# MARCH NEWS

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#### **Halifax Workshop**

Dr. Marcia Henry, a leading expert on Dr. Samuel T. Orton's body of work, will be presenting a 2 day workshop for the Halifax Learning Centre on May 3 & 4. See Peg for registration information or find it on our Facebook page.

### Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser

Join us on Monday, March 25 at the Scarborough Texas Roadhouse. Show your server this flyer (paper copy or on your phone) and 15% of your tab will be donated to the Children's Dyslexia Center. We'll also be on hand to share information and answer questions. See you there!





# A Family Affair

"My great-grandfather was a Shriner. My grandfather was a Mason, and my grandmother was OES (Order of the Eastern Star) and a Daughter of the Nile. My father was in DeMolay as a boy, and became a Mason. My brother is in DeMolay, and I am a Rainbow Girl." Liz shares her family's Masonic roots matter of factly. When she discovered her dyslexia in 9th grade, and her mother was researching the Children's Dyslexia Center as a resource, her grandfather instantly knew the connection between the Center's mission to help dyslexic students and the Masonic family.

Today, Liz is a senior at Bonny Eagle High School. She spent two years (sophomore and junior) as a student at the Children's Dyslexia Center. She also got involved with the Rainbow Girls as a sophomore. As she recounts her journey over the past few years, she credits both her "sisters" through Rainbow and her time at the Center with helping her grow and gain confidence. She says that her joke with her tutor, Mary Beth, was that she used to throw "mud





## **Register Now!**

This major fundraising event is fast approaching! We hope you've marked your calendar for **April 7**. Join us at the Mast Landing School in Freeport for

- 5K
- 15K
- Story Walk (Down to the Sea with Mr. Magee)

After the race, participants will earn **prizes** (top male and female finishers for 5K & 15K will receive prizes courtesy of Fleet Feet), replenish with a delicious **pancake breakfast** prepared by the Freeport Masons (served in the cafeteria), and enjoy fun activities including a **bounce house** and games. We will also be hosting a **raffle** with GREAT prizes from local businesses.

Register at www.running4free.com. **T-shirts guaranteed** for 5K & 15K runners if registered **before March 15**.

5K - \$25 (\$30 on race day)

15K - \$35 (\$40 on race day)

Story Walk - \$10 (\$15 on race day)

at the wall" when she was reading. Now, she feels that "I definitely have strategies" to use when reading and doing schoolwork. And while she was unsure about what she might gain from the Center at first, she "didn't want to leave" last spring. As for her involvement in Rainbow girls, she appreciates the emphasis on community service, leadership skills, and public speaking. Last spring, Liz brought her involvement as a student at the Children's Dyslexia Center and the Rainbow Girls together to support the Dash for Dyslexia. She organized a group of Rainbow sisters to volunteer at the race and even served as an on-camera spokesperson for the news coverage of the event!

Liz is excited about what the future holds. She will be attending SMCC in the fall to pursue a program in Hospitality. She hopes to work helping people in the hotel and restaurant industry. We join her family and her extended Masonic family in congratulating her on her success and wishing her all the best in the coming years!

Here at the Children's Dyslexia Center, we remain grateful for the enduring financial support of the Masonic family. To learn more about the various groups that make up the Masonic family, check out <a href="https://www.mainemason.org/grand-lodge/maine-masonic-family/">https://www.mainemason.org/grand-lodge/maine-masonic-family/</a>

#### **Student Celebration - Save the Date!**

We are looking forward to celebrating the successes of our students who will be finishing their second year at the Center on Friday, May 24 at Fort Williams Park. We'd also like to cordially invite past students to come and let us know what they're up to! We look forward to catching up with everyone at this informal BBQ. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

