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### **Spaulding Youth Center Hosts 9<sup>th</sup> Annual National Foster Care Month Celebration**

**Northfield, NH** – Spaulding Youth Center was proud to serve as the host location for the Annual National Foster Care Month Celebration this past Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The celebration is planned and presented by the New Hampshire Division of Children, Youth and Families in cooperation with Bethany Christian Services. To kickoff May as National Foster Care Month, foster and adoptive families from across New Hampshire were invited to attend this celebration and partake in this fun outdoor event.

“At Spaulding Youth Center, we are so honored to host this event for the fourth year in a row,” shared Pat Seaward-Salvati, Admissions and Community Based Programs Director. “Every year, attendees rave about this event, our campus and their experience. The families look forward to this celebration every May, and because of their enthusiasm, the number of participants grows a little more each year.” Final tallies from Saturday indicate another attendance increase with over 245 guests and 75+ volunteers, including the Franklin Elks Club who donated food and meal preparation for all participants.



Starting at 10:30am, the Annual National Foster Care Month Celebration registration opened, welcoming invited guests to the Spaulding Youth Center campus. From there, participants could enjoy a wide variety of activities offered by Squam Lakes Natural Science Center, Buster's Balloon Animals, Back in the Saddle, Author Marv Klassen-Landis, and Life is good. Spaulding's own Experiential Challenges Outdoors (EChO) program instructors facilitated rock

climbing for participants. To conclude the event, BAE Systems donated fifteen laptops which were awarded to lucky attendees. Special thanks to Wendy's Wonderful Kids for helping to produce this great event.

For those interested in learning more about foster and adoptive opportunities, Spaulding Youth Center is currently hosting the spring schedule of Foster and Adoptive Care Essentials (FACES), which is a series of free workshops to provide training to the general public. The training is offered by Granite State College Education & Training Partnership and is hosted at Spaulding Youth Center at 72 Spaulding Road, Northfield. Interested individuals can sign-up for one module or the whole series, and online registration can be completed at <http://etp.granite.edu/schedule/faces>. For questions or more information on FACES, please contact Carol Sanborn 603-286-8901 x 212 or [carolsanborn@spauldingyouthcenter.org](mailto:carolsanborn@spauldingyouthcenter.org).

### **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. For information about Spaulding Youth Center, please visit [www.spauldingyouthcenter.org](http://www.spauldingyouthcenter.org).

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