

MONTHLY RECIPIENT

RAY OF HOPE PROGRAM



Left to right: Steve Waller, owner Center Café, Edward "Teddy" Wong, September RAY Recipient and Katy Colthart, Needham Youth services

September Recipient – Edward "Teddy" Wong

Teddy Wong was nominated by Dr. Leo Hogan who states that "Teddy represents the post high school transition students very well as a smiling beacon of hope and enthusiasm for life". This quality truly qualifies him to be a "Ray of Hope". He sets an example of how important it is to enjoy life despite disabilities. Anyone who knows Ted will tell you that he brightens their day. Jo Anne Sullivan, a special education aide wrote "Having worked with Teddy in the classroom and at job sites for the past four years, I have come to cherish Teddy's unwavering enthusiasm for the task at hand. He always brings a smile to the face of those around him." Teddy works part-time at Gold's gym in Needham, and is currently taking classes at MassBay Community College. He has also worked for the Needham Sheraton, and Babson College as well as doing work for Needham High School. Ted is an amazing guy who always is there to help out.

Needham Youth Services Representative – Katy Colthart

Katy has been a social worker at Needham Youth Services (formerly Needham Youth Commission) since April 2000. She enjoys working in the Needham community and is proud to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of Needham youth.

Needham Business Association Representative –Steve Waller and Vanessa Cortesi

Steve Waller and his daughter-in-law Vanessa Cortesi are owners of The Center Cafe restaurant in Needham Center, which opened in March, 2010. The New England cuisine is fine dining food in a casual atmosphere with a well stocked bar and friendly staff.

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