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Success Beyond the ABCs and 123s

Sometimes teaching a child requires a flexible and creative approach to match their unique needs. At Spaulding Youth Center, we are incorporating instructional techniques to help meet the child where their learning requires additional support to reach success.

For reading, four of our teachers completed a vigorous Orton-Gillingham Approach training during summer 2016 and have been implementing these strategies in their classrooms. Orton-Gillingham Approach is a multisensory, language-based, structured approach to reading that starts with teaching letters and sounds and builds to applying these phonetic skills to decoding words. Because of the cognitive and flexible features of this approach, students also learn the rules of the English language for reading and spelling, which help to achieve long-term reading and writing competencies.



Through the Center for Teaching/Learning of Mathematics, six teachers completed a Vertical Acceleration approach training with Professor Mahesh Sharma. This new teaching approach is based on the language of math, including the interrelationships between number and number concepts, and uses concrete objects, specifically Cuisenaire rods, as learning aids before transitioning into abstract representations. Since this approach is based on milestone concepts and procedures, it begins with a simple concept from arithmetic and takes it to the algebraic level.

Both approaches are utilized within mainstream education as well as in cases for special education and learning disabilities. At Spaulding, we often need to look at different ways of teaching because our students demonstrate behavioral difficulties that could be compounded or intensified by learning disabilities. Due to these challenges, the arriving students are significantly behind their contemporaries and require these types of creative approaches to quickly improve and begin gaining confidence and success in the classroom.

LEARN MORE about our academic program, please visit: SpauldingYouthCenter.org/academic/

The Sky is the Limit

Our Experiential Challenges Outdoors (EChO) offers our students many challenge-by-choice adventures, including a variety of ropes course elements within the plentiful forests on campus. Over the last few years, many of these elements have become defunct due to high wind, tree age and other natural forces. We knew that our goal needed to be to raise funds to design and install a pole course that could be out in the open and less vulnerable to these natural forces.

Based on a significant donation from the Charles Foundation along with other donors, our EChO team began designing the new challenge course to meet the needs of our wide range of students. We hired a well-respected company to safely set 55' utility poles and with the use of a giant all-terrain lift and direction from professional challenge course builder and friend Dave Moore, the EChO team finished installing the first six elements: catwalk, multiswing, crazy bridge, multiline traverse, two-line bridge, and hourglass. The course was recently inspected by Project Adventure, the leading challenge course vendor in the country, and will be open to the students over the next few weeks. These courses are not only fun for students, but more importantly teach trust and confidence building along with safety and comradery amongst peers and teachers.



But the challenge course is far from finished. Overlooking Mt. Kearsarge and bountiful wild flowers, the new structure will be gaining a 35' climbing wall very soon. Moving forward, Spaulding Youth Center will be partnering with Project Adventure to complete the last few elements over the next two years. Finally, this newly constructed course offers significant growth opportunities for the future, including ziplines to neighboring trees or other diagonal elements. The sky is truly the limit for our new challenge course!

LEARN MORE about our EChO program, please visit SpauldingYouthCenter.org/EChO

SPAULDING AT A GLANCE: A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words



TO SEE MORE of our kids' latest adventures, please visit SpauldingYouthCenter.org/photo-gallery



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Hometown Hero to Teacher of the Year



Scott Dunlop

Scott Dunlop grew up right next door to Spaulding Youth Center's scenic campus so the history leading up to his 2018 Teacher of the Year award started a lifetime ago.

Although he did not begin his career in education, his business degree offered him the opportunity to try various jobs, including substitute teaching. The latter led to the discovery of a passion to work with young people and a destiny in special education. After completing his student teaching requirements in December, he accepted a position as a Spaulding Youth Center teacher in January 1995.

Every day since then, Scott looks forward to learning something new and exciting right alongside the students in his classroom. His approach with the kids and their development creates ample opportunities for positive change and the long-term results reach far beyond expectations. In fact, the most rewarding outcome of his daily efforts on campus is seeing previous students (some from over a decade ago!) out in the community demonstrating success.

Scott credits his 2018 award to the culmination of what the staff accomplishes together and so an acknowledgement more of the classroom's success. Not surprising for an individual who is so focused on collaboration and teamwork. He has even coached high school boys soccer for 22 years!

READ MORE about Scott and meet a few other employees by visiting SpauldingYouthCenter.org/Careers/Spaulding-Family

Our Mission: Supporting exceptional children and families toward a successful future. SpauldingYouthCenter.org

Last Chance to Buy Your Ticket is Friday 9/28!

Children surviving significant trauma, abuse or neglect are haunted by the absence of basic human needs required for healthy psychological development. Join us to learn about how their journey can be one from trauma to triumph and how supporting Spaulding helps children to heal from these beginnings to grow beyond their believed potential toward a successful future.

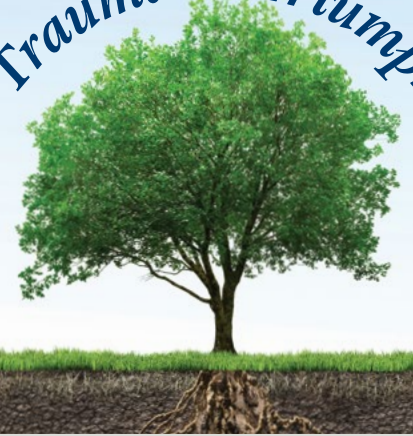
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2. Mail a donation to 72 Spaulding Road Northfield, NH 03276



3. Contact the development office at 603-286-8901 ext. 107 or donate@spauldingyouthcenter.org



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