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About Friends Forever International

Friends Forever International (FFI) is committed to empowering young people to unlock their full potential and become catalysts for positive change in their communities. FFI's vision is to create a world where every individual is supported to transform their lives, their communities, and the world at large. FFI believes that every person, regardless of their background, deserves the opportunity to develop their leadership skills and make a meaningful impact in their communities. Through FFI's programs, participants will not only broaden their perspectives but will also discover their own power to make a real difference in the world today.

FFI's approach to youth development is unique in that it emphasizes a holistic approach to encourage individuals to improve their health and well-being, as well as that of their community and the planet. FFI's programs aim to inspire empathy, compassion, and understanding among youth from diverse backgrounds, encouraging them to work together to build a better world. By fostering leadership, teamwork, and a sense of responsibility for others, FFI helps young people become the best versions of themselves, ready to tackle the challenges of today's world.

FFI believes that transformational change is possible when individuals are supported and empowered to make a positive difference in their communities. Through its programs, FFI seeks to inspire young people to become leaders who are committed to creating a just and peaceful world for all. With its focus on youth empowerment, empathy, and social justice, FFI is helping to shape a new generation of leaders who are poised to make a real impact in their communities and beyond.

To be as inclusive as possible, we offer programs that provide **100%** scholarships for ALL accepted applicants regardless of their ability to pay. This is a radical departure from traditional camps and programs that have a fee-based service. It is only possible because of the support from individuals, foundations, and socially conscious corporations that believe that the most underutilized natural resource on the planet today is our youth.

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.



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 takes a personal responsibility to make the world a better place.

Recipients of the Eileen D. Foley award are chosen by a committee comprised of representatives from the FFI Board of Directors and past recipients of the Award. The panel meets several times and looks at a variety of categories, including years of service in the “trenches,” scale and scope of service, impact on the community, how they personally align with the values of FFI, and if they truly represent the spirit of the award and Eileen D. Foley, its namesake.

ACT

Past Recipients

2024: Eric & Jen Chinburg

2023: Dr. Robert Hickey

2022: Joe Keefe

2021: Elisabeth Robinson

2020: Renee & Dan Plummer

2019: Jim Jalbert

2018: Chris Dwyer

2017: Martha Fuller Clark & Dr. Geoffrey E. Clark

2016: Jay McSharry

2015: Janet Prince & Peter Bergh

2014: Cy & Bobbie Sweet

2013: Maxine Morse

2012: Jameson French

2011: Tom Ferrini

2010: Peter Loughlin

2009: Bob Sullivan

2008: Joe Shanley

About the Honoree

Mary Johanna Brown

Mary Johanna Brown is the founder and president of Brown & Company Design, a strategic design firm launched in 1992, and Big Brown Books, a small publishing company founded in 1996. A graduate of the University of New Hampshire with a BFA in etching, Mary Jo is known for her leadership in design, business, gender equality, civic engagement, and the arts.



Nicknamed “Pro-Bono Brown” early in her career for her passion for charitable work, in 1999 this commitment was formalized through Brown & Company’s annual pro-bono partnership program, donating design services to a staff-selected nonprofit every year.

Mary Jo is widely recognized for her leadership and impact, including honors as New Hampshire Magazine’s “Remarkable Women” (2009) and “It List” (2018), Business NH’s “Influence Index” (2014), and NH Business Review’s “Outstanding Woman in Business” (2018). In 2023, she was named UNH’s Paul J. Holloway Entrepreneur of the Year.

In addition to being the Founding Board Chair Emeritus of the New Hampshire Women’s Foundation, Mary Jo has served on numerous nonprofit boards including the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, Leadership NH, CASA NH, A Safe Place (now HAVEN), NicaLove, and more.

