

RAY OF HOPE

PROGRAM AND MONTHLY RECIPIENT



Left to right: Alexandra Kosciak, Youth Services Clinician, Jay Curtin June RAY Recipient, and Melissa and Matt Hughes, Pinewood Developments and Associates, Inc.

June Recipient – Jay Curtin

Jay Curtin is a recent graduate of Needham High who will be attending Franklin Pierce University in the fall. Nominated by his guidance counselor, Chuck Cittadino, Jay has demonstrated an ability to reach out to new students making them feel welcome at the High School. As president of the Needham High School Anime Club, where students meet to view and discuss Japanese animation, Jay's personal goal was to "try my best to make the club a good experience for everyone involved". According to Mr. Cittadino, "Jay has helped to run, organize and plan projects and has exhibited the willingness to complete jobs that need to be done without any supervision." Jay has helped at St. Joseph's Summer Theatre where he worked creating sets. In the future, Jay wants to have a career in voice work or become involved in theatre. Other interests include music, cultural studies, philosophy, linguistics, as well as hanging out with friends. Jay feels that he is a simple teenager who wants to live a fun life and to share that fun with everyone that he meets.

Needham Youth Services Representative – Alexandra Hogan

Alexandra is a Mental Health Counselor who initially joined Needham Youth Services (formerly Needham Youth Commission) in 2005. She currently enjoys working with high school students on community wide programs, in small elementary school groups, and individually through confidential counseling. It has been said that it takes an entire village to raise a child ... and it could not make her happier to be part of a community that does exactly that by embracing, encouraging and supporting its youth in who they are both inside and out.

Needham Business Association Representatives - Melissa and Matt Hughes

Pinewood Developments & Associates Inc. is a custom home and remodeling business started by Needham native, Matt Hughes. Together with his wife, Melissa, they break the mold of 'typical' general contractor utilizing such values as quality, integrity and communication.

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