



# SPAULDING YOUTH CENTER

*Our New School is Cool!*

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## Governor Lynch Proclaims June 13, 2012 'Dedication Day'

The official dedication ceremony for Spaulding Youth Center's new high-performance school, which opened in early March, celebrated a landmark moment in Spaulding's 141 year history. In a proclamation, Governor Lynch stated, "Spaulding Youth Center is a fine example of what caring really means...and for that, Spaulding deserves our thanks." U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen extended congratulations to all the children and families of Spaulding who face tremendous odds and work tirelessly to overcome them, and to the teachers, caregivers and staff for their hard work and dedication to helping children reach their goals.

### On Dedication

Board of Trustees' Chair Jim Clements spoke about the dedication that went into the building project and capital campaign, *Success Under Construction: A New School for Spaulding*, recounting with pride that in these uncertain times, "Spaulding's leadership chose a path of 'audacity rather than austerity' to guide this transformative project."

### On Appreciation

Campaign Co-Chairs Michael Ventura and Hali Dearborn expressed Spaulding's appreciation to the many campaign donors who are creating a legacy that is making a difference now and will continue to impact the well-being of children and families into the future.

### On Success

CEO and President Susan Calegari reminded all the admirers of the building — *it is what is happening inside the new school that is most striking*. The diverse student body of children and youth with a range of abilities and challenges is fully engaged in a vibrant learning environment that offers limitless opportunities for learning and growth for today's students and for generations to come. Asking the students to stand, the tent erupted in applause as Calegari noted, "Folks, this is what success looks like."

"I, John Lynch, Governor of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim June 13, 2012 as DEDICATION DAY here at the Spaulding Youth Center and throughout New Hampshire in recognition of the commendable good work being done here."

**"FOLKS, THIS IS WHAT SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE!"**



The celebratory program began with student chants: "Our New School is Cool!"

Spaulding's new 21,856 sq. ft. state-of-the-art school will accommodate 100 students when fully occupied.



Windows to educational excellence.

**OUR MISSION:** Spaulding Youth Center is dedicated to improving and enriching the lives of emotionally and/or intellectually challenged children, youth and their families.

# IT IS WHAT IS HAPPENING INSIDE THE SCHOOL THAT IS STRIKING...

Spaulding's new school building creates an inviting entrance to its 470-acre campus with stunning vistas. It is sun-filled, energy efficient and boasts spacious classrooms, a Life Skills suite, media center, science lab, therapy rooms and stunning common spaces, creating a whole new world of opportunities for student achievement.



## 10 CLASSROOMS

Students learn individually and collectively with the use of advanced technology.



## LIFE SKILLS SUITE

Cooking classes in a fully equipped kitchen help students learn important independent living skills.



## SCIENCE LAB

A well-appointed lab supports student learning as part of NH's core curriculum for science.



## MEDIA CENTER

Students learn computer and reading skills as part of Spaulding's comprehensive media and library program.



## OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

With room to swing, do yoga, exercise and stretch, students strengthen both body and mind.







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and Hali Dearborn**

# From the Hill

Dear Friends of Spaulding Youth Center,

**B**y all accounts, Spaulding Youth Center's Dedication Day was a smashing success. The clouds parted and the sun began to shine, ice cream was plentiful, and the occasion felt more like a pep rally as 300 students, staff, board members, officials, community members and friends gathered to celebrate Spaulding's new school. Tours led by the architect, builder and students were very popular, and "oohs" and "ahs" echoed throughout the building. Students proudly demonstrated their SmartBoard, science lab and occupational therapy skills in the classrooms. And who could resist the aroma of freshly baked chocolate chip cookies wafting from the Life Skills Suite?

A whole new world of opportunity is unfolding for Spaulding students. The light-filled, energy efficient new school building is stunning, but it is what is happening inside the building which is truly amazing. It is a place of wonder, a place of discovery, and a place for success. We have built the kind of school Spaulding students and faculty so richly deserve.

The construction of the 21,856 square foot state-of-the-art school is a transformational initiative for Spaulding Youth Center. Because Spaulding is one of the few educational and therapeutic programs in New Hampshire equipped to expertly address the complex needs of children and youth with autism, neurological

**...this is a critical project which responds to a pressing societal need.**



**Students appreciate their new school**

and behavioral challenges, this is a critical project which responds to a pressing societal need. By providing a 21<sup>st</sup> century learning environment for our students and our dedicated staff, and by tripling day-student capacity, Spaulding is meeting the growing demand for quality special education programs in our state and region.