Mary Jo is a sought after and powerful speaker and writer advocating for gender equality, women’s leadership, the role of the arts, and civic engagement. She has curated and juried several local art exhibits and public art commissions, including the “Red She Said” (2019) show at PMAC and “Reflections on Portsmouth” (2018), curated for the Foundry Garage. In 2012, Mary Jo and her daughter Haley co-founded Brown’s Art Camp, a short summer program for girls focused on immersive art experiences, that ran for 10 years.

Other “good troublemaking” includes taking over Hillary Clinton’s Twitter account for a day in 2016, guest teaching at universities and schools, documenting animal rescue clinics in Nicaragua, traveling extensively with her daughter Haley, and winning a second prize ribbon for her apple pie at the Deerfield Fair. More recently, Mary Jo has dipped her toe into personal storytelling through the series “Long Story Short.” Two of her appearances aired on NHPR.

As a photographer, Mary Jo enjoys slow-motoring in the Seacoast waterways and taking photos from Neptune, her nine-foot-two traditional wooden tender dinghy built by her daughter Haley’s class at Rye Junior High in 2018. Haley, now a junior at Emerson College, refuses to boat on the vessel she helped build.

2025 Eileen D. Foley Fellow

Gavin Boudreau



Gavin Boudreau, a senior at Spaulding High School in Rochester, is honored to be the recipient of the 2025 Eileen D. Foley Fellowship. Gavin is a passionate scholar whose achievements inside and outside the classroom reflect his and Mrs. Foley's commitment to

excellence and positive change.

Ranked in the top three of his class, Gavin serves on the Principal's Council, is the secretary of the National Honor Society, and is the co-president of Mu Alpha Theta. His intellectual curiosity and strong sense of responsibility have made him a respected leader among both his peers and teachers.

Beyond academics, Gavin is engaged in promoting understanding and unity on a global scale. He is a 2-year participant with Friends Forever International, where he got the opportunity to learn from 3 different Credit-Bearing Programs. In addition to traveling down South to study civil rights, Gavin also got to participate in the Northern Irish cultural exchange program last summer.

While not exploring on a program, Gavin has been attending all sorts of promotional events for FFI, and hosting visiting groups from Ireland and Northern Ireland to foster dialogue and promote global peace. He also spoke at the Rochester Rotary Club this year about his FFI experience!

Demonstrating his drive to create meaningful connections closer to home, Gavin also founded Bridge Spaulding (along with another FFI alumna!), an organization dedicated to breaking down political divides and connecting youth to their community. With plans to attend a four-year college to study astronomy, Gavin is ready to explore the universe with the same passion and purpose he has brought to his school and community.

Roast Roster

Annie Dove

Sister

Annie is, and always shall be, the younger sister of Mary Jo. Annie is the Director of Information Technology/CISO for the City of Dover. Annie, her husband Art, and two of their three sons live in the NH/ME Seacoast area. The eldest has married a Michigander. After receiving a mechanical engineering followed by a nursing degree, Annie is confident that she can continue to set clocks for and discuss the mysteries of aging with her older sister for years to come.

We are excited to have our mom Johanna attend this event so that she can finally tell us who is daughter number one.

Haley Brown

Daughter

Haley is Mary Jo's only child. She is currently attending Emerson College, where she is studying Health and Social Change, with minors in psychology and women's studies. Haley is a licensed birthing doula and a certified nursing assistant. She also works as a life art model for Boston University's art department. In the limited spare time she has, she mostly spends it doing schoolwork and reading. Genuinely she is a very boring person.

Roast Roster

Matt Talbot ***Work Colleague***

Matt is one of the helper elves that puts the “Company” in Brown & Company. He’s worked with Mary Jo for nearly 30 years, which is either impressive or a call for help, depending on how you look at it. Despite the questionable judgment demonstrated here tonight by roasting his boss, Matt is counted upon at Brown & Company to design logos, websites, publications, apparel, signage, packaging and pretty much anything else you can think of. In his off-time, Matt is an illustrator who has done work for Marvel Studios, the Los Angeles Times, Entertainment Weekly and more. Matt sincerely hopes that he still has full-time employment at Brown & Company after this roast.

