

Needham Youth Services

January RAY of Hope Recipient



Left to right: Gilbert W. Cox, Jr., David R. Cox, and Kathleen D. Whitney, Cox & Cox Law Offices; Michaela Gold, January RAY Recipient; Penny Kirk, Director Residential Services, Needham Housing Authority; and Jon Mattleman, Director, Needham Youth Services.

Michaela Gold, a junior at Needham High School, was nominated by Penny Kirk, Director of Residential Services at Needham Housing Authority, for her work and commitment to the children whom she tutors in the Cook's After School Program. Michaela has been volunteering for the past year and a half at the Cook's After School Program where she helps the children with homework and activities. In addition, Michaela tutored an 8th grader last year in English and is tutoring her once a week this year as well. According to Michaela, "Just the smile on the children's faces as they greet me or knowing that the girl I tutor is progressing in her English class is all I need to know that I am making a difference." At Needham High School, Michaela belongs to the Linux Club that takes donated computers, installs Linux, an open-source computer operating system, on the computer and then in turn donates the computers to Needham families who otherwise would not have a computer. She is also involved with the Needham High School Writing Center, where she helps students with their papers and essays, and the Spanish Club. In her spare time Michaela enjoys indoor and outdoor rock climbing.

Watch the Needham Channel's piece on the November RAY ceremony at:

<http://youtu.be/zGENeQEujAg>

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