012: Jameson French

2017: Martha Fuller Clark &

2011: Tom Ferrini

Dr. Geoffrey E. Clark

2010: Peter Loughlin

2016: Jay McSharry

2009: Bob Sullivan

2015: Janet Prince & Peter Bergh

2008: Joe Shanley

IN HONOR OF

Eileen D. Foley

Feb 27, 1918 - Feb 22, 2016



A woman of impeccable character with a warm sense of humor, who dedicated her life to the citizens of Portsmouth with great love, dignity, respect, and compassion.

Eileen Dondero was born February 27, 1918, to Mary Carey Dondero, one of the nation's first lady mayors, and Charles Dondero. Eileen attended local schools, and following her graduation from Syracuse University in 1940, she enlisted in the Women's Army Corps. On returning home, she worked at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard as a painter's helper and later as a Portsmouth City Clerk.



Mayor Foley's lengthy record of public service includes an unprecedented 16 years as Mayor of Portsmouth, 12 years as a member of the Portsmouth School Board, and seven terms as a NH State Senator. Her political advice and support were sought by many, and in her retirement, she served as the Portsmouth Goodwill Ambassador. Eileen was married to the late John J. (Danny Boy) Foley Sr. for over 46 years. The couple had three children, Mary Carey, Jay, & Barry.



Mayor Foley represented the best the Seacoast has to offer. Her charm, wit, grace under fire, vision, understanding, and commitment to both local and global issues has inspired thousands in Portsmouth and across the world.

Maxine Morse

Jun 9, 1924 - Aug 23, 2020

Maxine Morse, our friend and mentor, was a true champion of equity and social justice in New Hampshire. Born and raised in Manchester, NH, Maxine Morse was a force in the Granite State for more than 65 years and dedicated her considerable



energies to ensuring a higher quality of life for those less fortunate. A graduate of Cornell University, Maxine served as the Director of the Greater Manchester Child Care Center, New Hampshire's first nonprofit child care center, from 1969-1974. Her work went on to include the Chairmanship of the 1975 Commission on Laws Affecting Mental Health.

Maxine served on numerous boards and held leadership roles in many agencies including the Greater Manchester Mental Health Center, Odyssey House, New Horizons, the NH Social Welfare Council, the Lakes Region Mental Health Center, the Children's Alliance of NH, the NH Music Festival, the Portsmouth Music Hall, and the Canterbury Shaker Village.

In the last decade, Maxine brought her out-sized talents, passion, and expertise to the FFI family and like all of the other causes she was involved in, the impact she has had on us will last for many years.

Thank you Maxine, from all of us.

About the Honoree

Elisabeth Robinson discovered the Seacoast through UNH where she graduated with a BA in English and then at the Voc-Tech, where she earned a degree in nursing. After weaving her way through a number of specialties and degrees, including labor and delivery, she landed at Whole Life Health Care, an integrated family practice in Newington where she has spent the last 20-plus years.



Elisabeth has always been attracted to growing the seeds of an organization. She was a founding member of what is now the Seacoast Waldorf School as well as healthcareGIVES (a medical provider giving circle). She has served on the board and as a volunteer with many organizations, including The Music Hall, the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, and the Seacoast Women's Giving Circle. Currently, she serves on the boards of the Foundation for Seacoast Health and Prescott Park Arts Festival. She also serves on the board of Piscataqua Savings Bank and was a founding member of the Surf Club in Rye.

Elisabeth has three thriving adult children: Marta, Eli, and Duncan.

While she is both humbled and daunted by receiving this award, Elisabeth's enthusiasm for FFI overrides any hesitation as the importance and essence of the organization's work are essential to today's global needs. As she explains, "We are in a chapter of our evolution in which talking, communicating, understanding, and having compassion for others on the 'other side of the line'... be it political, racial, social, sexual, or religious... is not only profound but also essential for our survival. To effectively work together, we must understand one another's perspectives. FFI, through its 35 years of programs, creates an intelligent, respectful, and warm dynamic, where the differences become appreciated and enhanced rather than adversarial. Dialogue, health, compassion, understanding, and working together will enable our global community to move together to create peace in our lifetime. This peace/love is essential for our collaborative efforts in surviving and thriving."

FFI is thrilled to present Elisabeth with the 2021 Eileen D. Foley Award.

Roast Roster

Hilary Kinney

Sister

Hilary Snowdon Kinney is a San Francisco Bay Area artist. She creates both realistic and abstract large scale paintings. She has a degree in Fine Art from the Maine College of Art, and also studied art at the Rhode Island School of Design and the California College of the Arts. She worked as a graphic designer in New York City and Chicago before moving to the Bay Area 30 years ago. Her work is in collections across the country, including UCSF Hospital, Bechtel Group and The Royal Exchange SF, as well as numerous private residences. Her most recent show was at the Kennedy Gallery in Portsmouth, NH, for the month of September, 2021.

Hilary lives with her family in San Anselmo, CA.

Marta Day

Daughter

Marta is Elisabeth's firstborn of three children and only daughter. Her career was inspired by her mother's, as she wanted to be in the "helping profession" but not experience any blood or bodily fluids. She chose to become a psychotherapist, inspired by how her mom cares so much for others and continues to do so much good in the world and for her community. In Marta's recent move back to the Seacoast, she and her mom have become even closer, enjoying yoga, paddle boarding, wine nights, walking the dogs, and ocean swims. You can also always count on them being together cheering on the Miami Heat.

Duncan Robinson

Son

Duncan is the youngest and tallest of Elisabeth's three children.

Roast Roster

Jay McSharry *Friend*

Jay McSharry, a local restaurateur, graduated from the University of New Hampshire in 1990. Nearly a decade after graduating, he returned to NH's Seacoast to fulfill his vision and opened Jumpin' Jay's Fish Café. Building on the restaurant's success, Jay went on to open numerous establishments in the region, including Dos Amigos, Moxy, Vida Cantina, The Franklin, The Railpenny Tavern, Ore Nell's Barbecue, Street, and Luigi's West End Pizzeria.