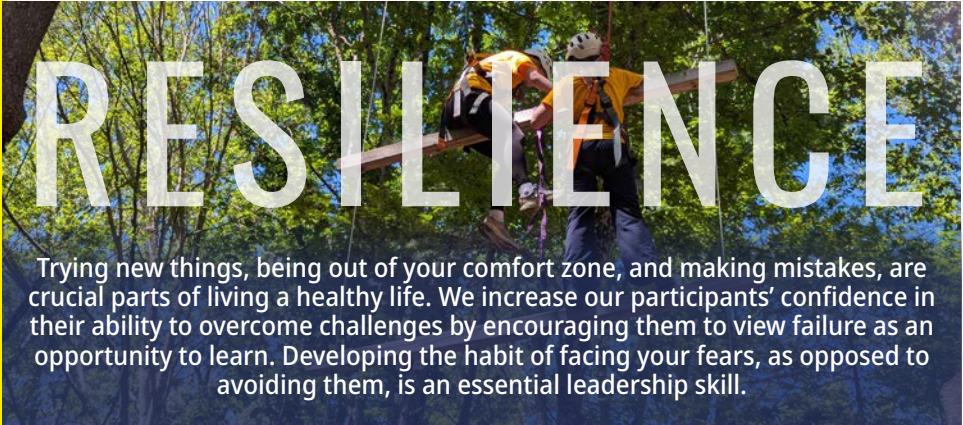
Maryellen Burke ***Friend***

Maryellen is a self-described “best friend” to Mary Jo and auntie to Haley. Maryellen has spent her whole career in the nonprofit trenches. Unlike Mary Jo, she actually works and gets paid by them. She is the opposite of Mary Jo in many ways, but she hangs out with her because Mary Jo always has gift certificates to great restaurants. Maryellen lives in Portsmouth with her husband, Michael, the lobsterman, and a dog, Caswell, who loves Mary Jo in spite of her indifference to him.

Master of Ceremonies

Tim Allison ***FFI Board Chair***

FFI'S



RESILIENCE

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

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

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. Rediscovering 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.

FFI Global Hubs

FFI HEADQUARTERS: NEW HAMPSHIRE



We're excited to share that FFI's campus has received a fresh new look, one that reflects both our youth-centered mission and connection to the natural world. Both buildings have been repainted, with updated woodwork that adds warmth and character. The Farmhouse now has a classic Colonial style that's bright and welcoming, while the Office features a modern yet grounded look, mirroring the creativity and energy of our programs. We want our campus to feel inviting, fun, and uniquely us, reflecting a commitment to nature, community, and learning. Future updates will focus on ecologically-friendly landscaping using native plants and outdoor spaces for reflection, connection, and environmental education. A huge thank you to Chuck Hugo, owner of Hugo Design in Kittery, Maine, and Sheri Gibson, owner of Rein & Co., who led the color selection and are continuing to guide the full beautification. Their creativity and generosity are helping FFI shine as a place people are excited to visit and happy to pass by each day. Learn more at www.ff.international/

FFI CENTRAL AMERICA HUB: BELIZE



This past spring, FFI alumni traveled to Boom Creek, Belize to finalize updates to the Diane M. Seagren Rainforest Academy and prepare the site for future programming. Their efforts included repairing the concrete walkway from the dock to the main campus and constructing a traditional hearth using local techniques, guided by a volunteer from the community. The new hearth will allow future participants to cook for themselves while living sustainably off-grid in the rainforest, deepening their connection to local culture and the environment. Learn more at www.ff.international/belize.

