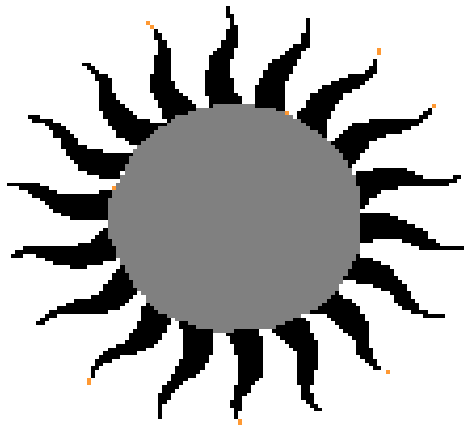


RAY OF HOPE

PROGRAM AND MONTHLY RECIPIENT



Left to right: Mark Silverman, Molly McCleary, Jon Mattleman, Alexandra Hogan

February Recipient – Molly McCleary

Molly McCleary is a junior at Needham High School. Molly is an active participant in many school activities such as Student Council, the indoor track team, and the varsity softball team. Molly actively participates in volunteer work through Carter Memorial United Methodist Church where she is a member of the Chancel Choir, Bell Choir and numerous committees, including being the co-chair of the Youth Council. She has attended or organized seven mission trips to locations such as the Yakama Indian Nation in Washington State and Costa Rica since the eighth grade. Additionally, Molly is a member of the National Honor Society and recently attended the National Youth Leadership Forum on National Security in Washington D.C. to improve her leadership skills and gain a more informed understanding of US foreign policy and strategy. In her freshman year, Molly co-founded with her best friend a small landscaping company that keeps her busy over the summer. When not doing homework or going to practice, Molly enjoys reading, hanging out with her friends, avoiding thinking about college, and listening to music.

Needham Youth Commission Representative – Alexandra Hogan

Alexandra is a Mental Health Counselor who initially joined the 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 Representative – Mark Silverman

Mark Silverman is president of Mark's Moving & Storage, Inc, founded in 1979 as a one-man, one truck operation that now operates with over 25 trucks and trailers and moving services locally, nationally and internationally. Mark is past president of the Massachusetts Movers Association and the Needham Business Association and is past Director of the Commonwealth Transportation Compensation Corporation. Mark is the producer of the local television series, Meet Your Needham Merchants.

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