



WE TAKE PRIDE IN RAYMOND!

2018

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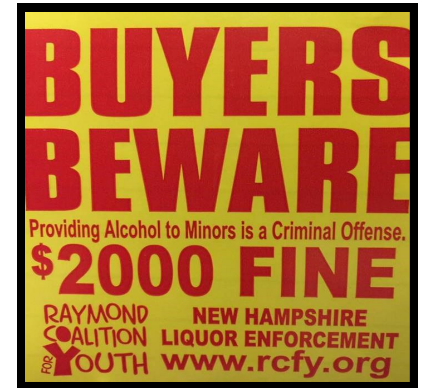
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Promoting Positive Healthy Choices for Youth!

Welcome to the 2018 Raymond Coalition For Youth (RCFY) year in review.

What an amazing year it has been. A very big thank you to all of our partners, supporters, volunteers, and especially our youth who are the voice of our RCFY efforts.

As you will see looking through these pages, the work of RCFY takes a community. There is no way one person, one organization, or even one group, could do all of this amazing community outreach. It takes everyone listed in this book, rolling up their sleeves and worked together for something bigger than themselves, community!

On behalf of RCFY I would like to personally thank each and every one of them.

If you would like to learn more, or get more involved in being a part of RCFY, please contact our office.

Please enjoy this book, share it, and recognize the many lives that RCFY continues to have an impact on.

Sincerely,

Celeste Clark
RCFY Executive Director

RCFY STAFF



Celeste Clark, - Executive Director,



Christine Bostaph, - Program Coordinator,



Pam Turcotte, - Finance Coordinator



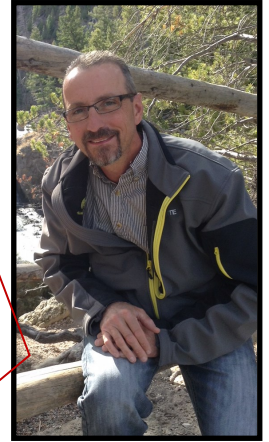
Kathy Pouliot , - Communications Coordinator

Board of Directors



I am on the board of Directors because I am excited about the potential we have as a community to impact the lives of our youth.

There are countless nonprofit organizations that we can choose to give back to in our local communities. I feel the Raymond Coalition is one of the most impactful and fills an extremely important need for us, not only in Raymond but the entire State.



RCFY is important to me because they are a familiar entity to kids from elementary all the way through to high school, creating a consistent resource that families can rely on all the way through youth.

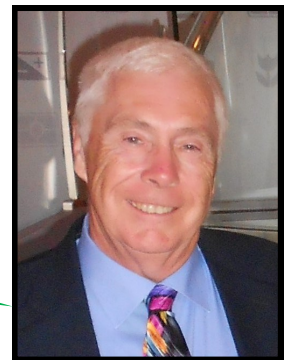


I am grateful for all of the guidance that I have received from my parents, coaches, teachers, and the like. Considering the fact that not all kids have access to that guidance, it is important to me to support an organization that can provide it.



It's very satisfying to be part of a highly effective organization with great passion for positive youth and community.

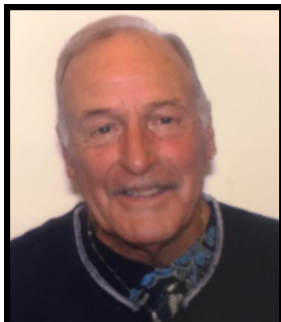
I wanted to serve on the BOD of RCFY as I had witnessed one of my siblings become addicted to prescription drugs. Anything I can do to help prevent that in others, is my goal.



Being a member of the Board of Directors has allowed me to serve as a liaison between RCFY and Raymond Schools. The relationship between the two is critical in ensuring prevention efforts are successful.

I joined the RCFY Board to help prevent and reduce youth's substance abuse.

I am proud to be a RCFY Board member and support all the programs the Coalition has to offer, educating youth and families on the importance of making healthy choices. And as a Care Manager for Lamprey Health Care, where our mission is to provide health care for all, combining our efforts with the Coalition's, helps strengthen and build a better community.



