



Spaulding Youth Center

every child deserves a childhood Winter/Spring 2013

Six year old Tori Woltering takes over Judge Carroll's courtroom

Tori free reign and command of the court. Much to the delight of the audience, Tori, who has boundless energy, mischievous eyes and a smile as big as a rainbow explored the front of the courtroom. She sat on Judge Carroll's lap, played with his computer, gave orders over the microphone and climbed on the chair in the witness stand.

Tori has pulled the heartstrings of many staff members at Spaulding since they began working with her two years ago, first matching her with a wonderful foster family and eventually a loving adoptive family. At the age of four, Tori needed to learn toileting skills and had limited oral communication and significant behavioral challenges. With her vitality and eagerness to learn she soon began to thrive with help from her foster family and support from clinician Liz Biron at Spaulding Youth Center.

Through Spaulding's ISO (Individual Service Option) Foster Care Program in which families become licensed, Michele and Chris Woltering of Raymond and Tori were matched. Tori needed parents with extraordinary energy and enough patience to help with her many challenges. Tori and her prospective parents got to know each other initially by visiting one weekend

With prompting from family, friends and Spaulding staff in Laconia Family Court, a rambunctious six year old girl announced her new name, Tori Woltering, over the microphone. Judge Carroll presided over the unusual adoption proceedings giving

per month. The time together slowly increased, but it wasn't long before the Wolterings fell in love with Tori and vice versa.

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The Wolterings keep Tori busy with a variety of activities including camping, bowling, Zumba and soccer. This past summer they attended a series of fairy tale performances at the Palace Theatre in Manchester where Tori dressed up like one of the characters for each performance. She also threw out the first pitch at a Fisher Cats game. Tori has embraced her many new relatives and loves to spend time on her grandparents' farm where she mucks out the chicken coop and collects eggs. To see Tori with her new family, one would think they had been together forever.



Judge Carroll of Laconia Family Court has a conversation with Tori.



Leaving with a gift from a friend.



The Woltering Family leaving the courthouse after the adoption ceremony. Celebrating with them are Spaulding staff members who orchestrated the adoption. From left to right: former Spaulding clinician Hilary Babon, Chris, Michele and Tori Woltering, Spaulding clinician Liz Biron and Spaulding Admissions and Foster Care Director Pat Seaward-Salvati.

Our Mission:

To leverage our professional expertise to help young people with autism or other developmental and/or behavioral challenges learn the academic and life skills needed to be successful in their homes, schools and communities.

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From the Hill

Dear Friends of Spaulding Youth Center, How do you know you are successful?

I am asked that question quite often. More often than not, I respond that Spaulding's outcome statistics are laudable, while I avidly recount quantitative measures such as increased academic test scores, the percentage of positive discharges to less restrictive settings, or the number of successful transitions back to homes, public schools and communities.



Authors' Tea



Success Celebration

What truly inspires me, however, are the real life stories behind the statistics. I love to take every available opportunity to share these unique student success stories, heartwarming ones like the story of Tori's adoption with a very loving family. I might regale listeners with the tale of the teenage boys in Davis House who are eagerly crocheting scarves for family members. Or I may well tell Jake's* story, a sixth-grader who bravely spoke at a Board meeting about his love of math and who relayed his unabashed pride when he learned that his test scores showed significant academic progress in six months.

No doubt, Spaulding focuses considerable and continuous attention on measurable outcomes, quality assurance and quality improvement. Please don't get me wrong; data, statistics and numbers do matter greatly to me and to this organization. But I can't help but glory in the singular satisfaction that comes from the spontaneous bear hug from a grateful parent, the quiet confidence and poise of a young woman giving a tour to visitors, or a tearful clinician beaming with pride at a student's Success Ceremony. These moments are immeasurable.

So how do I know we are successful you ask? I simply imagine the innumerable smiling faces hidden behind those intriguing pie charts, impressive trend lines and multi-colored graphs. Then I enthusiastically provide the measurable outcomes -- in vivid color.