A vision for a vibrant Portsmouth has always gone hand in hand with Jay's image of a successful restaurant. Like Elisabeth, Jay has served on many different community boards including the Music Hall Corporate Committee and the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, where he and Elisabeth met.

Francie Osgood *Friend*

Over 15 years ago, shortly after moving to the Seacoast, Francie met Elisabeth on the Wentworth tennis team. They developed a kinship over many things including their Midwestern, many-sibling, family-business upbringing. It was largely through Elisabeth that Francie came to really know and love the Seacoast.

Francie is sorry (not sorry) that she can't be here tonight. She obviously wanted to witness this celebration of Elisabeth! But truthfully, she was petrified at the thought of delivering a roast in person, in front of so many Seacoast notables! This weekend she is hosting a long-planned reunion of high school friends... so while you roast, she will be reliving the glory days of rural Wisconsin in 1980—so it was kind of a toss-up as to which of her options would have turned out to be more torturous.

Roast Roster

Robin MacAusland

Friend

Robin met Elisabeth in high school and has been a part of her family ever since: she dated her brother, she is Eli's godmother, she's been on family trips, and currently she works for her father.

She is a Northeasterner at heart and has taken many adventures around the globe. She has had careers in both travel and technology. MS has slowed her down, but doesn't stop her from doing what she loves.

Alice Cole

Friend

A Berkshire School graduate of 1976, Alice met "Lil," as they called her when she was 15, in the fall of 1973. Alice and Lil are lifelong friends and also with her family (her two brothers, her father, and stepmother). Her husband Wallace Cole, is equally intertwined with the Kinney family as he went to school with both her brothers. Their experiences together over the years range from high school-college, family weddings, parties, small family dinners, and general debauchery.

Masters of Ceremonies

Jameson French

Board Chair

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Jamey's Crutch

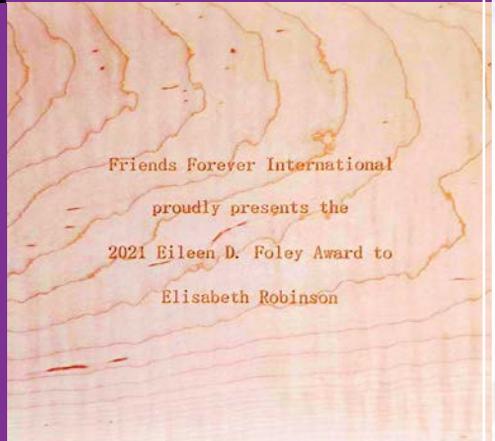
Special Award

Elisabeth holds a special place in her heart for the Seacoast Waldorf School and their pedagogy. This summer and fall, FFI has been fortunate to have two Palestinian alumni from Israel volunteering with us who just graduated from a Waldorf school outside of Haifa.



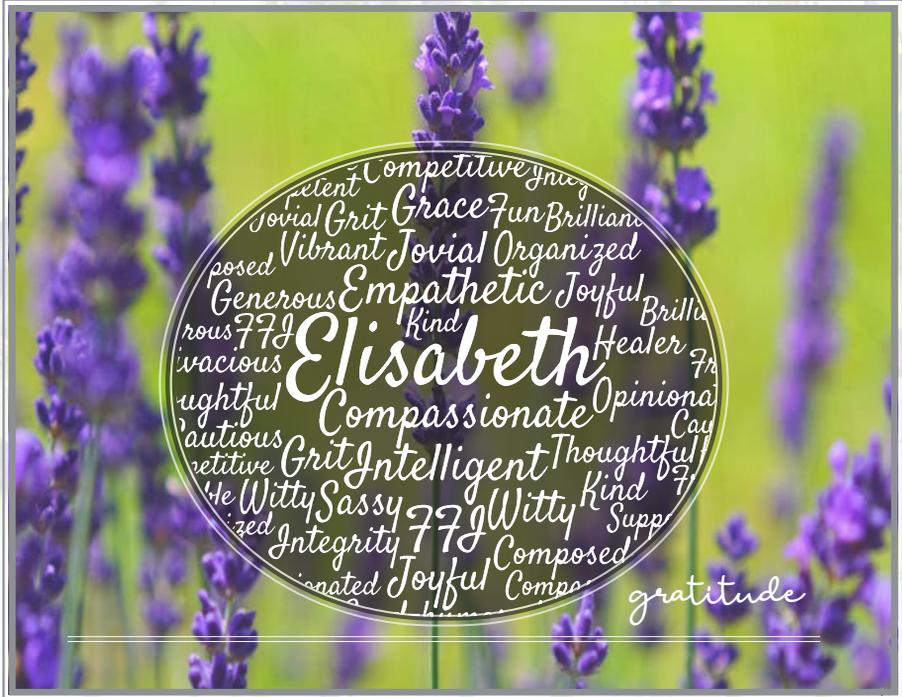
When they heard about the event and Elisabeth, they offered to create a special award for her using the Waldorf approach.

Riding their bikes daily to the Port City Makerspace in Portsmouth, they designed and constructed this beautiful dovetail case to hold Elisabeth's stethoscope to let her know that her commitment to both education and healing are appreciated by all.



SHHH!

We all know that one of the amazing things about Elisabeth is her ability to send out a thank you note immediately. These wonderful notes are so genuine and thoughtful that we thought everyone here will want to return the favor. So as a surprise for our friend, we ask you to take home (or complete here if you are inspired) this note to express your gratitude for her and all she has meant to you and our community. You can leave it at the registration desk or use the stamp provided, but let's try to keep it a secret from her tonight! Credit for this idea goes to David Hills. Thanks, David!



2021 Eileen D. Foley Fellow



Aminata Ndiaye
Louisiana

Aminata (Amy) is a graduate of our Nationwide Program. In April and May of 2021 she participated in a virtual Team Building Phase of the program with the first national team and then participated in a Skill Building Phase in-person in New

Hampshire. Throughout both phases of the program, she learned team building and communication skills as she participated in many FFI workshops. She explored and learned more about communities in New Hampshire during site visits. After learning more about community building, Aminata returned to her home in New Orleans to be a positive force for change.