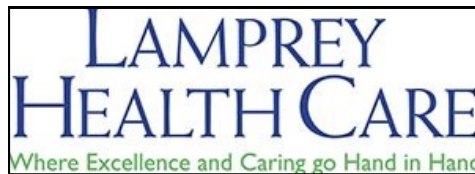
Community Networking Meetings



You are invited to join us the second Thursday of each month 9:00 am - 10:30 am, at the Raymond Baptist Church on RT 27 in Raymond. Coffee, tea, and muffins are generously donated by Hannaford for each meeting.

A special thank you to Lamprey Health Care, who hosted these meetings for over fifteen years. Attendance each month is over twenty guests and the church very generously opened their doors, beautiful community room and parking lot for us to use.

Each meeting is packed with information, resources, conversation, and is a great networking opportunity. We connect dots and appreciate our partners and guest speakers who share valuable information with our group.



Recovery Task Force

In 2015, when the opioid crisis hit NH hard, our RCFY partners took action. We brought together the people who were needed to best serve the people in need. Addiction is a family disease, and “It is the community who is best to help our community.” In the three years that we have been meeting, we have collaborated to bring in Narcotics Anonymous, Family Support services, and community forums to provide education and access to resources and support, and have created emergency cards to help people access treatment and recovery services. To learn more or get involved, contact our office.

Keep Hope Alive



RCFY in the Community

The Power of Relationships: “Taking time to build community, to get to know your people will have long-lasting benefits.” ~ Clifton Taulbert



RSD Staff Health Fair



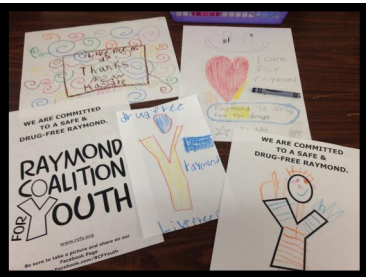
Ben Franklin Shopping Center



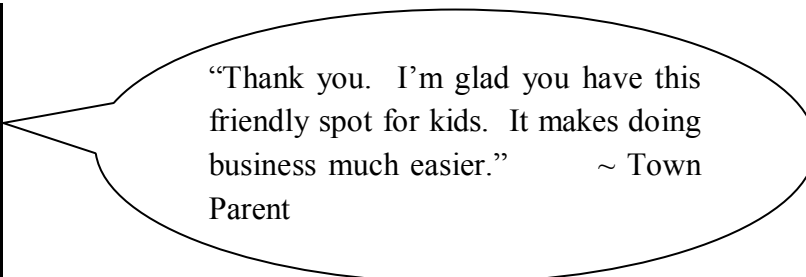
Summer FUN Series



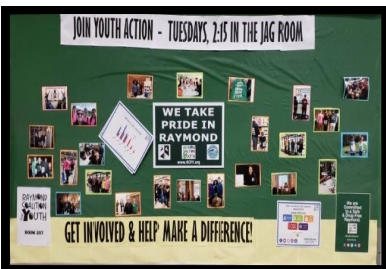
National Night Out



Raymond Town Hall



Family Fun Night



High School Bulletin Board



Fisher Cat's Game



Information tables



Red Ribbon Week- RHS



Peoples Bank



Fisher Cats Game



Kaizen Academy



Monarch's Game

5th Annual Prevention Summit



On October 20, 2017, RCFY held its 5th Annual Substance Misuse Prevention Summit. Just over 125 guests attended to learn about the many great resources RCFY continues to bring together and share with members of our community and beyond.

Dr. Kevin Sabet, our keynote speaker, gave a great overview of the misconceptions around marijuana. Many of our guests commented on how enlightening it was. View the presentation on our RCFY YouTube Channel anytime. PREVENTION takes a community - this has an impact on youth making positive choices.

Greg Sevinsky accepting the Community Partner Award for the Walmart Distribution Center, Lori Sevinsky, Community Leader Award with Celeste Clark, RCFY Executive Director and Ali Bousquin, RCFY BOD Chair.

Our Youth Action students, once again, gave a great presentation, and we also recognized community partners with our RCFY annual leadership awards presented to Walmart, Lori Sevinsky and Savannah Cooney.



