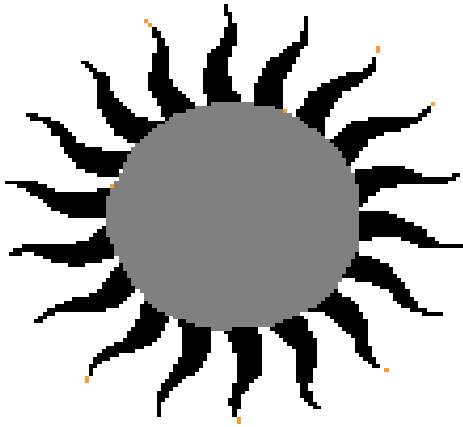


RAY OF HOPE

PROGRAM _ AND MONTHLY RECIPIENT



From left to right: Richard Atkinson, Needham Oil, Charlotte Wright, RAY Recipient, Katy Colthart, Needham Youth Commission

Summer Recipient - Charlotte Wright

Charlotte is a graduating senior who will attend Tufts University in the fall where she will study International Relations. Charlotte has been aiding Needham High School in the development of its Global Competency program and is the first recipient of the Global Competence Certificate and has acted as a student ambassador for the program. This past April, Charlotte spoke to a large audience of college educators at the International Careers Consortium at Northeastern University on the importance of Global Competence for today's youth. Charlotte was inspired to become a global activist when she witnessed poverty and injustice firsthand when she traveled to South Africa for a month in the summer of 2006. For the past three years, she led Needham High School Students in the fundraiser "Halloween for Heroes", an event where students go door-to-door on Halloween spreading awareness and collecting donations for an important cause. Last summer, she attended the Global Young Leaders Conference in Washington D.C. and New York City where she engaged in global conflict resolution simulations with students from across the globe. She has since been invited and will attend the Presidential Inauguration in Washington D.C. next January as a global youth leader. This February, Charlotte traveled to Costa Rica for two weeks with Needham High School students to study Spanish and work at an indigenous school. She served on Needham High School's student council and as a student advisor to the State Board of Education. Charlotte is actively involved in Needham Softball as a player and coach and this past spring she was Co-Captain of the Varsity team. In addition, Charlotte is a member of the National Honor Society and the Spanish National Honor Society.

Needham Youth Commission Representative - Katy Colthart

Katy has been a social worker at the Needham Youth Commission since April 2000. She enjoys working in the Needham Community and is proud to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of Needham youth.

Needham Business Association Representatives – Richard Atkinson

Richard (Dick) Atkinson has been with Needham Oil for 11 years and is Operations Manager. Needham Oil & Air has been family owned and operated for three generations since 1872. Our customers have entrusted us to provide a quality home environment by maintaining, installing and servicing the equipment in their homes. We are proud to sponsor a Needham Youth who has shown exemplary service to the Town of Needham.

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