FFI Global Hubs

FFI CENTER AT ANNALONG: NORTHERN IRELAND



FFI's Center at Annalong has undergone exciting improvements to better serve our youth, alumni, and the wider community. Over the past few months, we've added raised community garden beds, benches throughout the property, a new fire pit gathering space, patios on each cottage, and updated landscaping to make the campus more welcoming and accessible. New signage and additional CCTV cameras have also been installed to enhance both safety and ease of navigation. These upgrades are part of our ongoing commitment to making the Center a vibrant, inclusive hub for connection, reflection, and growth. Learn more at www.ffi.international/annalong.



2025 Program Highlights

This Summer at FFI: Youth Led. Community Driven. Globally Connected.

Friends Forever International is building something rare and urgently needed - a network of young people who are empathetic, grounded, and capable of leading across divides. Our programs connect youth health to community health and planetary health. When youth thrive, their communities do too.

No other organization offers fully-funded, in-person, credit-bearing leadership programs that bring together students from New Hampshire, across the United States, and around the world. This summer, youth joined FFI to grow their leadership, strengthen their well-being, and help rebuild our shared future.

Empowerment and Resilience Program

New Hampshire youth earned credits while focusing on communication, identity, and mental wellness in an unplugged environment that supports healthy living, reflection, and teamwork. Thank you to the Foundation for Seacoast Health for funding this program!



Waves of Change Program

New Hampshire youth explored how environmental action, mindfulness, and community resilience are connected. They left equipped to lead with compassion in a rapidly changing world and with a renewed respect for our oceans and the vital importance of protecting our water.



2025 Program Highlights

Nationwide Immersion Program

Diverse students from across the United States came together in New Hampshire to bridge divides and find shared values through service, dialogue, and community engagement.



Northern Ireland/Republic of Ireland Immersion Program

Young people from Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland built their leadership skills through civic dialogue, community activities, public speaking, and volunteer service.



Global Immersion Program

Youth from Ghana, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mexico, and Peru gathered at our campus in Annalong, Northern Ireland for advanced leadership development. This program focused on self-reflection, cultural exchange, and creating impact across borders. At FFI, we believe it's more important than ever to bring people from different nations together because global challenges demand shared understanding and collaboration.



Learn more about each program or support a participant at www.ff.international/programs.

2025 Alumni Programs

Belize Alumni Advanced Leadership Program

Alumni from Northern Ireland, Israel, and the United States lived off-grid at our Diane M. Seagren Rainforest Academy in southern Belize, where they immersed themselves in hands-on learning and community engagement. They worked with local organizations and youth, helped refresh a community center, and took on campus projects such as building a new stove from native materials and repairing a walkway. Through these experiences, they learned traditional practices and gained a deeper understanding of leadership, sustainability, and collaboration.



New Orleans Advanced Leadership Program

Our alumni demonstrated meaningful leadership through meaningful service, leading youth workshops, serving meals to unhoused communities, speaking at Rotary meetings, and volunteering in the 9th Ward. They also learned from social service leaders in the New Orleans community, deepening their understanding of local challenges and strengthening their own leadership skills. Together, their experiences reflected service, storytelling, and healing in action.



What Makes Us Unique?

100% FREE PROGRAMMING

All FFI programs are completely free for accepted applicants, ensuring that financial limitations never stand in the way of opportunity. We believe that every young person, regardless of background, deserves the chance to grow as a leader, connect across cultures, and create positive change in their community. By removing program fees and covering all major expenses, we eliminate financial barriers and open the door for students to focus fully on learning, collaboration, and personal growth. Your donation to this event helps provide these scholarships!

COMMITMENT TO HEALTH

We believe healthy living is the foundation of strong leadership. Our programs are fully technology-free, allowing participants to be present and form authentic connections while reflecting on the role devices play in their lives. Each day includes mindfulness practices such as meditation and journaling, alongside physical activities that build resilience and personal growth. All meals are entirely plant-based, promoting cultural inclusivity, personal and planetary health, and offering students a shared challenge to embrace together. Through these practices, participants leave FFI not only as stronger leaders, but also as healthier, more mindful individuals.

