

SCHOOLS & YOUTH

Kids’ Place & Violence Prevention Center, Inc. launches scholarship

PITTSFIELD – Berkshire County Kids’ Place & Violence Prevention Center, Inc. (Kids’ Place), in partnership with the Bernardo family, announces the conclusion of the annual Jimmy Bernardo Memorial Motorcycle Ride and the launch of a new legacy initiative in Jimmy’s honor.

For many years, “Jimmy’s Ride” served as a powerful tribute to the life of Jimmy Bernardo, bringing together community members from across Berkshire County and beyond in support of children and families impacted by abuse.

The event became a meaningful tradition rooted in remembrance, resilience, and community action while helping to establish and sustain Kids’ Place, which was incorporated in 1993 as the first Children’s Advocacy Center in the Commonwealth of

Massachusetts.

The tragic abduction and murder of 12-year-old Jimmy Bernardo in 1990 profoundly impacted the Berkshire County community. In the years that followed, community leaders, child advocates, law enforcement, health-care professionals and the Bernardo family recognized the need for a coordinated response to child abuse that would better protect children while supporting families through the investigative and healing process.

That vision led to the incorporation of Berkshire County Kids’ Place & Violence Prevention Center, Inc. in 1993, creating a nationally accredited center that has served thousands of Berkshire County children over the past three decades.

Jimmy Bernardo was a Pittsfield native. In October 1990, at the age of 12, he was abducted from a local

movie theater. His body was later found in Ithaca, New York, in November 1990.

The case was ultimately solved, and his killer was convicted and sentenced to life in prison. Jimmy’s life was taken far too soon, but his memory continues to inspire compassion, advocacy and a lasting commitment to protecting children and strengthening communities.

Over the years, Jimmy’s Ride grew into a true community tradition, supported by hundreds of riders, volunteers, families, businesses and local organizations who came together each year to honor Jimmy’s memory and support the mission of Kids’ Place. Their dedication and generosity helped sustain the event for decades while ensuring that children experiencing abuse had access to compassionate services close to home.

As Mary Bernardo

shared, “The continued support of the community has truly been amazing and contributed to the longevity of the Jimmy Bernardo Motorcycle Ride.”

Kids’ Place extends its deepest gratitude to everyone who has supported the ride over the years, with special recognition to Greylock Federal Credit Union, which served as the event’s lead sponsor for more than 20 years. Their unwavering partnership, leadership, and commitment have played an instrumental role in the success of the ride and in advancing the mission of Kids’ Place.

While the motorcycle ride has reached its final chapter, the Bernardo family and Kids’ Place are proud to carry Jimmy’s legacy forward in a new and lasting way. The committee announces the creation of the Jimmy Bernardo Scholarship, which will be

awarded annually to graduating seniors from Pittsfield High School and Taconic High School.

The scholarship is designed to support local students while also encouraging future generations to recognize the importance of child abuse prevention, building safe communities and standing up for children, who may not have a voice.

Applicants will have the opportunity to reflect on these important issues and demonstrate how they plan to make a positive difference in their communities.

“Jimmy’s legacy has always been about helping others,” said Heather Williamson, Program Director of Kids’ Place. “While the motorcycle ride is coming to an end, the values it represented, compassion, community and protecting children, will continue through this scholarship.

We hope it inspires young people to become advocates for children and to carry Jimmy’s legacy forward for generations to come.”

Today, more than 30 years after its founding, Kids’ Place continues to serve children and families throughout Berkshire County by providing forensic interviews, family advocacy, trauma-focused mental health treatment, multidisciplinary team coordination, prevention education and other specialized services, all at no cost to families.