Dedication Day was truly a day to be thankful and to celebrate, but there is some unfinished work ahead. We are so very close to declaring victory for the \$3.17 million *Success Under Construction: A New School for Spaulding* capital campaign. If you have not already, we hope you will join us in supporting this long-awaited dream. Another day of celebration awaits us!

Thank you and come visit – soon!



**Hali Dearborn**, *Campaign Co-Chair*

**Michael Ventura**, *Campaign Co-Chair*

**Susan S. Calegari**, *CEO and President*

# CAMPAIGN NEWS

## “LAST DOLLAR” CHALLENGE

When *Success Under Construction: A New School for Spaulding* capital campaign receives \$3.1 million in gifts and pledges, an anonymous foundation will contribute \$100,000 as the campaign’s ‘Last Dollar.’ This Last Dollar gift will meet and exceed the campaign’s fundraising goal of \$3.17 million, assuring that resources will be available to help countless young people and their families for generations to come.

All new campaign gifts and pledges will move Spaulding closer to meeting this exciting Challenge and complete Spaulding’s Capital Campaign initiative. Every dollar matters!

Please consider your gift today. Your investment will improve the future for deserving children and youth.

*The time is now.* Together we will make this happen.



Balance to meet  
the Challenge:  
**\$276,040**

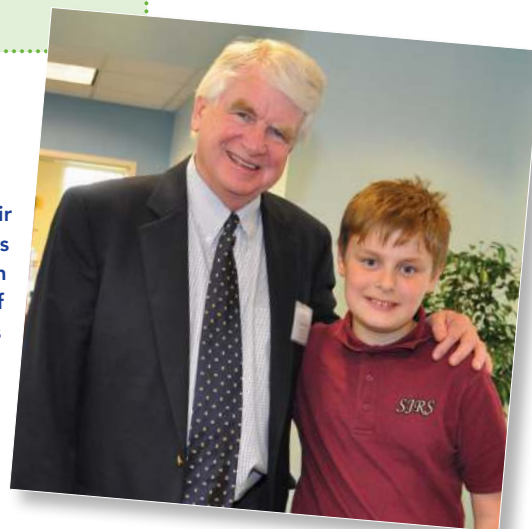
“ We invite you to join us and be a part of ‘Spaulding’s Moment.’ Together, we can construct a school that supports success and a brighter future for children. Success is under construction at Spaulding Youth Center. ”

~ Campaign Co-Chairs Hali Dearborn & Michael Ventura



Daily, students arrive by bus from across the region.

Trustee Chair Jim Clements with Ethan Ninness, one of the campaign’s youngest and earliest donors who made a gift of his weekly allowance.



## THE NEED

**The increase in autism...**

Many of us have a personal connection with a friend, neighbor or family member with autism. This diagnosis, once considered rare, today:

- **Averages 1 in every 88 births in the U.S.\***
- **Is almost 5 times more common in boys\***
- **Has more than tripled in NH since 1999-2000 when 397 NH children diagnosed with autism required special education services. In 2008, that number increased to 1,320.**

\*2012 report, *Prevalence of Autism Spectrum Disorders*, from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC)

As a result, referral calls for student admission to Spaulding have increased over 22% since July 2011.

## PROJECT DETAIL

|                                    |                    |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Total Need:</b>                 | <b>\$5,045,000</b> |
| <b>Cost Centers:</b>               | <b>Budget:</b>     |
| *High-Performance School           | \$3,970,000        |
| *Endowment to maintain new school  | \$400,000          |
| *Enrollment Initiative             | \$245,000          |
| *Financing and other fees          | \$190,000          |
| *Costs of campaign and contingency | \$240,000          |
| <b>Fundraising Goal:</b>           | <b>\$3,170,000</b> |

*The Capital Campaign goal is to raise at least 60% of the total project costs—seeking gifts and pledges payable over five years. All funds raised above \$3.17M will reduce Spaulding’s need to spend precious resources to finance the balance of the project.*





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