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FUN AND GAMES

Campus Day Returns!

On August 16, students, families and staff came together for Campus Day, a special time filled with fun, laughter and community. Almost 200 people enjoyed carnival games, a cookout, face painting, temporary tattoos, sand art, music, dancing and the chance to dunk Spaulding notables (good thing it was a hot day!).

We were honored that special guests Scarlett Lewis, Founder, and Shannon Desilets, Executive Director, of the Jesse Lewis Choose Love Movement, joined us with the Choose Love RV. From the duck-themed RV to special T-shirts and duck games, the Choose Love duck mascot was a big hit.

Campus Day returned for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic. "Half the campus had never experienced the joy of Campus Day. It was so rewarding to jump-start it for a new beginning," said Permanency Specialist Mentor Cheryl Consoletti, who has been at Spaulding for 27 years.

This year's Campus Day was expanded to include day students, foster parents and foster children. "Campus Day is really about the community coming together to support families," said Doris Theberge, our Clinical Supervisor.

We can't wait to keep this tradition going!



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Our SLP Team Gives Children Their Voices

When children have difficulty speaking or swallowing, ordinary moments such as a chat with a friend or enjoying an ice cream become extraordinary. "It is magical when all your work means that a child can communicate or swallow," said Morgan Bailey, a certified Speech Language Pathologist on our Speech Language Pathology (SLP) team.

Our wonderful SLP team – Morgan, Kristine Groz and Natalie Winchester – provides services to more than 80% of our students. They integrate with all other Spaulding teams and work with individual students and small groups to address a range of communication and swallowing challenges. Their work encompasses everything from speech to social skills, emotional regulation, assistive technology, language growth and development, and feeding and swallowing.

Two years ago, Spaulding created an expansive new SLP space filled with light and color. We are looking for two more certified SLPs to join the team and work in this beautiful space. Want to know more? Please scan the QR code for details!



PROGRAM HOSTING

Spaulding Supports Foster Parents

Foster parents from around the state came to Spaulding on July 26th to learn more about supporting children who have experienced trauma. We collaborated with the Central New Hampshire Foster and Adoptive Parent Support Group to offer a half-day training event that included guest speakers, free childcare, a family BBQ, resource tables, lots of giveaways and lively conversations.

Attendees said that the training was "really engaging and empowering" and some reported that it was the best training they had ever received!

Our ISO/Community Based Services staff receives at least one and as many as four requests each day to place a child in a foster home. If you can open your heart and home to a child who needs you, please consider becoming a foster parent. Spaulding provides training, support and services to foster families, so you are never alone as you change a child's life.

To learn more about becoming a foster parent, please scan the QR code or email us at fostercare@spauldingservices.org



A PERFECT MATCH

Allison's Adoption Day

"I have everything I need in the world – except a phone!" says 10-year-old Allison. On July 24, 2025, Allison was adopted by her former teacher, Samantha, and Samantha's husband, Dustin, in a joyous ceremony at Rochester District Court.

Many members of the Spaulding community came to the ceremony to celebrate a wonderful new beginning for Allison, who had lived at Spaulding in the residential program.

Samantha was Allison's second grade teacher in the Tilton school system. They shared a special bond that strengthened even as Allison moved on to a different grade and classroom. Dustin suggested that they consider adoption and began researching next steps.

The couple started as foster parents but their goal from the very beginning was to adopt Allison. They began their fostering journey through the state, then switched to Spaulding's ISO In-House Services for foster parents. "Even after adoption, the ISO team is phenomenal and just a phone call away," said Samantha.

It has been a whirlwind one-year journey, but Allison, Samantha and Dustin are now a family. "Now is the time to enjoy the life we created!" Dustin said gratefully.

