



# Fall 2019

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## Earning Our Accreditation

Back to school takes on a whole new meaning for our School at Spaulding this fall. Our school is currently undergoing the program and compliance monitoring review with the Department of Education's Bureau of Special Education. Required of any private provider of special education programs, the accreditation process is extremely thorough and vigorous, lasting one entire calendar year. The primary focus of the monitoring review is to improve educational outcomes for all children with disabilities and all special education programs must complete the review prior to serving students. In 2010 and 2015, Spaulding earned a 5-year accreditation, which is the maximum length available, and we are working toward another exemplary review.



As part of the process, school administrators have submitted the policy and procedure manual, updated curricula for all subjects in grades Kindergarten through 12, information regarding staff certifications, and other supportive materials. Next month, all faculty will complete a training in the self-assessment process in preparation for the onsite program approval and compliance monitoring in early 2020. The onsite review is focused on an in-depth examination of student files to ensure Spaulding Youth Center is compliant and has implemented the special education policies and procedures. The goal is to demonstrate compliance not just during the monitoring process but for throughout the accreditation period.

"As we progress through the accreditation process, I am once again impressed with the professionalism and commitment of our school staff," said Colleen Sliva, School Principal & Special Education Director. "Their dedication and compassion for our students is demonstrated through their continued diligence to document, update and maintain each child's developments in order to continue to tailor the student's educational approach. We look forward to earning another 5-year accreditation and demonstrating the level of excellence we strive to achieve every day."

**TO LEARN MORE** about the School at Spaulding, please visit [SpauldingYouthCenter.org/Academic](http://SpauldingYouthCenter.org/Academic)

**Interested in Supporting a Specific Program or Activity?**

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## Seven Generations of Growth

In late spring, our board and executive leadership team kicked off a new initiative to closely examine our name and brand to determine if these components still accurately represent who we are as well as those we serve. Established in 1871 and known as Spaulding Youth Center since 1958, we have adapted to the needs of those we serve for nearly 150 years. In fact, during the past two decades, Spaulding has expanded our offerings to reach new populations of children and families who need our help.

In 1998, we opened our Cutter-Wiggins Trauma Unit to provide specialized care for those children who came to us with significant trauma, abuse or neglect. By becoming a Child Placing Agency for Individual Service Option (ISO) foster care in 2004, Spaulding continued to expand services for these children who required intensive therapy to heal and then help them experience success in a family unit. We also license and train loving foster families for children who need them. The changing needs of today's children and youth have evolved to include more therapeutic opportunities for the entire family unit, which can produce more effective and positive outcomes for generations to come. Our newest endeavor is becoming a FAST Forward provider of clinical services to families at risk before they become part of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) system. These services are provided through our clinical services and community-based programs.

We are excited to evaluate whether our current programs are adequately represented by our current name and brand as well as to explore how to best communicate all that we offer to reach those who need us most. Stay tuned for more details on this self-evaluation process in the coming months as we prepare to unveil the new name and brand which will best represent the comprehensive services delivered each and every day by our caring and dedicated staff on our peaceful and therapeutic campus and in the community. We are proud of our history and look forward to our future as an important provider of services in New Hampshire.

**TO LEARN MORE** about our history, please visit [SpauldingYouthCenter.org/History](http://SpauldingYouthCenter.org/History)

The Evolution of Our Logo Since 1958

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Although our logo has evolved since 1958, we have been known as Spaulding Youth Center since 1958 when Daniel Webster Home and Golden Rule Farm merged.

## SPAULDING AT A GLANCE: An Insider Look at Off-Campus Trips

Beyond the extensive activities we offer on campus, our residential program is dedicated to providing our children and youth with additional opportunities to practice emerging skills and enjoy new and wonderful experiences off campus. Our kids travel locally and around the state nearly every day for fun and educational activities such as entertainment, recreation, shopping, dining, vocation and more. Last year, our kids enjoyed over 220 community trips all of which engage them in their communities and create unforgettable childhood memories! That said, it takes a fleet of safe and attractive vehicles to get our kids to great places.

