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**Spaulding Youth Center Kicks Off 1:1 Technology Initiative
with *Learning Without Limits* Breakfast**

Northfield, NH – Yesterday, Spaulding Youth Center hosted local business owners, community leaders and dedicated supporters for *Learning Without Limits*, a free breakfast event at the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center in Concord, NH. Over the years, this annual event has hosted hundreds of local and state-wide guests, many of whom are inspired to become long-time donors and supporters of the organization. The primary purpose of the event was to provide an introduction to the organization, its mission and recent successes, such as the installation of an adaptive playground on campus. During breakfast, Senator Andrew Hosmer, NH District 7, presented a NH State Senate resolution and acknowledgement of Gary Lavallee, a 39+ year Spaulding employee. In addition, the event program included a compelling and informative presentation regarding the critical technology needs for this unique population.



Shown in picture 1 (L to R) James Clements, Gary Lavallee, Senator Andrew Hosmer

Garrett Lavallee, Spaulding Youth Center’s Assistant Principal, presented at the event, sharing his professional insights, personal experiences and Spaulding’s current population’s needs. “Technology doesn’t know the challenges our students face. Technology doesn’t understand the learning disabilities that our students might struggle through. It doesn’t know the socio-economic status that they might come from. But it does provide an opportunity to level the playing field for our students,” shared Mr. Lavallee. “In fact, using this technology for some of our students will be the only way they’ll ever be able to tell their mom and dad that they love them.”

Initial sponsorships and donations leading up to the event demonstrated supporters' enthusiasm for the initiative, which CEO and President James Clements hopes will continue. "In this day and age, relevant and useful technology is a requirement to facilitate a promising future for our students," Mr. Clements shared. "Therefore, providing each Spaulding student with technology is a fundamental component of our mission 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."



To support the Learning Without Limits technology initiative, Spaulding is welcoming donations by mail and online. To make a contribution by mail, send donations written to *Spaulding Youth Center Foundation* to 72 Spaulding Road, Northfield, NH 03276. Spaulding also offers secure and easy online giving opportunities at <http://spauldingyouthcenter.org/give> by selecting *Learning Without Limits* from the allocation options. More details about this kick-off event are available on the Spaulding Youth Center website: <http://spauldingyouthcenter.org/lwl>

About Spaulding Youth Center

Spaulding Youth Center is a leading provider of services for children and youth with neurological, emotional, behavioral, learning and/or developmental challenges including Autism Spectrum Disorder. Services include academic, behavioral health, residential, foster care, health and wellness and family support. Spaulding Youth Center Foundation is a tax-exempt 501 (c)(3) nonprofit. For information about Spaulding Youth Center, visit www.spauldingyouthcenter.org.

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