

Dear Friend,  
What a fun summer we've been having here at the Marion Institute reconnecting with friends old and new. We finally reignited our popular community education program – **The Connector Series** – after nearly a three year Covid hiatus. This summer's series was focused on climate change and its toll on our weather patterns and marine ecosystems.



In July, we hosted **Jennifer Francis**, Ph.D., Senior Scientist at the Woodwell Climate Research Center (pictured above) at the Marion Music Hall for a presentation on "[Climate Change & Our Communities](#)." The insightful, and at times shocking, talk had the audience hanging on her every word. If you were able to attend, we hope you were inspired and motivated to make some incremental changes in your daily practices that we all need to adopt to avert climate disaster.

On August 15th, at the same venue, we held part two of our Climate Series featuring **Dave Wiley**, Ph.D., Marine Ecologist at Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary for "[Climate Change & Our Oceans](#)." Once again, the audience was presented with another scientist's view and assessment of the precarious climate environment we find ourselves in. Dave spoke about his whale research in Stellwagen Bank and the impact a warming ocean is having on their behavior and their threatened food supply, sand lance. He raised an important piece of the puzzle however that our living oceans are extremely adaptable and act as a "carbon sink" that can absorb up to 31% of the CO2 emissions released into the atmosphere.

If you weren't able to attend the series, you can check out the videos on our [@MarionInstituteTV](#) Youtube channel.

Our summer series was great, but don't despair, we have equally exciting events planned for the fall. On October 5th, we invite you to join – **Boogie at the Bog** – a fundraiser to support our newest program, Frogfoot Farm - Neighbors feeding Neighbors, a farm-to-food relief program in partnership with the A.D. Makepeace Company.



This new annual event features a unique cocktail hour in a bog of floating cranberries, followed by a mix of local fare with a live band and dancing. All proceeds will benefit **Frogfoot Farm**. Click [here to register](#) and learn more!

**Tickets are \$175 and limited**, so make sure to get yours early! For sponsorship opportunities please contact Christy Mach Dubé, Director of Engagement at (508)748-0816 x118 or [email](#).

### Our Founders Journey with Biological Medicine



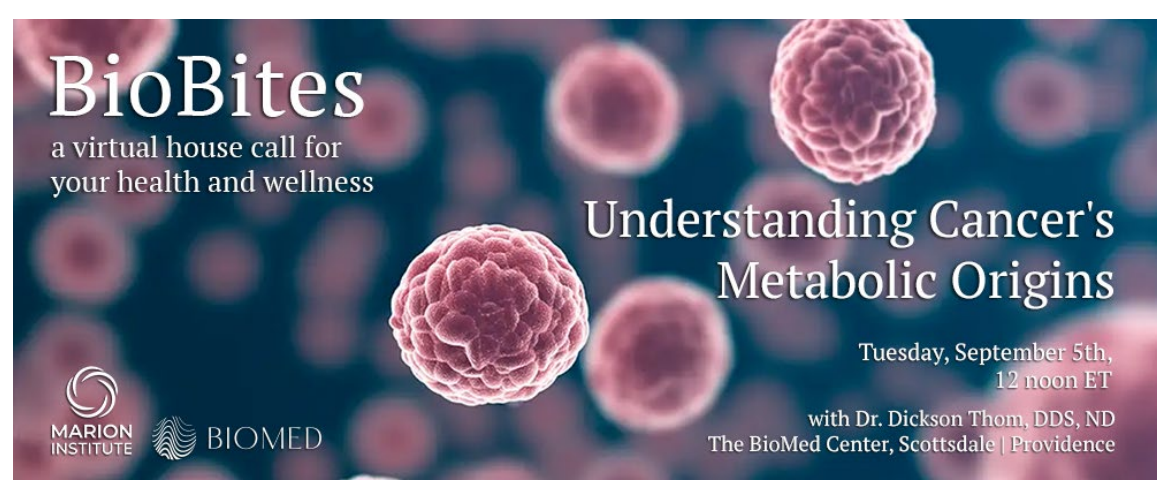
Check out the latest episode of @beautifullybroken.world with Michael Baldwin as he explains the reasons he embarked on the BioMed path 30 years ago after his son's cancer diagnosis at age 13. This in-depth interview with host **Freddie Kimmel**, himself a cancer survivor, also gets into the nuance of what true healing means. Don't miss it!