ALUMNI OPPORTUNITIES

We distinguish ourselves from other youth organizations by maintaining an alumni network that welcomes back all former participants. Upon successfully completing the requirements of their program, each participant attains FFI alumni status. This prestigious status grants them access to exciting opportunities such as global alumni trips to places like New Orleans or Belize, exclusive workshops designed for alumni, facilitation training, and the potential to assume a leadership role as an Alumni Mentor. Additionally, FFI offers Fellowships for alumni, providing opportunities to contribute significantly to programs, community engagement, curriculum development, and more at FFI HQ. These opportunities are offered to alumni interested in a long term volunteering commitment with FFI.

Program Participant Spotlights

Caleb | New Hampshire

"I learned that I still have a lot to learn in order to be the best version of me that I can!"



Lyndal | New Hampshire

"I felt a lot more comfortable and confident doing things first and raising my hand."

Matthew | New Hampshire

"It is nothing like a usual classroom. You are constantly in different environments and meeting with people from the community. It's much more hands on, personalized, and personable."



Program Participant Spotlights

Bukky | Texas

"Delivering my speech helped with my self-confidence a lot. I feel like I can actually hold a conversation with people now."



Tom | Northern Ireland

"While doing the high ropes course, I was reminded that I'm capable of more than I think I am."

Camila | Mexico

"The smiles we experienced at Harry's Place made me realize how powerful and capable we all are in making an impact."



Where Are They Now?



Natalia Nava ('22)
California

Natalia Nava was a participant in the '22 Nationwide Immersion Program. Since her time with FFI, she began her higher education journey at the University of California, Los Angeles, where she is currently a junior. She is double-majoring in Public Affairs and International Development Studies and minoring in Public Health. In her freshman year, she joined UCLA Campus Tours, where she guides prospective students throughout campus and shares her experiences within higher education. She was promoted to Lead Tour Guide last spring. She also joined Camp Kesem at UCLA, a nationwide non-profit organization that holds free summer camps for children whose parents have been affected by cancer. She currently holds the role of Year-Round Support Lead, where she plans and brainstorms ways to support the chapter's campers beyond their time at camp. Additionally, she is an Undergraduate Research Assistant at the UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs under the Department of Urban Planning. Last summer, she was an intern with Singleton Schreiber LLP, a client-centered law firm in her hometown of San Diego, California. She is grateful for all of the lessons and experiences she gained with FFI, as they have allowed her to be the fearless leader she is today. She is also grateful that FFI welcomed her younger sister, Eva Valentina Nava, to the '25 Nationwide Immersion Program, where she gained invaluable lessons as well.



Elias Nasrallah ('18)
Israel

Elias participated in the 2018 Middle East Immersion Program. Since he joined FFI, he has continued to come back to volunteer with them. FFI is special to its participants and allows us to make the best memories and have many learning experiences.

For him, one of the best parts of FFI is that it helped him be more confident and not be afraid to take action to do what he loves. With that confidence and motivation, he followed his dreams to become a doctor. He is currently in his 4th year of medical school in Italy and still has two years until he becomes an official doctor.

At the same time, he is also volunteering to work with kids with special needs and all other patients with all types of sicknesses, to show the patients that they don't have to be afraid of doctors and to show that there are always people who will care about them.

He is at a point in his life where he is extremely happy with its direction.

FFI's Global Alumni



Jacqueline Corona ('22)
California

Jackie participated in the '22 Nationwide Immersion Program. After spending her summer before junior year in high school with FFI, she gained the confidence needed to truly pursue her dreams of going to college. Now, three years later, she has moved from Los Angeles, California to New York City as she attends

her second year at Columbia University. She is pursuing a degree in Astronomy with a special focus in Archaeology and Paleontology. While still very involved in her academics, she has also been involved in different activities throughout the last couple of years. From helping to create her high school's first astronomy club to becoming a research assistant in a paleoceanography project looking at reconstructing the climate changes the Earth experienced thousands of years ago. In addition, she is also a leader for her school's dance group, being one of two public relations officers. Even after all these years, she still wants to give her appreciation towards FFI for being a place where she was able to grow as an individual for the better, helping her become who she is today.

