



Summer 2018

every child deserves a childhood

Sixty Years of Supporting Exceptional Children

This month celebrates our 60th anniversary operating as Spaulding Youth Center in Northfield, NH. As part of the modern evolution of our nearly 150-year history, we are enjoying reflecting on all that our organization has accomplished since the merger of our originating entities, the Daniel Webster Home and Golden Rule Farm, which created today's organization.



Oktoberfest Kids Race circa 1977

With the merge of these two organizations in 1958, Spaulding Youth Center carried on a renewed purpose to provide care and treatment to youth with emotional and behavior problems. Over the years, our staff and supporters have worked diligently to fulfill that purpose with compassion, dignity and professionalism. Together, we have achieved significant milestones that establish Spaulding Youth Center as a truly unique and innovative organization.

- In the 1970s, Spaulding adopted behavior management as the primary treatment protocol for children with emotional problems.
- In 1998, the Cutter-Wiggins Trauma Unit opened as the newest campus residence.
- In 2004, the organization became a Child Placing Agency for ISO foster care, expanding services to those in need of a safe place to call home.
- In 2010 and 2015, Spaulding received a coveted five-year approval rating for its year-round, comprehensive education services.
- In 2012, Spaulding proudly opened a brand-new, state-of-the-art school to meet an ever-increasing demand for our programs and services.
- In 2017, Spaulding Youth Center and Spaulding Youth Center Foundation merged to eliminate the need to support two 501(c)(3) nonprofits and reduce unnecessary administrative costs.

For the last 60 years as Spaulding Youth Center and almost 150 years since our true history began, Spaulding has provided an intensely therapeutic environment to help children in need heal and grow. Supporting exceptional children and families toward a successful future is a cornerstone to our every day operations. We look forward to continuing this tradition of success for many more years into the future.

TO LEARN MORE about our history, please visit: spauldingyouthcenter.org/our-history

Opportunities for Life

Because every child deserves a childhood, we weave opportunities to experience traditional childhood activities and develop cherished memories into everyday campus life. Since many of our residential students are still developing social and interaction skills, we offer a variety of opportunities for these kids to practice their emerging skills. The on-campus and off-campus opportunities are a significant contribution to their overall healing and personal development.

After school activities provide a convenient way for our kids to unwind after the school day, interact with their friends and learn a new skill, all within the familiar campus setting. These activities rotate periodically and can include anything from soccer to yoga, tie dying to nature crafts, and hiking to learning new games.

Residential students are also encouraged to attend excursions to off-campus venues, such as art and science museums, car shows, festivals, local ballparks, playgrounds and restaurants. Many of these children also participate in Special Olympics throughout the year in a variety of sports. These off-campus activities provide our children the opportunity to practice social and life skills in an unfamiliar environment as well as experience quintessential childhood activities.

For our older children, these off-campus experiences include vocational opportunities. Vocational programs teach our adolescents leadership skills and build self-esteem, ultimately helping these children gain confidence and self-awareness. Several of our residential children recently began a horsemanship program through which they learn about caring for livestock and equipment, riding and training horses, and fulfilling vocational expectations.



Our goal is to provide our residential children with as many positive experiences as possible, both on campus and in their community. Each positive experience becomes a cherished memory, a personal triumph, and another step towards a successful future.

VISIT our website's photo gallery to see our latest residential adventures: www.spauldingyouthcenter.org/photo-gallery

SPAULDING AT A GLANCE: An Insider Look at Residential Services

Spaulding Youth Center is licensed to provide care for 61 residential students between the ages of 5 and 21. Residential services is a core campus program and offers children a warm, nurturing and safe environment to heal, learn and grow. Below are just a few statistics about our therapeutic residential experience.

 **13** Community excursions over last month

 **954** Hours of after school activities each month

 **24** Students celebrated Christmas morning on campus with our staff

 **6,916** Hours of residential staffing throughout the past year

 **74** Student athlete registrations for 7 Special Olympics events

 **9,490** Bedtime stories and tuck ins over the past year (of course, no tucking in for our teens!)

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Spaulding Invests in Staff Educational Pursuits

As an educational institution, we are proud to invest in our employees to assist with their educational advancement. Two generous professional development benefits include College for America reimbursement toward an advanced degree from Southern New Hampshire University and the Lou & Lutza Smith Educational Fund which provides grants restricted specifically to Spaulding employee professional development. We are proud to announce that the following staff members recently earned their degree with the support of Spaulding's professional development benefits:



Graduates from left to right:
Jason Perkins,
Alexsus Bougie,
Katie Isabelle and
Stephanie Walker.

TO LEARN MORE about careers at Spaulding Youth Center, please visit SpauldingYouthCenter.org/careers

- **Donna Fink:** Associate of Arts for Healthcare Management, Southern New Hampshire University
- **Katie Isabelle:** Associate of Arts for Healthcare Management, Southern New Hampshire University
- **Kristina Lindroth:** Associates of Arts in General Studies, Southern New Hampshire University
- **Natalie Winchester:** Associates of Arts in Healthcare Management, Southern New Hampshire University
- **Jason Perkins:** Bachelor of Arts in Healthcare Management with concentration in Global Perspective, Southern New Hampshire University
- **Stephanie Walker:** Bachelor of Arts in English Language Arts and General Special Education, Granite State College
- **Alexsus Bougie:** Master of Science in Psychology with specialization in Applied Behavior Analysis, Capella University



Donna Fink



Kristina Lindroth



Natalie Winchester

Please join us in congratulating these employees on their accomplishments.

Board of Directors Spotlight: Ron Magoon



Since 2014, Ron Magoon has served on the Spaulding Youth Center board of directors with spirit, compassion and diligence. He brings over 30 years of experience in the finance industry as well as a personal interest in mental health services, both of which provide great value to the board.

When considering organizational achievements over the past four years, Ron attributes the successful hiring of senior management and key staff members as the biggest success to date. He

believes the vision and leadership of this new staff has been vital for improving operations and future planning.

Currently, Ron is the CEO & President of Franklin Savings Bank and a board member for the NH Bankers Association. He also serves as board chair for the NH Bankers Association Insurance Trust and the Northern New England School of Banking. In his spare time, Ron enjoys fly fishing, learning guitar and spending time with his family.

READ MORE ABOUT Spaulding's leaders at spauldingyouthcenter.org/leadership

Our Mission: Supporting exceptional children and families toward a successful future. spauldingyouthcenter.org

DONATE TODAY IN THREE EASY WAYS

We appreciate your consideration to help support extraordinary children and their families toward a successful future. Contributing to Spaulding Youth Center is as easy as 1-2-3:



1. Donate online at spauldingyouthcenter.org/give



2. Mail a donation to 72 Spaulding Road, Northfield, NH 03276



3. Contact the development office at 603-286-8901 ext. 107 or donate@spauldingyouthcenter.org



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