As an alumni, Aminata has made it her goal to design more workshops centered around student success and environmental activism. She started a pilot College & Scholarship Readiness series for her high school that will occur this October and hopes to make it an annual series.

Aminata currently attends the University of Michigan and plans to major in Environmental Engineering and work on climate change mitigation and policy.



Our 35th Year!

FFI is excited to celebrate our 35th year in 2021! That's 35 years of bringing young people together through our programs which emphasize our values of Resilience, Empathy, Communication, Impact, Playfulness, and Effort.

Over the past six months, we've collected stories, pictures, and many different memories from anyone and everyone who has interacted with us over FFI's lifetime. Thank you for being an integral part of the FFI legacy by participating in one of our most fundamental and sustaining events. We couldn't have made it to 35 without you!

For more information or to read some of the stories we've collected, visit www.ff.international/35.

Cheers to the next 35 years!



778 Through



1986

1987

"The group has had a busy two weeks, visiting with Vice President George Bush, traveling throughout the Seacoast area and Boston, and touring the Salem Witch Museum" - The Portsmouth Press

1988



2001

1999
Karyn Woods' poem is used in Sen. George Mitchell's book "Making Peace"

2000

500+ alumni

1998

First Middle East team from the Jerusalem YMCA



2002



2003

"I do know, it isn't [the future] I want for my children, I don't want them to live in a divided city where bomb scares, killings, and paramilitary style beatings occur." - Elizabeth Bogue, FFI NI Participant

2004



2015

1 Morgan Way property in Durham, NH purchased

2014

Program Site established in Bloomington-Normal, Illinois

2013



2016

2017

First FFI US Team travels to Northern Ireland

Leonard Seagren gifts FFI the Diane M. Seagren Rainforest Academy in Belize

2018



2012



The Years



"Before leaving, the [FFI teens] bid farewell to Portsmouth Mayor Eileen D. Foley."
-The Portsmouth Herald

1990



1991



Bob Rajche Sr. is appointed first ever president of Friends Forever.

1995

1993
Friends Forever hosts multiple Northern Irish teams for the second year.



1992



1997

1994

"I want to thank you... for enabling people from both communities to mix in a neutral environment where we can forget about the things that divide us."
-Clare Hall, FFI Northern Ireland Participant



2005

2006

Friends Forever celebrates 20 years



2007 2008



1000+ alumni
2011

2010
Expanded Middle East Program



2009



2019

Leonard Seagren gifts FFI the Leonard Seagren Home in Newcastle, NH

2020



2021

About Nationwide Programs



This summer, FFI launched our first ever national reconciliation program for the US. In this rigorous program, we welcomed 15 young people to our campus in Durham for an intense skill-building trip focused on leadership, community service, communication, and team building. These amazing young leaders came from across the country, with diverse backgrounds, but all shared the desire and determination to come together and learn how to build stronger and more empathetic communities. This was a highly competitive program, and accepted participants came from the following 12 states: Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Louisiana, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, and Tennessee.

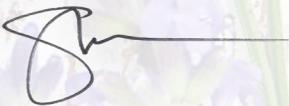
While in our fourth decade of existence, FFI continues to evolve to meet the challenges of the time we live in, and remain at the forefront of youth leadership development. We are constantly designing and implementing new strategies to achieve optimal results for the most underutilized natural resource in the world today...our young people. This is why in 2021, we decided that each individual youth accepted into our program would have **100%** of their expenses (\$3,000) covered regardless of background and ability to pay.

When asked, “How can we afford to do this?” our reply after meeting these amazing youth was, “How can we afford not to?” With that in mind, we took this calculated risk because we know that those of you reading this message believe in our work. We know you believe in the optimistic power and energy of youth to effect social change. We know you trust an organization with decades of experience, and we know you will step up to the plate, both today and in the future as we continue to grow and expand to serve youth from all 50 states across the U.S. in the years to come.

Because FFI does not receive grants from any state, national, or global foundations, the majority of our funding comes from events like this Roast and from individuals and families— from people like you.

If you are interested in helping us grow FFI’s Endowment so that we can continue to provide tuition-free programs for hundreds and thousands of youth in the decades to come, visit www.ff.international/impax. However, whether or not you can support us now is nowhere near as important as your understanding that there is a powerful motivation amongst youth from all over the United States to make a positive impact in the world. With FFI, and support from you, these youth will continue to come together and focus on our shared challenges, build their resilience and grit, increase their empathy and communication skills, and heal our communities and the planet.

With gratitude,



Steve Martineau, FFI

Learn more at www.ff.international/programs

Nationwide Team Spotlights

Khadijah | Pennsylvania

“This program isn’t free. The application was hard work and the program is hard work. We’ve earned it.”



Geybrell | Massachusetts

“Due to all of my experiences, I have known for a long time that I want to become a therapist. As an immigrant, I started off with nothing, and I will achieve every goal I have so that I may provide to others everything that I didn’t have. FFI allows me to harness my skills to achieve that.”



Addi | Illinois

“FFI made me realize that I am important, and I can change the world in ways I hadn’t even thought possible. I want everyone to know they can change the world, too. I would love to lead in such a way that people are able to experience that. Because of FFI and the people I met along the way, I finally understand that I am grounding and kind and that I can use those skills to leave the world better than I found it.”



Learn more about them at www.ff.international/nationwideteam

Nationwide Team Spotlights

Seth | Tennessee

“The experience is life-changing. The opportunity to meet people from all over the country, and even outside of the country like the alumni, is enough reason to go, but not only that, you get to do all sorts of fun activities. You can learn to be more confident through the different workshops.”



Remi | New Hampshire

“By going out of my comfort zone and disconnecting with the people I spend most of my time with, I was able to truly reflect on my life and reevaluate my situations and relationships at home. If it weren’t for FFI, it would have taken me much longer to realize that I can turn myself into the best possible version of myself.”



