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**Spaulding Youth Center awarded Golden Hammer Award by  
Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce**

(Northfield, NH) It's been almost a year since students and staff moved into Spaulding Youth Center's new 21,856 square-foot high-performance, state-of-the-art school building. The expert team of individuals who worked so hard to make this project successful were recently honored by the Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce with the *Golden Hammer Award for Business Economic Improvement*. President and CEO of Spaulding Youth Center Susan Calegari commented, "We are very honored and proud to accept this award. This spectacular school building was designed to house all of our classrooms in one building and build capacity for more day students by increasing enrollment from 64 to 74 students this year, and eventually increasing to 100 students, many of whom live in the Lakes Region."

Designed by Banwell Architects of Lebanon and built by Conneston Construction (CCI) of Laconia, the building was constructed by scores of New Hampshire tradesmen, with the notable exception of a porte-cochere custom-designed by a Rhode Island timber-framer. The \$5 million project was funded through financing from Franklin Savings Bank and a \$3.1 million *Success Under Construction: A New School for Spaulding* capital campaign which is just \$140,458 away from reaching a successful conclusion thanks to the generosity of businesses, individuals and foundations.

Spaulding Youth Center leverages 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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**Photo Caption:** 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) are Capital Campaign Co-chair Mike Ventura; Chairman of Spaulding Youth Center's Board of Directors Jim Clements; CFO of Spaulding Youth Center Frank Lossani; builder, President of Conneston Construction Jeff Conneston; CEO/President of Spaulding Youth Center 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 of Spaulding Youth Center Dennis Fox. Absent from photo is Chair of the Building Committee Scott McGuffin, Esq.

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