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**Spaulding Youth Center Hosts Annual Thanksgiving Dinner
and Recognizes Community Award Recipients**

Northfield, NH – Spaulding Youth Center recently hosted our annual Thanksgiving dinner on campus for all students, campus staff, supporters, community partners and friends. With turkeys once again generously donated by MetroCast, our Food Services department prepared a traditional turkey dinner which was then proudly served with a smile by Spaulding students.



This annual Thanksgiving feast is a favorite tradition for those both on and off campus. Its popularity is demonstrated by the sheer number in attendance. This year, the Thanksgiving dinner accommodated 256 attendees over three separate seatings throughout the afternoon.

“The Thanksgiving season is an excellent time of year for Spaulding Youth Center to take special notice of those who support our organization year round,” shares James Clements, CEO & President of Spaulding Youth Center. “Each year, the annual Thanksgiving Dinner provides our team the opportunity to recognize those who have provided decades of support as well as those who have more recently included Spaulding in their charitable activities. The students were thrilled to show their appreciation as well, all while celebrating a tradition they cherish here on campus.”

COMMUNITY AWARDS

As part of this year’s celebration, Spaulding Youth Center also recognized this year’s community award recipients for their extensive and ongoing support:

The **8th Annual Arthur H. Nighswander Community Partner Award** recipients are Fred Caruso, Program Director, and Amy Bates, News Director, of Mix 94.1 and WTFN. Mr. Caruso and Ms. Bates orchestrate



the *Mix Cash and Cans* fundraiser which provides funding for the holiday food drive for eight central NH organizations, including Spaulding Youth Center. The dynamic duo also supports special happenings, trainings and events for Spaulding throughout the year.

The **10th Annual You've Got a Friend Award** recipient is Tilton School for their community service activities onsite at Spaulding Youth Center. A long-time community service partner to Spaulding, Tilton School has organized a group of 10-12 students who visit the Spaulding campus each week to engage in activities with our students. In addition, Tilton School will occasionally host Spaulding School students at their campus for additional activities. Tilton School representatives and program champions Julie Caldwell, Community Service Director, and Layne Whitley were in attendance at the Thanksgiving dinner to receive the award.



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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