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# Fall 2016



## NH Fire Tower Challenge Complete!

To encourage health and fitness in our students, Colcord Cottage decided to attempt the New Hampshire Fire Tower Challenge. There are 15 active fire towers in NH that are accessible to the public. After hiking each one, the NH Division of Forests and Lands will send each student a Tower Quest patch, certificate, and a letter in recognition of their accomplishment.

On April 23rd, the staff and students started the challenge and hiked to their first tower. They completed the challenge last month, with a celebratory, cabin campout night in Pittsburg, NH followed by a hike to their final tower on Mount Magalloway the next day.

The students have truly enjoyed the experience, and with the support of friends and trusted adults, they have learned how to keep going even when things get tough.

According to staff, the highlight of each hike is seeing the kids' faces after they reach the top and see the gorgeous views. The Fire Tower Challenge has also been a learning experience for the staff. The sheer amount of trip preparation and planning is astounding!

The community and conversations revolving around this project have been inspirational to everyone on campus, and even brought the residences together. Colcord students welcomed a student from Lambert for a hike, lending him a hand and waiting patiently as needed. They also have welcomed Davis students, Community-Based kids and even Cutter Wiggins' younger children.

This project began with a fitness-related goal, but the outcome offered so much more than expected. The students enjoyed breath-taking views of our state all while practicing a new way to work together, accomplish their goals, and share their experience with others.



## Caring and Compassion on Campus and Beyond

Spaulding Youth Center is proud to recognize the following employees celebrating their milestone years of service in 2016.

|                  |          |                  |          |                   |         |
|------------------|----------|------------------|----------|-------------------|---------|
| Darnelle Bjorck  | 20 years | Brion Schaffnit  | 10 years | Katie Isabelle    | 5 years |
| Helen Camire     | 20 years | Colleen Sliva    | 10 years | Kristina Lindroth | 5 years |
| Michelle Lang    | 20 years | Gary Stock       | 10 years | Heather Max       | 5 years |
| Amanda Champagne | 15 years | Bill Wilson      | 10 years | Jason Perkins     | 5 years |
| Yvonne Downes    | 15 years | Wes Cannon       | 5 years  | Ken Peters        | 5 years |
| Kristine Groz    | 15 years | Cassandra Durand | 5 years  | Chelsi Poirier    | 5 years |
| Alecia Bitetto   | 10 years | Donna Fink       | 5 years  | James Powell      | 5 years |
| Liz MacLeod      | 10 years | Jesse Gamblin    | 5 years  | Chris Sabbow      | 5 years |
| Gina O'Leary     | 10 years | Kerry Glew       | 5 years  |                   |         |

We appreciate the extraordinary service all of our staff provide to the youth on our campus each and every day. To be the next great addition to our team, visit us at [spauldingyouthcenter.org/careers](http://spauldingyouthcenter.org/careers)

### SPAULDING LONGEVITY

Spaulding would like to recognize those individuals who have dedicated their careers to serving Spaulding and its children. The 14 people listed to the right play a critical role in continuity and presence of historic memory. We thank them for their decades of service and unwavering commitment to Spaulding Youth Center.



| Name               | Years |
|--------------------|-------|
| Lori Surowiec      | 42    |
| Gary Lavallee      | 39    |
| Doris Theberge     | 33    |
| Ellen Belair       | 31    |
| Carol Sanborn      | 31    |
| Linda Moreau-Plech | 27    |
| John La Foe        | 27    |
| Deborah Flanders   | 27    |
| Andrew Raeside     | 24    |
| Michael Bernier    | 22    |
| Scott Dunlop       | 21    |
| Darnelle Bjorck    | 20    |
| Helen Camire       | 20    |
| Michelle Lang      | 20    |

### \*NEW\* STUDENT & PARENT HANDBOOK

As part of our 2016-2017 back to school preparations, our management team here on campus was hard at work creating a comprehensive Student & Parent Handbook. This new handbook includes our policies and procedures as they relate to each of our programs as well as the campus in general.

You can download the handbook by visiting our website [spauldingyouthcenter.org/handbook](http://spauldingyouthcenter.org/handbook) or by contacting the Admissions Director Pat Seaward-Salvati at ext. 202.



**LEARN MORE** about the NH Fire Tower Challenge by scanning this QR code with your mobile device



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## *Giving New Meaning to Our Campus Family*

Some of the greatest stories in history started with a random event which lead to significant outcomes. The story behind Spaulding Youth Center's longest-tenured employee began just this way.

Lori Surowiec was assigned to Spaulding Youth Center as part of a work study program in high school. Following this work study at the tender age of 18, she was hired full-time as a program treatment secretary. She dedicated 28 years to this instrumental role. In 2001, Lori was promoted to Executive Secretary, where she continues to provide support today. Since then, Lori has collaborated with 10 Executive Directors and Presidents and countless colleagues, building life-long relationships and a bond that can only be described as family. Last month, she celebrated 42 years at Spaulding Youth Center.

Melissa Blanock articulates how so many of us at Spaulding feel about perhaps the most respected employee on campus: *She has an unparalleled work ethic and trustworthiness, and an unrivaled ability to multi-task. Lori is a genuinely good person and represents everything that we want Spaulding Youth Center to be.*



Lori has one daughter, one granddaughter, three stepchildren, 5 stepgrandchildren and a kitty cat named Maxx. In her spare time, she watches her granddaughter's softball games and also enjoys gardening with her husband, William.



## *End of Year Contributions*

At Spaulding Youth Center, our 2016 fiscal year ended on June 30, 2016. During FY16, the Spaulding Youth Center Foundation reported a fundraising total of \$352,858.00. As part of this total, our strategic Learning Without Limits initiative welcomed many generous gifts which provided 100% funding to meet this critical need for 1:1 technology in our classrooms.

Outside of this technology initiative, we still need your help to continue providing activities, projects and programs that are not afforded through public funding and directly benefit the children in our care. Now that the school year has begun, we are refocusing on needs here on campus for the rest of 2016 and beyond. As you plan your end of year contributions, please consider the children at Spaulding Youth

Center. Your donation is critical to insure that every child has a childhood and a future.

To make a secure contribution online quickly and easily, please visit us at [spauldingyouthcenter.org/give](http://spauldingyouthcenter.org/give) or use this QR code to visit now from your mobile device.



### **DONATE TODAY IN THREE EASY WAYS**

*We appreciate your consideration to help children reach their greatest potential. To make a contribution to Spaulding Youth Center today:*

1. Donate online at [spauldingyouthcenter.org/give](http://spauldingyouthcenter.org/give)
2. Mail a donation to 72 Spaulding Road, Northfield, NH 03276
3. Contact the Foundation office at 603-286-7500

*Thank you for supporting the children and youth of Spaulding Youth Center.*