

**Press Release**  
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## **VIKING PRIDE FOUNDATION APPOINTS CATHERINE GALLIVAN TO ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Viking Pride Foundation (VPF) proudly appointed Winthrop resident and local educator Catherine “Cathie” Gallivan to its board of directors in late 2006. Cathie replaced former board member Joe Clark, bringing the total board members to 11. She is the fourth woman to serve on the board of directors of the Viking Pride Foundation.

“Cathie is a wonderful addition to our board,” said Al Petrilli, Chairman of the Viking Pride Foundation Board. “She brings knowledge and familiarity of our educational system and has a high set of standards for what the students of this town deserve. She is a hard-working individual and has been one of our most enthusiastic volunteers. We’re looking forward to her continued involvement in helping this organization achieve its goals.”

As an active community member, Cathie Gallivan has a long history of serving the town of Winthrop both in an educational capacity and in a civic manner. Dedicated to her field of education, Cathie became involved with the Viking Pride Foundation after pushing for additional public school funding in the early 2000s.

When two failed tax overrides and a lack of state funding threatened to end co-curricular activities in the Winthrop public schools, Cathie volunteered to help the newly formed Viking Pride Foundation. The VPF was founded in 2004 as a non-profit organization and is charged with raising funds to retain co-curricular programs in all Winthrop’s public schools. The VPF continues to raise awareness as well as much needed funding for programs in Winthrop’s schools.

Cathie is certified in Massachusetts as a Preschool Lead Teacher and has taught early childhood education at the Winthrop Country Day Learning

Center for the past 12 years. Prior to this, she was a religious education teacher at St. John the Evangelist School for 10 years. She is a past president of the Winthrop High School Parent Teachers Organization and has served on the boards of directors for more than ten years for the following organizations: Winthrop Youth Hockey, Winthrop Little League and Winthrop Youth Football. She is a former town meeting member as well as former member of both the Community Partnerships Council and the Elementary School Council.

Cathie Gallivan has been married to James Gallivan of Winthrop for 25 years and has two grown sons, Ryan and Rory.

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