**Since January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019:**

- 10 vehicles available for off-campus trips
- 497 vehicle refuels
- 4,820 gallons of gas purchased
- \$12,398 gas investment
- 77,115 miles traveled

**TO LEARN MORE** about our residential programs, please visit [SpauldingYouthCenter.org/Videos](http://SpauldingYouthCenter.org/Videos) to watch our latest residential video!





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## It's a Family Affair

It's frequently said that Spaulding staff members are like a big family. They are supportive of one another, practice teamwork on a daily basis, and are always willing to lend a helping hand. So, it is really something special when actual family members work side-by-side at our organization.

Kate Schwarz, Samantha (Sam) Doucette and Jennifer Lutz are sisters – three of nine children to be exact! The sisters recognize the extraordinary efforts of their parents, not only to help them and their siblings to succeed professionally, but also to foster their compassionate and positive attitudes.

All three sisters agree that the “little big things” that occur on campus are what inspires them every day. They are grateful that an organization like Spaulding Youth Center exists to give kids with special needs a place to live, friends and staff members to call family, and a real opportunity to succeed.

And these sisters are not alone sharing their dedication to Spaulding's mission with their loved ones. On our campus, we employ parents and

children, spouses, siblings, cousins, in-laws and lots of other personal connections. We like to think that our positive and rewarding culture are attractive to employees' families and friends although we are also proud to offer a generous employee referral program to attract more like-minded and dedicated individuals like our current incredible staff members.



Kate, Samantha, and Jennifer

**TO LEARN MORE** about working at Spaulding, review current openings, or read more about these three incredible sisters or other members of our staff, please visit [SpauldingYouthCenter.org/Careers](http://SpauldingYouthCenter.org/Careers)

**Our Mission:** Supporting exceptional children and families toward a successful future. [SpauldingYouthCenter.org](http://SpauldingYouthCenter.org)

## Friends of Spaulding Celebration

The executive leadership team was thrilled to host the Friends of Spaulding Summer Celebration on our scenic campus and warmly welcomed private donors, corporate sponsors, past and present board members, staff members and a few new faces. Everyone enjoyed the remarkable afternoon, networking, learning about new opportunities to advocate for Spaulding, and discussing current and upcoming developments in the organization.



Connecting with our supporters in this way reinforces that their generosity through direct donations and sponsorships is the backbone of our fundraising. As school funding challenges continue to unfold around the state, the School at Spaulding is also struggling with the rising costs of providing effective and tailored instruction to our special needs children. These struggles are only further enhanced for our residential program and our dedication to provide lasting childhood memories for the children in our care. Since public funding only covers 90% of essential

living, clinical and educational expenses, every donated dollar has profound impacts for each child on campus.

For these reasons, we are so thankful for those donors and sponsors who choose to cultivate their relationship with our organization and take an active role in the continued fulfillment of our mission. If you would like to be one of the Friends of Spaulding, we would welcome the opportunity to stay connected in this special way!

Spaulding offers a wide variety of sponsorships to support the many facets of our programs and services, including music and arts, after school activities, campus events, birthdays and holidays, and other unique initiatives. Please visit [SpauldingYouthCenter.org/Sponsor](http://SpauldingYouthCenter.org/Sponsor) to learn more about these unique and fulfilling opportunities.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE** to discuss creating a custom package to support your professional or personal giving goals, please contact Cheryl Avery at 603-286-8901 ext. 107 or [cavery@spauldingyouthcenter.org](mailto:cavery@spauldingyouthcenter.org)

## DONATE TODAY IN THREE EASY WAYS

We appreciate your consideration to help support extraordinary children and their families toward a successful future. Contributing to Spaulding Youth Center is as easy as 1-2-3:



1. Donate online at  
[SpauldingYouthCenter.org/Give](http://SpauldingYouthCenter.org/Give)



2. Mail a donation to  
72 Spaulding Road  
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3. Contact the development  
office at 603-286-8901 ext. 107 or  
[donate@spauldingyouthcenter.org](mailto:donate@spauldingyouthcenter.org)



Thank you for supporting  
the children and families  
of Spaulding Youth Center.