ALUMNI



Olamikunsi Jaiyeola ('23)
Indiana

Olamikunsi participated in the 2023 Nationwide Immersion Program. This fall, she started her third year at Wellesley College as an Environmental Studies and Religious Studies double major and Middle Eastern Studies minor. In her first year, she was able to run the first round of her FFI Community Action Project, Project

Produce Connection. As a person who grew up low-income, food insecurity (and the prospect of solving it) is one of her passions! Through her project, she worked to connect food distribution centers (like food banks and soup kitchens) with farms in the Greater Boston area to provide low-income families and individuals with fresh produce. Her most successful partnership was between the Boston Medical Center Rooftop Farm and Rosie's Place (a women's shelter in Boston). Through this connection, more than 1,600 lbs of produce were donated. She plans to run her project again this year with the support of a student organization on her campus, EnAct (Environmental Action)! With more hands on deck, she hopes to expand the number of connections she can make.

91% of participants would not be able to afford to participate without a full scholarship from FFI.

32% of participants come from minority ethnic backgrounds.

28% of participants have a documented disability or condition which makes it difficult to be successful in a traditional school environment, the majority being neurodivergent.

94% of participants reported they can better accept opinions that are different from their own.

88% of participants reported their empathy grew because of FFI's programs.

90% of participants reported that FFI's programs helped them understand the value of giving maximum effort.



CONGRATULATIONS

TO

Mary Jo Brown

Congratulations on being this year's recipient of
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Jo, and thanks for all of
your efforts in the Seacoast
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– Martha Fuller Clark



*Congratulations, Mary Jo, on the
2025 Eileen D. Foley Award!
- Bobbie Sweet*



“FFI is the ultimate bridge builder, an organization needed now more than ever. Happy to join with all past award recipients in celebrating FFI and Mary Jo.”

Chris Dwyer, Mike Huxtable
& Past Award Winners



CONGRATS
Mary Johanna
Brown

From your friends at





Congratulations to Mary Johanna Brown

2025 recipient of the Eileen D. Foley Award

Thank you, Mary Jo, for your extraordinary dedication to New Hampshire communities and to the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation — your contributions have made a lasting impact, and we are deeply grateful.



Brown & Company Design

CONGRATULATIONS, MARY JO!

For more than three decades, Mary Jo has shown that design can do more than look good. It can **do good**.

Following her lead, Brown & Company has worked with hundreds of nonprofits and donated thousands of hours over the years to organizations that make New Hampshire a better place. And somehow, she's still finding ways to sneak in just one more revision. (It is too late for you to change this ad.)

With admiration and appreciation,
from all of us at Brown & Company.

A collection of seven handwritten signatures in white ink on a red background. The signatures are arranged in two rows. The top row contains four signatures: 'Delly', 'MATT', 'Jack', and a signature that appears to be 'Liz'. The bottom row contains three signatures: 'Mary', 'Aberni', and a signature that appears to be 'Chris'.

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of the Eileen D. Foley Award.*



CONGRATULATIONS,
MARY JO!

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“Congratulations, Mary Jo!
You brighten NH and
inspire us all.
With deep gratitude and
admiration”

- Dick and Barbara Couch



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Hope on Haven Hill has had a wonderful relationship with Mary Jo Brown throughout our years in service. We are grateful for her support and her ability to connect us with so many other incredible agencies throughout NH!