Elijah | Illinois

“FFI taught me how to open up and share my feelings and emotions. On the southeast side of Chicago, where I’m from, a lot of kids don’t do that. They’re raised to be tough and not let anything break through them. I want to make a safe space...tell them it’s okay to be vulnerable, and promote that.”



Learn more about them at www.ffinternational/nationwideteam

Nationwide Team Spotlights

Deshawneigh / South Dakota

“It was nothing like what I expected. I was expecting a regular summer camp with the same things over and over...but we did different things each day, and they were meaningful.”



Andrew / Idaho

“I never thought that I would go through some of the experiences that I went through. I never thought I would go through a tough ropes course in the rain, have talks with amazing people from around the community, do some eye opening workshops, and develop a relationship with my team members that I had never had before.”



Alex / South Carolina

“This program was life-changing for me. I met so many amazing people, and I feel like I have them to support me if I ever fall. I’ve noticed a change in myself, and people around me have noticed that change too. I am forever grateful to all the people who helped me and taught me things about myself that I never knew.”



Learn more about them at www.ff.international/nationwideteam

Curriculum and Programs

FFI sees challenges as opportunities. This was true when the world started to shut down in 2020. Realizing that there may be no travel for a while, we pivoted our focus in order to continue to further the organization. FFI staff and alumni took this unique opportunity to focus on formally establishing our curriculum into one complete Course Catalog.

This catalog is the cornerstone of our new curriculum which will allow us to virtually provide programs to individuals and organizations across the United States and to regions of the world that we had not been able to work with before. This catalog has been significantly adapted so that FFI can now provide our programs not only to youth in middle and high school, but also to universities, professional, civic, and faith based organizations, as well as seniors in assisted living communities, both virtually and in person.

The curriculum is broken down into six Concentrations: Leadership, Multiculturalism, Creativity & Arts, Ecology, Healthy Living, and Adventure Education. Concentrations are comprised of several courses, with each course consisting of a dozen sessions.

In the summer of 2021, FFI was accredited by the NH Department of Education to provide academic credits to New Hampshire high school students who participate in FFI programs! Soon, we will be offering virtual and in-person programs to students across the state, with opportunities for residential skill building trips to our campuses in New Hampshire, Northern Ireland, and our new Diane M. Seagren Rainforest Academy in Belize. The recent innovation behind this curriculum and our focus on local youth is just one more powerful example of the pioneering work FFI has accomplished in the field of empathetic leadership development and conflict transformation. There is nothing else like this out there in our state or the US.

FFI is in our 35th year of work, but in many ways, we feel as if these new developments are the beginning of a different journey. We could not be more excited to invite all of you to join us. Let us all become unified not solely for the sake of unity, but logically, because that is what our country needs to build a better world.

For more information visit www.ff.international/philosophy

Summer Alumni: Team Phoenix



From left to right: Moris (Middle East, 2019), Hadas (Middle East, 2018), Elias (Middle East, 2018), Eden (Middle East, 2008), Tati (New Hampshire, 2019), Hod (Middle East, 2019), Dima (Middle East, 2019), Natalie (New Hampshire, 2018), & Peaches (Honorary Alumnus)

This team of alumni fellows helped lead this year's summer programming, among other things. Their responsibilities included participating fully in day-to-day programs, leading and mentoring youth, being an ambassador for FFI, participating in the design and development of the FFI curriculum, meeting with community members, giving public speeches, and more!

They also piloted a new leadership system for our first-year teams: each day, two alumni were designated as the "Alumni Leaders," meaning they led the team from when they started their day, during their activities, and through debrief. We knew that the alumni could step up to this challenge, and they certainly delivered! Our alumni are our greatest asset, and this program season would not have been as successful without them.

The Last Ones Standing



From left to right: Dima, Moris, Elias & Henry (Pedal Boat Captain)

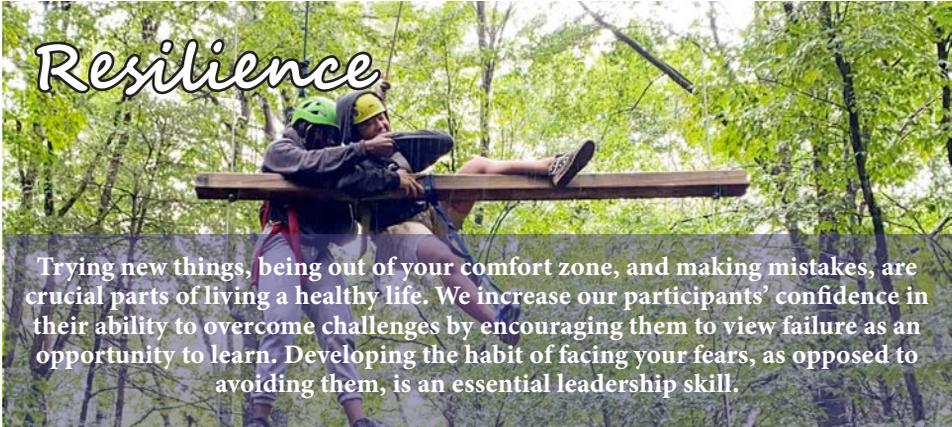
When these three alumni were first accepted to be fellows for this summer, the first thing they asked was, “Can we volunteer for longer than just the summer?” They were determined to maximize their time in New Hampshire.

Not only did they spend three straight weeks leading two teams of participants, but they have also stayed and helped around the house at community members’ homes, given speeches at rotary clubs, volunteered with young people at YMCA camps, taken care of FFI’s campus, and have become a familiar face to see in the Office each day.

They are currently working on building curriculum, including workshops on sailing and guitar, and helping launch our virtual Uganda program. They are true examples of what it means to be an FFI alumnus and have continued to impact young people and the community.

They will be here until January, and if you would like to spend time with them, contact Amelia at amelia@ff.international.

Resilience

A photograph showing two individuals wearing safety harnesses and helmets, participating in a zipline activity. They are suspended in the air, holding onto a wooden beam. The background is a lush green forest with tall trees.

