

RAY OF HOPE

PROGRAM AND MONTHLY RECIPIENT



Left to right: Jon Mattleman, Director Needham Youth Services; Hannah Miller, May RAY Recipient; and Jill Finkelstein and Bill Paulson, Prudential Advantage Real Estate.

May Recipient – Hannah Miller

Hannah Miller, a senior at Needham High School, was nominated by her Guidance Counselor, Mary Jane Walker, and Chanie Krinsky, who runs the Friendship Circle program where Hannah volunteers weekly. According to Ms. Walker and Ms. Krinsky, "Hannah is extraordinarily committed to her volunteer work with children with special needs" and "she brings amazing warmth, liveliness and friendship with her". In addition to the Friendship Circle Hannah has actively worked as a volunteer in several different programs that provide services to children with special needs such as the Gateways Access to Jewish Education program and the Jewish Community Center, working both one-on-one and with groups of special needs children. In addition to her volunteer work, at Needham High School Hannah has participated in many activities and groups including the high school musical, the *a cappella* group, Fermata Nowhere (which she co leads), the Take Back the Night Committee, and the Spanish Club. In her spare time Hannah enjoys playing piano, singing (a cappella), theatre, reading and hanging out with friends. Hannah will be attending Skidmore College in the fall. She is honored to receive this award and hopes it will encourage other students in the community to continue to engage in community service and leadership opportunities.

Needham Youth Commission Representative – Jon Mattleman

Jon is the Director of Needham Youth Services 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 - Jill Finkelstein & Bill Paulson

Prudential Advantage Real Estate is located at 1089 Great Plain Avenue in Needham Center. As one of the top agencies in town, Prudential Advantage Real Estate has had great success year after year helping people buy and sell their homes. Jill Finkelstein owns the office and Bill Paulson is one of its leading realtors. They are proud to be sponsoring this award to the children of Needham for their outstanding endeavors.

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