

Needham Youth Services

May RAY of Hope Recipient

Alison Smith



Left to right: Stu and Caren Carpenter, Copley Motorcars, Alison Smith, May RAY Recipient, and Katy Colthart, Needham Youth Services.

May Recipient – Allison Smith

Alison Smith is a junior at Needham High School. Alison was nominated by her physics teacher, Kimberly Pinkos, who recognized Alison's relationship with the Best Buddies Organization that works to create one-to-one friendships for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and the STRIVE Program (special education classroom). This year Alison is the Vice President of the Needham High School Chapter of Best Buddies and next year she will be the president. In June she will be riding in the Best Buddies Bike Ride for the third year in a row and in July Alison will be attending the Best Buddies Leadership Conference at Indiana University for the second year in a row. At Needham High School Alison is also involved in the Spanish Club, the Animal Club, the National Honor Society and she is a producer of the Needham High School News (NHSN). This year she is participating in the "Be the Change" leadership class; her end of the year project is to develop a leadership class for eighth graders at Pollard Middle School. Alison has played on the Field Hockey and Ice Hockey teams this year.

Watch the Needham Channel's piece on the RAY ceremony at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OIH6CqmPySM>.

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