Trying new things, being out of your comfort zone, and making mistakes, are crucial parts of living a healthy life. We increase our participants' confidence in their ability to overcome challenges by encouraging them to view failure as an opportunity to learn. Developing the habit of facing your fears, as opposed to avoiding them, is an essential leadership skill.

Empathy

A photograph of three young women sitting at a table in a classroom or meeting room. They are engaged in a conversation. One woman is wearing a blue face mask. The room has large windows in the background.

Exposure to individuals from a variety of life circumstances and diverse backgrounds allows participants to better connect with those who are different from them. The experiences of intentional service-learning, hearing others' stories, and self-reflection inspire participants to take action in their communities and be compassionate leaders.

Communication

A photograph of a group of about ten young people sitting in a circle on chairs in a well-lit room. They appear to be in a group discussion or meeting. There are bookshelves and windows in the background.

Listening with an open heart and sharing your vulnerabilities and strengths are cornerstones of authentic interaction. Practicing story-telling, creative expression, and intergroup dialogue teaches participants to speak and listen with confidence. Effective leadership requires effective communication.

R.E.C.I.P.E



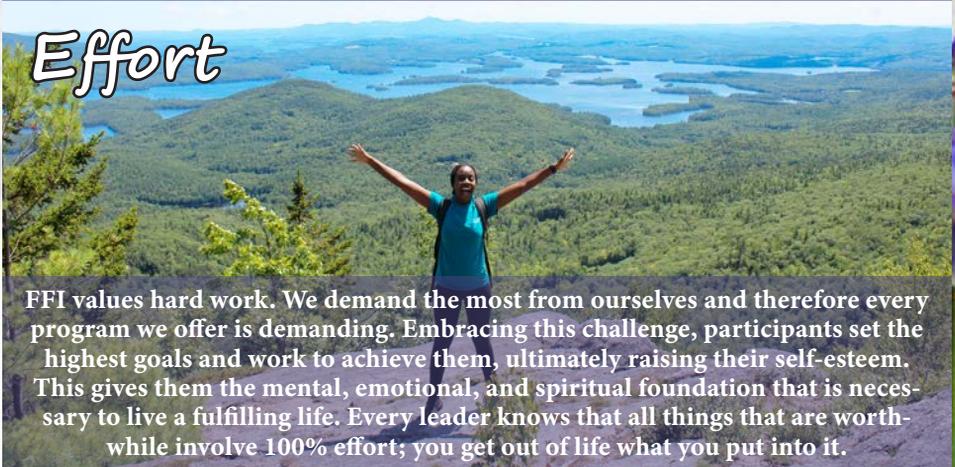
Impact

Small-scale, hands-on experiences reveal to participants that they can consciously affect their world at any age and any time. They identify creative solutions to problems in their own communities and we provide them with the tools and lifelong guidance to turn their ideas into lasting, systemic change. Our leaders undergo a personal transformation, recognizing that as they impact others, the biggest impact occurs within themselves.



Playfulness

By creating a lighthearted and spontaneous culture, we encourage a fun and open environment. Participants innovate without fear, explore different ways of thinking, and practice negotiating conflict. This culture builds bonds between people of all ages and backgrounds as they imagine a better world together. Re-discovering your imagination is essential to becoming a visionary leader.



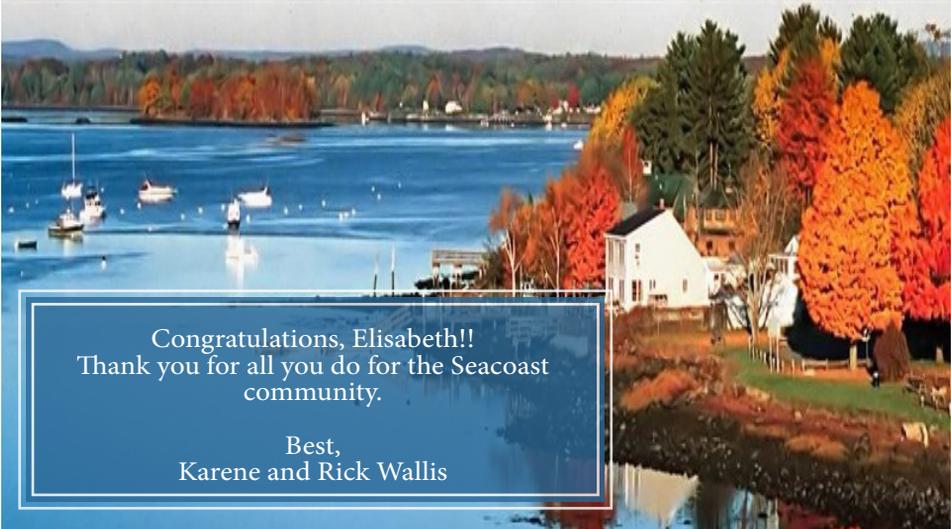
Effort

FFI values hard work. We demand the most from ourselves and therefore every program we offer is demanding. Embracing this challenge, participants set the highest goals and work to achieve them, ultimately raising their self-esteem. This gives them the mental, emotional, and spiritual foundation that is necessary to live a fulfilling life. Every leader knows that all things that are worthwhile involve 100% effort; you get out of life what you put into it.

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“THANK YOU, ELISABETH, FOR ALL YOU
DO!”
-JAY



Congratulations, Elisabeth!!
Thank you for all you do for the Seacoast
community.

Best,
Karene and Rick Wallis



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Congrats to you, gracious Elisabeth!
-Mike & Glicka

*Congratulations Elisabeth!
Love you,
Aunt Bobbie*





**Thank you, Elisabeth,
for your commitment
to making the world
a better place
by empowering youth!**



Rain for the Sahel and Sahara shares in FFI's vision and is proud to be a partner in making global change.

www.rain4sahara.org

*Congratulations,
Elisabeth...*

...and thank you for all you do!

- Janet & Peter

*Such a deserving honor!
You are a critical member of our
community and an inspiration to us all.
Thank you for all that you do.
We cherish you!!
- Jess and Paul*





CONGRATULATIONS ELISABETH

A well deserved honor for such a valued member of the Piscataqua Savings Bank Board of Trustees. Your continued dedication to our seacoast community is remarkable.