Since its incorporation in 1993, the organization has remained dedicated to ensuring that every child has access to justice, healing and hope. Additional information about the Jimmy Bernardo Scholarship, including eligibility requirements and application materials, will be shared with local schools in the coming weeks.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD26P1644EA
Estate of:
Harold F MacDonald
Also known as:
Harold F MacDonald, Sr.,
Harold Fairchild MacDonald
Date of Death: 05/06/2026
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Deborah L Sarba of Fannin, TX requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that Deborah L Sarba of Fannin, TX be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/26/2026. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Claudine T. Stoudemire, First Justice of this Court.
Date: July 29, 2026
Rosemary A Saccomani, Register of Probate
08/06/2026

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THE TRIAL COURT
HAMPDEN, Div.
Probate & Family Court Dept.
HD26E0036PP

To Melissa J Reid, of Hampshire County, and to all other persons interested

A petition has been presented to said Court by Robert S. Reid, of Morris County, NJ, representing that they hold as tenants in common in an undivided part or share of land lying in Chester, in the County of Hampden, setting forth that they desire that all of said land may be sold at private sale for not less than Two Hundred Forty Thousand dollars (\$240,000.00), and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided at private sale, and be ordered to distribute the

net proceeds thereof after full adjudication of the equitable claims contained in said petition and supplemental memorandum filed with the Court.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection in said Court at Springfield on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of September 17th, 2026.

Witness, CLAUDINE T. STOUDEMIRE, First Justice of said Court, this 23rd day of July 2026.

Rosemary A. Saccomani, Register
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a bid deposit in the amount of five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount, considering all alternates, and made payable to the Town of Huntington.

All bids for this project are subject to the provisions and minimum wage rates required by M.G.L. c.30, §39M as amended, and M.G.L. c.149, §§26 to 27H, inclusive. All applicable Federal minimum wage rates and applicable Federal labor standards shall also apply pursuant to the Davis-Bacon Act. When both State and Federal wage rates are applicable, the higher rate must be paid.

This project is subject to Build America, Buy America (BABA) requirements. A memorandum documenting BABA compliance shall be provided within 30-days of the Notice to Proceed.

The Awarding Authority encourages, to the extent feasible, the use of minority-, women- and disadvantaged- owned businesses for work under this contract and likewise encourages, to the greatest extent possible, that all bidders take affirmative steps to ensure training and employment for lower-income project area residents and award of subcontracts to HUD-defined Section 3 businesses. Bidders on the work shall make a good faith effort to achieve the goals of the Federal Minority and Women’s Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) policy regarding utilization of MBEs and WBEs in order to be deemed a responsible bidder.

Bids may be changed or withdrawn prior to the bid opening, but not within the sixty (60) days subsequent to the bid opening, by submission of such a change in writing in a sealed envelope, identifying the submitting party and indicating that it contains a correction of the bid for the Stanton Avenue Improvement Project, Huntington, MA.

The lowest qualified responsible bidder shall be awarded the contract subject to availability of funds under the EOHLB Block Grant program. The Town of Huntington, the Awarding and Contracting Authority, may cancel this Invitation for Bid (IFB), in whole or in part, at any time that such an act is deemed in its best interest, reserves the right to waive any informality in the bidding or to reject any and all

bids in total or in part as may be deemed to serve the best interest of the Town, and will not be responsible for any costs incurred by a bidder in preparing and submitting a bid in response to this IFB.

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Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Wetlands and Waterways
Western Regional Office
436 Dwight Street,
Springfield, MA 01103
Tele: 413-784-1100
PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1341 and M.G.L. c. 21 §43, notice is given of a 401 Water Quality Certification Application for the Beech Hill Road over Pond Brook Bridge Rehabilitation Project. The goal of the project is to extend the service life of the existing concrete arch bridge and improve the safety of the roadway at the crossing location of Beech Hill Road over Pond Brook. Work shall include isolated repairs to the existing concrete arch bridge’s substructure, a concrete roadway slab placed over the existing structure, and replacement of the existing bridge barrier and approach guardrails. The Applicant is the Town of Blandford, 1 Russel Stage Road Blandford, MA 01008. Additional information may be obtained from the applicant’s agent, Gill Engineering, Attn: Madison Sullivan at 781-355-7100 or msullivan@gill-eng.com. Written comments should be sent to MassDEP Western Regional Office, Wetlands and Waterways, 436 Dwight Street, Springfield, MA 01103 or via email to Tom Gruszkos at thomas.gruszkos@mass.gov within twenty-one days of this notice.

Any group of ten persons, any aggrieved person, or any governmental body or private organization with a mandate to protect the environment who submits written comments may appeal the Department’s Certification. Failure to submit written comments before the end of the public comment period may result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing.

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