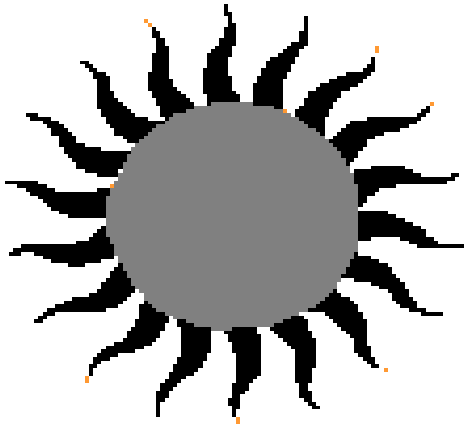


RAY OF HOPE

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND MONTHLY RECIPIENT



Left to right Ruby Chan and Richard Davis (both from Provider Insurance Group, Inc.), Patrick Kelley, and Jon Mattleman, Needham Youth Commission

May Recipient – Patrick Kelley

Patrick Kelley is a junior at Needham High School. Dr. Hogan, who nominated Patrick, wrote that "Patrick is a leader in his class and school...dependable, intelligent, polite and caring of others. He is an impact player in the classroom as well as athletics." In the summer of 2008, Patrick developed and ran the Needham High School Reading team – The Rocket Reading Team. He recruited fellow classmates as reading volunteers and students from Mitchell and Broadmeadow Schools, pairing the students together to promote reading enthusiasm. With Becca Shuman Patrick organized and managed the program; they hope to expand the program this summer. In addition to all his work in organizing the reading program, Patrick was also a volunteer. The idea behind the project is that reading is cool; elementary students see high school students playing sports or in the band, but never reading. The high school students are trying to encourage reading as an ongoing activity in their student "buddies". At Needham High School Patrick is on the Varsity Golf Team, the Varsity Basketball Team, and the Varsity Volleyball Team. He was a member of the Greater Boston Regional Student Advisory Council (GBRSAC) and the chair of the Student Rights committee, representing Needham High School at monthly meetings this past school year. In the coming year he will be a Student Advisor to the School Committee.

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 Representatives – Richard Davis and Ruby Chan of Provider Insurance Group, Inc.

Richard Davis is the CEO of Provider Insurance Group, Inc. and Ruby Chan, Director of Internet Marketing; both are long time Needham residents. The Provider Insurance Group is located at 160 Gould Street, in Needham Heights. As a Five Star Rated independent insurance agency, Provider has been building solid customer relationships since 1945 and is dedicated to providing its clients with customized, sensible insurance solutions. Provider Insurance Group is honored to be a part of this exciting program which celebrates the outstanding accomplishments of our young Needham neighbors.

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