



**SPAULDING**  
ACADEMY & FAMILY SERVICES

# SPRING 2021

*every child deserves a childhood*

## WELCOME HOME TO WEDNESDAY HOUSE

At the heart of the Spaulding Academy & Family Services Residential Program is the belief that children learn and grow best in a warm, nurturing, and safe environment. In February, our organization proudly opened an on-campus housing opportunity that offers a transitional residence for children waiting to be placed in foster care or to return to their families at home. During COVID, the need for foster families in New Hampshire keeps growing, which is why we are honored that we can now provide a semi-independent living situation that will allow these children to stay connected with their home schools and communities, while DCYF continues to work toward finding them a permanent home.



At Spaulding Academy & Family Services, our cottages mirror a typical home environment so that students are free to learn, explore, and simply be children. We offer a safe and stable home, as well as counseling services to support these children as they prepare for their forever home. While attending schools in public districts, Wednesday House kids also develop essential living skills including cooking, budgeting, and advocating for their own needs.



TO READ the Laconia Daily Sun's article about Wednesday House visit [SpauldingServices.org/wednesday](https://SpauldingServices.org/wednesday).

## LESSONS TO LAST A LIFETIME

We are extremely grateful for the time and interest of Roberta Baker, reporter for the Laconia Daily Sun, who visited our campus to learn more about the Spaulding community, the work we do, and the positive impact on our children and families. From personal student stories to beloved staff memories, this feature story illuminates the meaningful relationships that have developed at Spaulding Academy & Family Services throughout our rich history of 150 years.

"It's secret handshakes and nicknames. It's all those little things they remember that show you care. Every child deserves a childhood. That relationship, love and care doesn't stop when they leave". - **Garrett Lavallee, Special Education Coordinator at Spaulding Academy & Family Services.**

TO READ THE COMPLETE FEATURE ARTICLE about how Spaulding is still changing lives after 150 years, visit [SpauldingServices.org/feature](https://SpauldingServices.org/feature).



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## COOPERATING TOWARD A COMMON GOAL

Our residential cottages were recently challenged to a New Hampshire Roadside Attractions Contest. To win, the students and staff of each house had to snap a cottage photo in front of 13 specified New Hampshire destinations as well as two special sites that they selected. As a reward, the first three houses to complete this task received a celebration of their choosing.

The goal of this activity was to encourage friendly competition while prompting cooperation, peer relations, and sportsmanship amongst our children. With various COVID-19 pandemic restrictions in place, these children were able to explore off campus while remaining safe and having fun. Through the process, they learned about historical New Hampshire sites, including the state's Capitol in Concord, the Wright Museum in Wolfeboro, the Redstone Rocket in Warren, and much more.

The first-place winner of the NH Roadside Attractions Contest was Young House! This contest was a true challenge, so we are immensely proud of all who participated. All of the children learned good sportsmanship and how to positively process different and perhaps undesired outcomes. Those cottages who won a prize were proud to see their efforts be rewarded. This was a wonderful experience for all!

The Roadside Attractions Contest is only one example of the creative and interactive activities planned for our residential kids. As the weather continues to get warmer, our residential team will continue implementing additional outdoor activities for the children who live on campus. Enjoying the fresh air and our therapeutic scenery is the perfect combination for outdoor educational play and positive mental health.



TO SEE MORE pictures of our awesome residential program activities, please visit [SpauldingServices.org/cottages](https://SpauldingServices.org/cottages).

## JOIN US IN CELEBRATING OUR 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Spaulding Academy & Family Services is excited to celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year and we have many exciting plans! With a legacy beginning in 1871, Spaulding has a rich history of supporting children and families in need. In fact, we estimate that our staff has guided over 46,000 children and family members toward a successful future.

As we reminisce the many bright spots of our history, we would love for you to join in our celebrations! To stay in the know of all we have planned, sign up for our bi-monthly newsletter for all the latest and greatest updates. You can sign up through our website or use our new easy text to join option!

 To Join Our Enews

 Text SPAULDINGNH to 22828 to try it out!



## DELIVERING EXCELLENT, DEPENDABLE HEALTHCARE

Spaulding Academy & Family Services is tremendously excited to announce that we have expanded our medical team with the promotion of Carolyn Brown (ARNP) to Primary Care Provider (PCP), and the hiring of Chandra Miller (MSN, RN, CPNP-PC) as Medical Director and Nicholas Lefebvre (RN) as Health Services Director. This expansion enables the organization to accept and support children with complex medical and behavioral needs to its therapeutic Northfield campus.



**Carolyn Brown** will continue to perform routine physicals, administer medical care, and manage the healthcare requirements and medication regimens of residential students, and will provide medical care to community-based and day students as needed.



**Chandra Miller** oversees the daily operations, regulatory compliance, and quality of Spaulding's medical care and services.



**Nick Lefebvre** manages and supports the nursing staff, provides oversight for medication services and training, and handles student medical concerns.

Along with these essential members of the Spaulding Family, the Health Services department at Spaulding also includes a team of dedicated nurses and health assistants, who provide a variety of services.

TO LEARN MORE about our new medical team, visit [SpauldingServices.org/medical](http://SpauldingServices.org/medical).

## SHARE YOUR SPAULDING MEMORIES

As a part of our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations, we want to hear your stories! We have 10 predecessor organizations that span our 150-year history and we are looking for details for one and all. If you or someone you know has any information, pictures, news clippings or more that could help tell our story, please contact us. We appreciate your support of Spaulding through the years and look forward to celebrating your experiences.



### Our Official AKAs:

- New Hampshire Orphans Home and School for Industry
- Daniel Webster's Elms Farm
- Daniel Webster Home
- Roberts Farm
- Bradley Memorial Home
- Golden Rule Homestead
- Golden Rule Farm
- Boynton Farm
- Holquist Farm
- Spaulding Youth Center

TO SHARE YOUR MEMORIES, PICTURES OR CONNECTIONS, please call 603-286-8901 ext. 107 or email [smarshall@SpauldingServices.org](mailto:smarshall@SpauldingServices.org). Thank you for helping us to round out our rich 150-year history!

## 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 Academy & Family Services is as easy as 1-2-3:



1. Donate online at [SpauldingServices.org/give](http://SpauldingServices.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@SpauldingServices.org](mailto:donate@SpauldingServices.org)



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