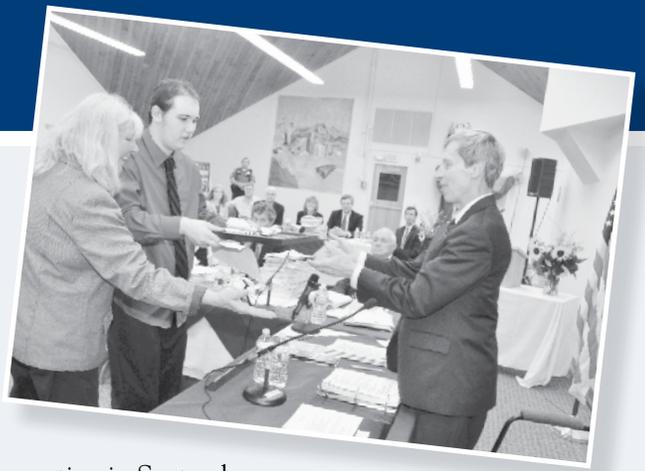

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* Pseudonym used to protect the privacy of the individual.

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Happenings



Spaulding Youth Center staff receives commendation from Governor John Lynch

Spaulding Youth Center was honored to host The Honorable Governor John Lynch and five Executive Councilors for their public meeting in September. Student Cory Haskins, on his 20th birthday, assisted by his teacher Denise Luneau, presented Governor John Lynch with a framed piece of student art.

Among the honors and commendations, Lori Surowiec and Gary Lavallee, two employees who have worked at Spaulding the longest, 37 years and 35 years respectively, accepted on behalf of the staff at Spaulding, an official commendation from Governor Lynch which commended “the staff of Spaulding Youth Center for their commitment to their community and state.”

SUCCESS STORY

A Young Man Learns to Trust and Love

Matt is a young man to whom you may have spoken while pushing your shopping cart down the aisle of a local grocery store. His association with Spaulding began at the age of six when he was separated from his parents by the court system and referred to Spaulding for residential treatment and academic services. Matt was understandably a very unhappy child and his challenges were numerous, including the inability to speak in sentences and lack of self-control. “No” was his favorite word and he was afraid of every new experience.



With lots of attention from expert and caring staff members at Spaulding who taught him with kindness, consistency and repetition, he learned to speak in sentences, relate to the world around him, to use his strengths to his advantage and to deal with his weaknesses. Matt who is now 23 years of age lives with a wonderful family and spends a good deal of time with his legal guardian Melonie Bell and her large family. Weekdays, Matt is in a program where he works in a grocery store and is paid to stock and face shelves. He also volunteers his time delivering Meals on Wheels and serving meals at the Trip Center in Franklin where he is a big hit.

Melonie who has known Matt since he was six says that he has come a long way. He knows how to cook using picture recipes, grocery shop, budget his paycheck, do laundry and keep his own room tidy and clean. Melonie says that Matt has become a very important part of their family.

THERE ARE MANY CHILDREN IN NEED OF LOVING FAMILIES AND PERMANENT CONNECTIONS.

Spaulding's ISO Foster Care Program provides foster homes for children and youth ranging in age from birth to 18. Make a difference in the life of a deserving child in your community by becoming a foster or adoptive family. For more information, contact Carol Sanborn, Recruitment and Admissions Assistant at carolsanborn@spauldingyouthcenter.org or 603-286-8901 x203.

Making a Difference Donor Profile

Terrance, Holly and Thaddeus Humphrey are huge fans of Spaulding and because of their longtime relationship have a solid understanding and deep appreciation of the organization. The Humphreys' love affair with Spaulding began when their son Thaddeus, who is on the autism spectrum, was five years old. At that time they lived in Northern New Hampshire and were looking for a placement for him. Upon touring Spaulding they were so impressed that they immediately moved to the area so that Thaddeus could attend school here.

