

## Third Century Capital Campaign Crosses Finish Line Thanks to Gifts from the Loring Family Challenge and the Connolly Family

Children's Friend and Family Services crossed the \$1.3 million finish line thanks to gifts from the Loring Family Challenge and the Connolly Family. "We are so grateful to these two incredible families along with all our donors for their generous support of our Third Century Capital Campaign. On behalf of the entire agency, I extend a heartfelt thank you to all our donors for their support of our mission to help children and families in Essex County. And a very special thank you to Jim Kraus for his tireless work on behalf of the campaign," says Stephen Schaffer, Children's Friend and Family Executive Director.

Donor Steve Connolly, IV has a special relationship with the agency in that his company managed the construction work on the project and his mother, Suzanne, served on the board of directors. "Children's Friend is a very good and effective organization that has an impact on children and families," says Steve Connolly, IV. Suzanne Connolly adds, "I've been associated with Children's Friend for over twenty years. When the Loring Family reached out to us to participate in the campaign, it seemed like a good time. I was always very impressed with the social workers when they presented at the board of directors meetings. They had such dedication and involvement with not only the children, but their families as well."

"The agency is fortunate to have the outstanding support of both the Loring and the Connolly families as well as the support of over 150 donors who recognize the importance of the work Children's Friend and Family Services continues to do in the community. We are so grateful to both these families and all our donors for their generous support!" says Schaffer.