

Needham Youth Services

January RAY of Hope Recipient Jakira Rogers



Left to right: Kate Ward, Director of Operations of the Charles River YMCA, Jakira Rogers, January RAY of Hope Recipient, and Jon Mattleman, Director Needham Youth Services

January Recipient – Jakira Rogers

Jakira Rogers is a junior at Needham High School. Jonathan Bourn, Assistant Principal at Needham High School, nominated Jakira for her ebullient personality and her various contributions to the school. This year, recommended by a few of her teachers, she was selected to be in the leadership class, “Be the Change”, that Mr. Bourn teaches. For the past three years, Jakira has volunteered for the Walk for Hunger and last year her picture was featured on the 2012 Walk for Hunger Volunteer pamphlet. Since she was in the sixth grade, Jakira has been involved with the Best Buddies Peer Friendship program in the community and for the last three years she has been active in the Best Buddies Peer Friendship program at Needham High School. Jakira, who has a brother with Down Syndrome, has also been involved with The Jason Roberts Challenger League that is a baseball program for special needs children whose fundamental goal to give everyone a chance to play, regardless of their limitations. Jakira truly enjoys making a difference in people’s lives. In addition Jakira works as a cashier in a local grocery store and enjoys boxing in her spare time.

Watch the Needham Channel’s piece on the January RAY ceremony at:

<http://youtu.be/noLtpFGsxeE>

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