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Congratulations, Elisabeth and Friends Forever!

~

Jen, Joe, & Everyone from Impax

FFI Global Headquarters

Our headquarters are located in Durham, NH and include two adjacent properties: the Office and the Raiche Farmhouse. This is the epicenter of FFI's programs and work around the world. The Raiche Farmhouse has hosted participants from over a dozen cultures

The Many Uses of the Campus

On any given day, visitors will see staff Zooming with participants from across the country and globe, young people doing a Zumba class in the parking lot, alumni practicing workshops, local community groups using our meeting space, or volunteers outside on the green space helping us beautify the campus. At FFI, there's always something exciting and innovative happening! Stop by and visit us to see for yourself!

The Office provides an open concept that is conducive for staff to accomplish daily tasks and for alumni to lead workshops for participants. It is also a perfect place for community use. We offer our meeting and event space to nonprofits, companies, volunteer groups, faith-based groups, universities, and more. Interested in using our space? Visit www.ff.international/durham





Congratulations from Jeff & Martha, and thank you for all you do!



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-Georgia, Team Orbit C3 2021



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- Emilie and Dick Spaulding*

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FFI Center at Annalong

In 2019, FFI acquired a 70-bed campus in Annalong, Northern Ireland. The Center is located in a quiet village at the foot of the famous Mourne Mountains on the east coast of Northern Ireland. It's 1 hour from Belfast and 1.5 hours from Dublin. Annalong is a picturesque fishing village situated in the heart of the 'Kingdom of Mourne'. It offers an idyllic and peaceful setting to engage with the diverse beauty of the Northern Irish countryside.

By operating our own safe and secure hub, we are able to bring our programs to hundreds more participants annually from around the world, including the United States, Israel and Palestine. It also empowers us to connect with partners such as universities, corporations, and nonprofits from around the world to accommodate their residential and programming needs. The possibilities are endless!

As a means to generate much-needed income, FFI renovated four cottages to be private AirBnb's, and we welcome all visitors! You will be close to the Annalong Harbour that has centuries of history and explorable footpaths and gardens, as well as the town of Kilkeel harbour for fishing. Of course, the real draw are the mountains as this village is the starting point for some of the most majestic mountain hikes on the whole island. Interested in learning more? Visit www.ffi.international/annalong





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Supporting FFI, Supporting Women

After 35 years of operation, we are proud to announce that we are partnering with Portsmouth, New Hampshire-based Impax Asset Management LLC and launching the FFI Endowment to provide ongoing support for the work we do both here in the US and around the world.

The Endowment will be managed by Impax, the North American division of Impax Asset Management Group and investment adviser to Pax World Funds. Impax President Joe Keefe is a long-time supporter of and volunteer for FFI; Joe understands how important it is for FFI's endowment to invest in companies that meet key environmental, social, and governance standards. With this in mind, FFI is investing in the Pax Ellevest Global Women's Leadership Fund, which invests in the highest-rated companies in the world for advancing women.

The Endowment lets individuals contribute to our long-term sustainability while also actively promoting social justice values through their investments. FFI believes that everyone should be able to contribute to this Endowment and has no minimum threshold for gifts to it and the funds are 100% invested in the Pax Ellevest Global Women's Leadership Fund. Our goal is to have \$10 million in our endowment in order to fully fund our growth and scholarships for hundreds of youth annually in the decades ahead.

If you are interested in contributing to FFI's endowment fund, visit www.ff.international/impax

Elisabeth, congratulations!
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In 2015, FFI purchased the Raiche Farmhouse, named after our Founder, Bob Raiche. Since then, the Farmhouse has hosted participants from over a dozen cultures and has become a staple part of our Immersion Programs. We also use it to host guests via Airbnb when programs are not in session. 100% of proceeds go directly towards funding FFI'S mission of empowering young leaders to connect, strengthen, and serve communities around the globe by combining their passion to make the world a better place.

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**Elisabeth,
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**-Sue & Greg
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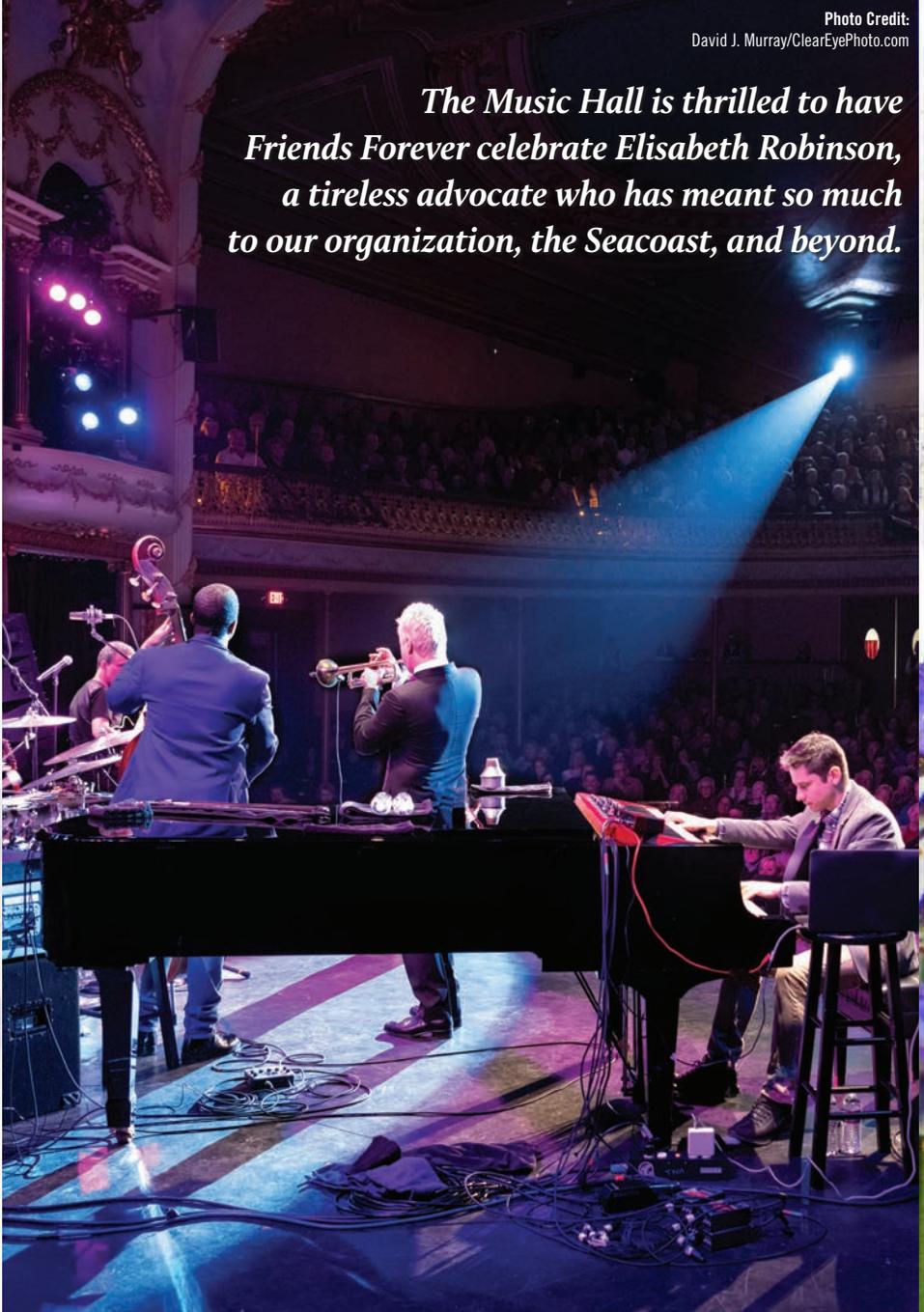
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*The Music Hall is thrilled to have
Friends Forever celebrate Elisabeth Robinson,
a tireless advocate who has meant so much
to our organization, the Seacoast, and beyond.*