Hope on Haven Hill's mission is to support recovery and nurture the health and wellbeing of pregnant and parenting women with substance use disorder and their children. We are also proud to offer outpatient services to women across New Hampshire, and perinatal resources, education and referrals through our program NH Mom Hub. If you are interested in supporting our work or learning more about our services, please contact Emily Sheffield, Communications & Development Specialist (in person here tonight) at esheffield@hopeonhavenhill.org

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Congratulations to Mary Jo!

From everyone at the
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New Hampshire Charitable Foundation.

FFI ENDOWMENT - SUSTAINING OUR IMPACT

Where do you want to leave your legacy? Will you continue to support our cause in the next fifty years? At Friends Forever International, we assist individuals in identifying a program area they are enthusiastic about supporting in the long run. If you care about the environment, social justice, education, or assisting those in need, consider investing in the future empathetic leaders who will champion these causes. Leaving behind a legacy of peace is one of the most valuable gifts you can give to the world.

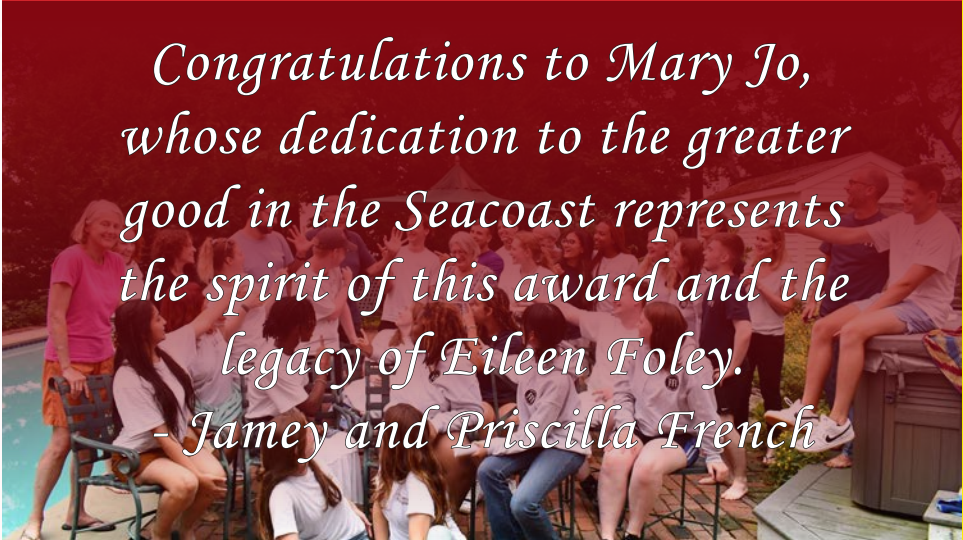
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“Without leaps of imagination, or dreaming, we lose the excitement of possibilities. Dreaming, after all, is a form of planning.” ~ Gloria Steinem

*Congratulations MJB!
~ Ali & Chris Pyott*

*Congratulations to Mary Jo,
whose dedication to the greater
good in the Seacoast represents
the spirit of this award and the
legacy of Eileen Foley.
- Jamey and Priscilla French*

A group of people, mostly young adults, are sitting on chairs and a cooler outdoors near a swimming pool. They are smiling and waving at the camera. The scene is bright and sunny, with trees and a building in the background.

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. **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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“Congratulations, Mary Jo, on this well-deserved honor! And we are so looking forward to Haley’s roast!”

–Tom and Lisa Sherman

Mary Jo, thank
you for all you
do to enrich our
community!

- Bob Hickey &
Patty Burke Hickey



Congratulations, Mary Jo...

...and thank you for all you do!

- Janet & Peter

**PMAC congratulates Mary Jo Brown
in recognition of her
years of service to the community
as an artist, volunteer, and advocate.**



**“Congratulations to Mary Jo Brown on the 2025 Eileen
D. Foley Award”**

**- Joe Keefe
(low maintenance, unlike Steve Martineau)**

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Mary Jo Brown**

See you next year!



**A special thanks to our Roast Selection Committee of
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