

Needham Youth Services

February RAY of Hope Recipient Jacqueline Arrondo



Left to right: Whitney Tropeana, Director of Operations and trainer, Needham Get in Shape for Women, Jacqueline Arrondo, February RAY of Hope Recipient, and Jon Mattleman, Director Needham Youth Services

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Jacqueline Arrondo, a junior at Needham High School, was nominated by Dr. Jonathan Pizzi, principal of Needham High School. Dr. Pizzi described Jacqueline as an outstanding athlete, student and leader at Needham High School who brings light and hope into all that she knows. She is in the leadership class, “Be the Change” as well as the group SALSA (**S**tudents **A**dvocating **L**ife without **S**ubstance **A**buse). The latter is comprised of students who act as role models for upcoming 9th graders; they go to Pollard Middle School and talk about how life is better without drugs and alcohol. In December, on very short notice, Jacqueline organized a town wide vigil where 150 Needham residents joined together on a rain soaking evening to hold candles to pray, show support and to remember the victims of the Newtown tragedy. She is a certified lifeguard, a swim instructor, and has volunteered as an aide for an Ambulance Service. For fun and relaxation Jacqueline plays volleyball and basketball, and is an active member of St. Joseph’s Parish. She enjoys spending time with her family, especially her two younger brothers, Stephen and Andrew.

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

<http://youtu.be/B2XjkLa4JIE>

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