Thank you, Elisabeth, for your energetic support of the arts in the Seacoast—especially The Music Hall and Prescott Park Arts Festival.

*Congratulations,
Jamey and Priscilla French*

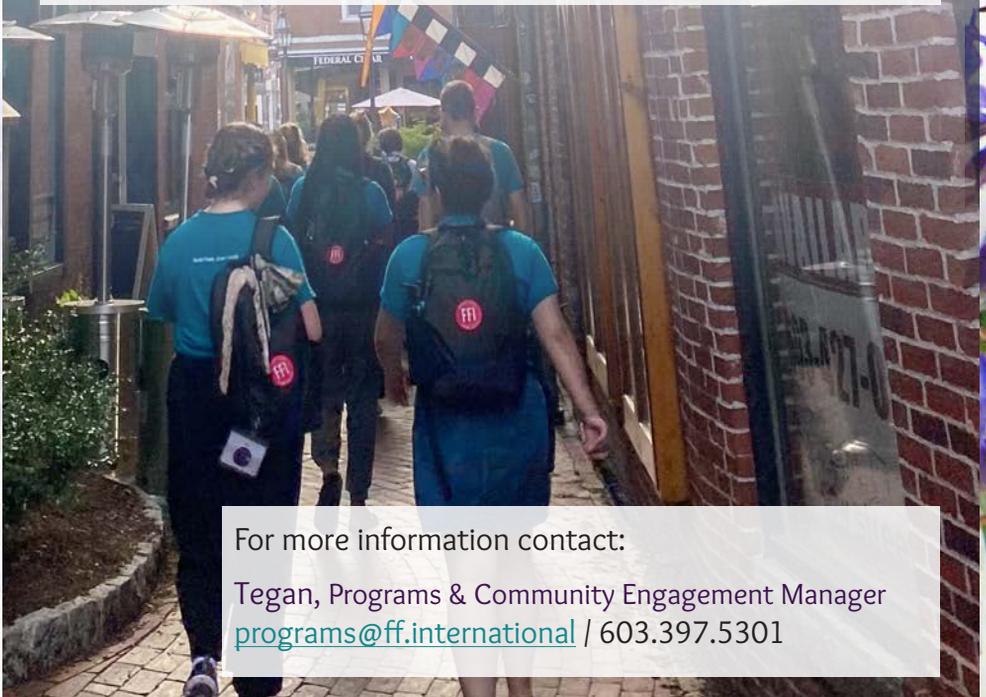


Ways to Get Involved

Part of what makes Friends Forever International a unique organization are the opportunities available for people from all backgrounds to participate first-hand in achieving our mission. There are many different ways for our supporters to get involved in our efforts.

Everyone can get involved with our organization simply by using their passions to connect with participants. Enjoy hiking? Join us when a team hikes up Mount Morgan. Play an instrument? Teach our young people how to play a song. Love cooking? Help a team cook a family dinner and sit around the table to eat with them. Skilled in carpentry? Work on a project at one of our campuses. Looking for speakers at your office? Have a young person or alumni give a speech.

At FFI we don't say "no," we say "how." If you want to volunteer with FFI, we will find a way to incorporate your skills, passions, and interests to do so.



