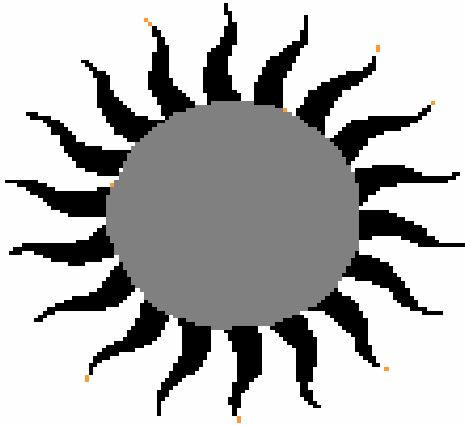


# RAY OF HOPE

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND MONTHLY RECIPIENT



( Left to right) Jon Mattleman, Isaac Hargrave, Mark Silverman

### October Recipient – Isaac Hargrave

Isaac Hargrave is 5 years old and attends Kindergarten in Needham. Isaac has many interests – he likes to cook and make “creations” in the kitchen, he likes to read, he likes to play the piano, he likes to play soccer and baseball and he likes running races and has participated in the Needham Track Club. His teachers say that other children in the class like Isaac because he is fun and plays fair. He has been found negotiating compromises to disagreements between classmates by his teachers. His parents say that he is thoughtful and has a great sense of empathy for others. Isaac has always been a terrific big brother and role model for Luke who is 9 months old. However, one day last May Isaac also became Luke’s hero when he noticed that Luke was choking on his Sponge Bob Band-Aid that he had received at a doctor’s appointment. They were driving in the car and he screamed so that his mother would be aware of his brother’s situation. His quick thinking and communication with his mom saved the life of his 9 month old brother.

### Needham Youth Commission Representative – Jon Mattleman

Jon is the Director of the Needham Youth Commission and a firm believer in the ability of youth to contribute to the larger community. He envisions this program as one in which to highlight the positive actions of the young people of Needham.

### Needham Business Association Representative – . Ann Marie Sheridan

**(Mark Silverman, President of the Needham Business Association, stood in for Ann Marie Sheridan, who was unable to make the presentation.)**

Ann Marie Sheridan is the owner of Cutting Edge Fitness located in Newton Center. Cutting Edge is New England’s premier slow speed, high intensity weight-training facility featuring 30 minute sessions. Cutting Edge Fitness is proud to sponsor a youth who is a role model for his peers.

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