"The silo approach is that you never have anyone who is addressing the whole body, ... Nobody is sharing information, and nobody is looking at the entire person to try to determine why these manifestations of *dis-ease* are being generated in the first place." - Michael Baldwin



### Sign up for our upcoming BioBites on September 5th

The warfare mentality and battlefield approach to cancer care is one-dimensional and limiting. Could it be that we're looking at it all wrong? Today's standard of care, while seen as tremendously successful in many cases, is not without collateral damage. Join us on September 5th at 12:00 ET as **Dr. Dickson Thom, DDS, ND**, discusses the current resurgence of the new science-backed metabolic approach to cancer.



[Click here to register for our September 5th BioBites Event](#)

### Eat Local Southcoast Challenge and more



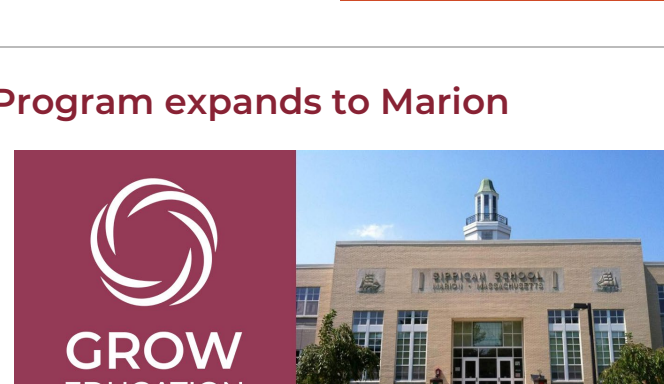
For the month of August we challenged you to eat local foods from a 200 mile radius. We had over 200 people sign up for weekly emails full of fantastic tips and resources and have had loads of fun with online engagement! #eatlocalsouthcoast

Looking ahead, September is Hunger Action Month. Once again the MI's Southcoast Food Policy Council will bring much needed awareness to the hunger plight so many in our community struggle with. With the increases in food prices and housing, more and more people face challenges keeping themselves and their families healthy. Stay tuned for how you too can help this effort coming to your inboxes in September!



### Grow Education Program expands to Marion

Yes, it's still summer but no doubt you've heard the rallying cry, "Back to School!" Now that all of New Bedford's 19 public elementary schools plus Westport's elementary school are benefiting immensely from the program,



we are proud and thrilled to announce the addition of **The Sippican School** in Marion and **Wareham Elementary** to the Grow Education family! After much discussion with town leaders and benefical outcomes that the curriculum brings, both schools are slated to come onboard this fall. We couldn't do this great work without the **commitment and dedication of our generous donors** and we're happy to report we have received a **\$20K matching grant** to make Sippican and Wareham a reality! Click [here](#) to contribute to this valuable educational program and double your impact today! .

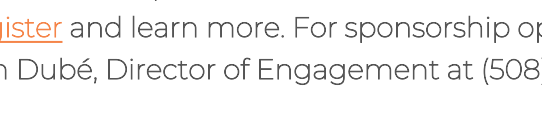
[Donate to Grow Education TODAY!](#)

### Save the Date for our next can't miss event in November



**Wednesday, November 1st from 6:00-8:00 PM** our Connector Series returns, featuring Pulitzer-Prize Winning Journalist and Author **Tracy Kidder** and **Dr. Jim O'Connell**, President of Boston Healthcare for the Homeless.

Join us, as we come together to discuss Kidder's newest book **Rough Sleepers**, the powerful story of an inspiring doctor and his team who have made a difference in the lives of many by creating a program that brings healthcare to Boston's homeless community. The event will take place at the Kilburn Mill in New Bedford. **Tickets are \$35**. Click [here to register](#) and learn more. For sponsorship opportunities please contact Christy Mach Dubé, Director of Engagement at (508)748-0816 x118 or [email](#).



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