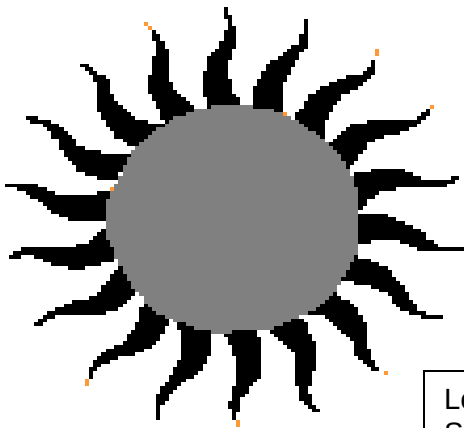


RAY OF HOPE

PROGRAM – AND MONTHLY RECIPIENT



Left to right: Lauren Fortner, Manager of Human Resources at Food Should Taste Good, Inc., Julie McNamara, April RAY of Hope Recipient, and Jon Mattleman, Director, Needham Youth Services.

April Recipient – Julie McNamara

Julie is a senior at Walnut Hill School for the Arts, where she studies classical voice and opera. She has been fortunate enough to be involved musically at her church, St. Joseph's Parish in Needham, since she was very young. She started out singing in the Youth Choir and began as a cantor five years ago. In December 2008, she organized and directed a Christmas concert with her fellow cantors and musicians to benefit Make-a-Wish Foundation. Julie has also enjoyed many active leadership positions at Walnut Hill. This past fall, she helped to run orientation for new international students and is co-leader and founder of International Club, a club designed to integrate international and domestic students. She has also volunteered with Admissions and Placement, and has participated in the annual AIDS and Breast Cancer walks, in addition to volunteering outside of school at Rosie's Place in Boston. Julie is pleased to be continuing her vocal studies this fall at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey. In her spare time she enjoys babysitting and working with children, as well as running, yoga, and spending time with her family.

Needham Youth Services Representative - Jon Mattleman

Jon is the Director of Needham Youth Services and a firm believer in the ability of youth to contribute to the larger community. He envisions this program as one in which to highlight the positive actions of the young people of Needham.

Needham Business Association Representative - Lauren Fortner

Lauren (Lauri) Fortner is the Manager of Human Resources at Food Should Taste Good, Inc., a growing Needham-based all-natural snack company and "Best Food" Award Winner from Women's Health, SELF, Men's Health, and Fitness magazines. Their delicious tortilla chips are all natural, gluten free, kosher, provide a good source of fiber and whole grains, and contain no trans fat, cholesterol, or MSG. Look for them in retailers like Sudbury Farms/Roche Bros., Gianni's Deli, Whole Foods, Stop & Shop, Shaws, Costco, and Starbucks.

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