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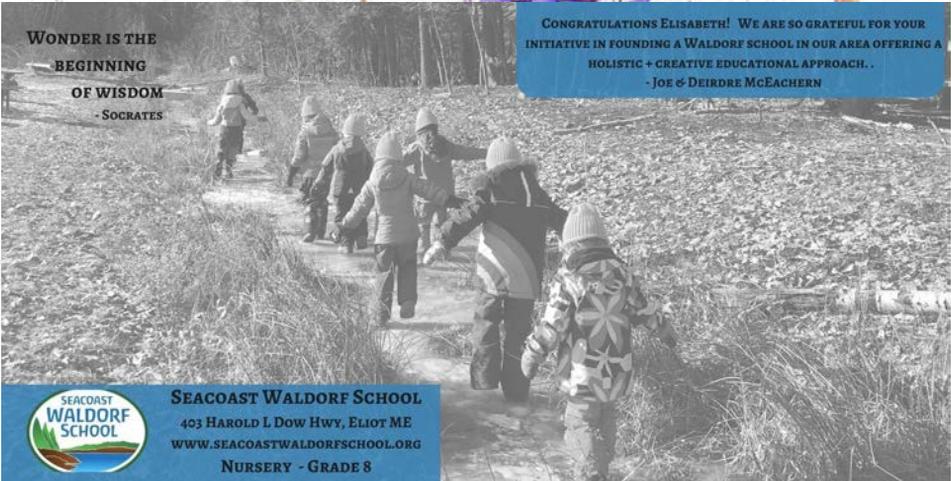
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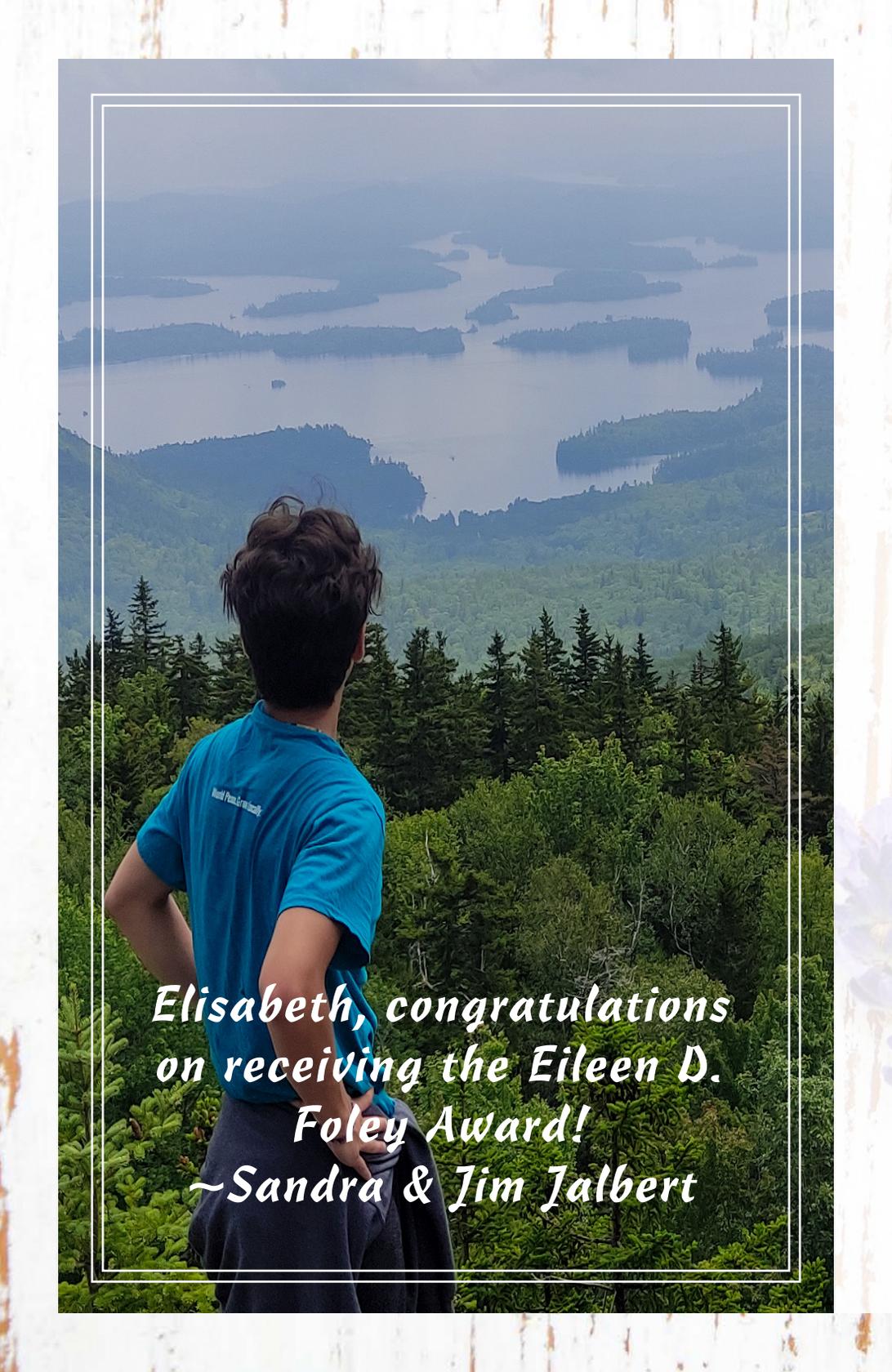
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**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO
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A photograph of a person with dark hair, seen from the back, wearing a bright blue t-shirt and dark pants. They are standing on a hillside covered in dense green trees, looking out over a vast, scenic landscape. In the foreground, there are tall evergreen trees. The middle ground is filled with a thick forest of smaller trees. In the distance, a large body of water, possibly a lake or bay, is visible, dotted with numerous small, forested islands and peninsulas. The sky is a pale, hazy blue. The entire image is framed by a white double-line border.

*Elisabeth, congratulations
on receiving the Eileen D.
Foley Award!
~Sandra & Jim Jalbert*

**Elisabeth,
congratulations
on this well
deserved honor!
-Liz, Tim &
Durkin family**



Raising a TOAST to the belle of the ROAST, the fabulous Elisabeth Robinson! Here's to great friends (Fab 5!) and to Friends Forever Intl. With love from Blair, Francie, Tania & Dani

CORPORATE INVOLVEMENT

FFI engages with a range of companies. We work with all of our sponsors so they have the opportunity to interact with our leaders.

Ways to Engage

- Create an FFI fundraiser at your office
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- Event or direct program sponsorships
- Volunteer at the FFI Peace Campus
- Plan an activity with a team

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*Elisabeth, thank you for your dedication to the Seacoast community,
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- Bob & Patricia Hickey



***Congratulations, Elisabeth!**
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Congratulations on this much deserved honor!
-Joan & Lynn

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*Thank you for attending the 2021
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