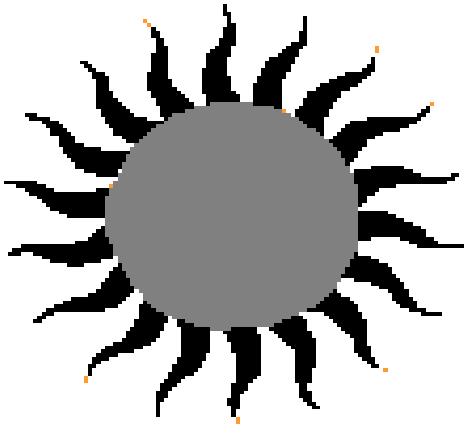


RAY OF HOPE PROGRAM – AND MONTHLY RECIPIENT



Left to right: Jon Mattleman, Ben Perelmutter, Paul Sullivan

February Recipient – Ben Perelmutter

Ben was nominated for the RAY of Hope award last spring when he was a fifth grader at the Mitchell School. Nominated by Seth Evans, his teacher, for “being a leader in every sense of the word. Ben always speaks up for what is right and he has the courage to be different. He is a true peacemaker.” Last year Ben was the president of the Mitchell Elementary School student council, which raised money for the Shattuck Shelter (currently known as the Hope Fund) and the Boston Animal Rescue League. After hearing complaints from his classmates, Ben wrote a petition requesting more lunch food for fifth graders at Mitchell. This year Ben is a sixth grader at Pollard Middle School, where he is a member of the Pollard Treble Choir, a member of the fall cross country team and he has participated in the talent show for charity and the science fair. Ben enjoys acting, basketball, and baseball. He plays the saxophone and the piano. Ben is very interested in helping the environment.

Needham Youth Commission Representative – Jon Mattleman

Jon is the Director of the Needham Youth Commission 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 - Paul Sullivan

Paul Sullivan is the Director of Sales and Marketing of the Sheraton Needham Hotel. The Sheraton is the only hotel in Needham serving the local community. The hotel offers first class accommodations, catering services and cuisine. This is the third time the Sheraton Needham has sponsored the RAY of Hope.

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