And that was only the beginning of their involvement. Terrance worked as a family therapist at Spaulding for ten years and after starting his own practice as a marriage and family therapist became a Board member. Holly volunteered her time helping families teach their children to transfer basic skills such as toileting to life at home. Terrance presently serves on the Board of Trustees and is the secretary of the Board of Directors. As donors the Humphreys generously support the New School Campaign and have been members of the Spaulding

Sunshine Society supporting the Annual Fund for many years. Terrance and Holly believe that Spaulding is doing the "right" job and they get a lot of satisfaction being involved with a local organization where their gifts directly support the students.



Holly and Terrance commented that Thaddeus talks about Spaulding often with great fondness relaying good memories such as his participation in the ground breaking of Lambert Cottage where he dug the first shovelful of dirt when he was five. Thaddeus loved the expert, dedicated and caring staff and made friends with several boys, which the Humphreys believe would be impossible for a boy with his involvement with Autism in a public school setting. Holly commented that the staff and students felt like family and they made a huge difference in Thaddeus' life. At the dedication for the new school in 2012, Holly commented that she was very moved by the ceremony and by the students, especially the two delightful and well-mannered boys who conducted the school tour. "The students are very happy here; they have friends and they are very proud of their new school."



Around

Using a Calculator in Math Class



Creating Valentines During an After School Activity



Snowboarding in the EChO Program



Making Giant Bubbles with Northway Bank

Campus

HATS OFF!



AN EXTRA ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR...

A student with an entrepreneurial spirit.

Jessica* is well known on campus as a young woman with big ideas and a heart of gold. Inspired by her love of animals and with the help of staff members, Jessica completed a project which raised \$82 for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The project involved making beautiful jewelry items such as chokers, earrings and necklaces and offering them to staff members and friends for a donation to her cause.

Franklin Savings Bank and Skate Escape for their support of the students at Spaulding.

Awards were presented to two local businesses at Spaulding's 54th Annual Celebration. From Franklin Savings Bank (FSB), accepting the You've Got a Friend Award were Jeff Savage, President and CEO, Deb Tessier, VP, Commercial Loan Officer, Dick Dubois, Board Chair and Ron Magoon, EVP, CFO, COO and Treasurer. The award recognized FSB for their long time partnership and dedication to Spaulding and for their generosity, friendship and support that has helped make dreams come true for countless children and youth.



New School Building Committee and Capital Campaign Cabinet leaders for winning the Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce Golden Hammer Award for "Business Economic Improvement."

Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce awarded Spaulding Youth Center the Golden Hammer Award for Business Economic Improvement. Building Committee and Capital Campaign Cabinet leaders (from left to right in the photo below) are Capital Campaign Co-chair Mike Ventura; Chairman of Spaulding Youth Center's Board of Directors Jim Clements; CFO Frank Lossani; builder, President of Conneston



Construction Jeff Conneston; CEO/President Susan Calegari; architect Ingrid Nichols of Banwell Architects; Capital Campaign Co-chair Hali Dearborn; financing provider Jeffery Savage, President and CEO of Franklin Savings Bank; and Physical Plant Manager Dennis Fox. Absent from photo is Chair of the Building Committee Scott McGuffin, Esq.



From Skate Escape in Laconia, accepting the Arthur H. Nighswander Community Partner Award, were co-owners Janine Page and Erica Duncan. They were recognized for their kindness to Spaulding students and for providing them an opportunity to learn new skills and make new friends in a safe and supportive community environment. Students who roller skate at Skate Escape weekly presented Page and Duncan with flowers and gifts.

Success Under Construction – A New School for Spaulding Capital Campaign Update

Just \$140,500 left to raise to meet the last dollar challenge of \$100,000.

Call Gail Mayhew for more information at 603-286-7500 x532.



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Spaulding's 26th Annual Arts Festival

Wednesday, May 29, 2013 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Students celebrate and showcase their arts projects for the year.

Spaulding's 7th Annual Bette Davis Cup

Monday, June 3, 2013

Lochmere Golf and Country Club, Tilton

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Play, sponsor or donate a raffle item.

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*Register early for this popular tournament.
Teams are usually filled by May 1.*



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