Ms. Savannah Cooney, Youth Leadership Award

Family FUN Night



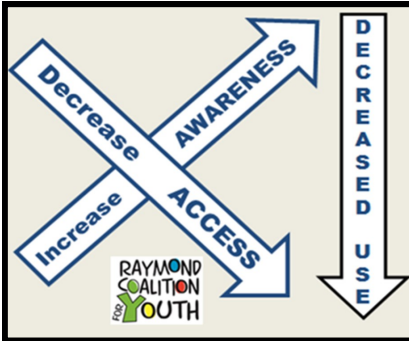
Sharing Resources, Information, and Strengthening Community!

Hundreds of kids, parents, grandparents, community members, and community partners and organizations - talking, interacting, and having fun at a safe, family friendly event.

Thank you to Pizza By George and Coke for providing dinner. What an amazing night!



Substance Misuse Prevention



Goal 2 – Reduce Youth Substance Use

Involving youth in our efforts to reduce youth substance use is our first step to having an impact. Youth voice, concerns, and ideas are the driving force behind the programming and events of RCFY.

They identify the issues that most directly impact their peer and our community.

While a lot of attention is being focused on the continuing opioid epidemic, our youth have identified underage drinking, vaping and marijuana use to be of most concern.

This is supported by our data that reports a 50% increase in alcohol and marijuana use. Vaping has been declared as the next epidemic to be concerned with. RCFY is working to address all of these issues and provide factual information.



Are you marijuana confused? Our youth are working hard to help. This Youtube video was created to get everyone up to date.

Marijuana plants are being genetically modified to have a higher THC content than our “grandfather’s weed” used to have. There is no scientific research on the effects of this new marijuana on the human body, so there is no way of knowing how harmful it may be until it is too late. We are working to try and prevent it from being too late.

Working With Our Law Enforcement Partners



A special thank you to the Raymond Police Department, NH Liquor Enforcement and the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA). Prevention is a community effort and has a bigger impact when we work together. We greatly value these partnerships and supporting community policing.



Raymond Police Department



Medication Awareness and Prevention go hand and hand with Safe Disposal. We partnered with Raymond Police and participated both DEA Take Back events. In October 2017 we collected 173 pounds in April of 2018, we collected 113 pounds! **For a total of 286 POUNDS of safely disposed meds!** This is in addition to the hundreds of pounds collected at the Raymond Police station medication disposal box that is open 24/7.





RHS Youth Action

Created to bring a voice to our youth population, student from Raymond High School meet on Tuesdays to discuss issues that are affecting their lives in and out of school. Topics they focus on range from social norms and peer pressure, to substance misuse and tobacco/vaping. Each month they design a bulletin board at the high school to help connect students to information and resources. In addition to creating peer-to-peer messaging at school and working in the community, they also participate in national campaigns like Red Ribbon Week. They partner with local organizations to create and deliver positive messaging to the community and create change. They are a dynamic group of students whose goals are to help their peers make good choices and succeed.



TUESDAY

2:15

RAYMOND HIGH SCHOOL



IHGMS Youth Action

The middle school Youth Action group is the first opportunity for the students of Raymond to get involved and make a difference in their community. Meeting afterschool on Wednesdays, the middle school Youth Action group is a diverse group of students in grades 5 through 8. They are enthusiastic, energetic and passionate about delivering positive peer-to-peer prevention messaging to their school and in the community. They work hard all year to create awareness campaigns regarding issues they feel strongly about, including alcohol, tobacco, and drugs as well as bullying and mental health.

Last year, they created a short yet impactful film titled “See Something Say Something” which encouraged people to say something if they witness bullying, substance misuse or find weapons etc..



RCFY Middle School Youth Action presents

See something?

In my district you guys are one of a kind. I tell them to contact you if they need direction.

~ Sen. John Reagan



RCFY Scholarship Recipient

Each year RCFY awards a scholarship to a graduating youth member who has been involved in RCFY and support their peers and community.

Tim has been a Youth Action member for several years and embodies what being a part of RCFY all about.



Through the coalition, I have been able to speak with governors and senators about the issues that plague the state we live in. I have been able to see real change in the government and the policies that are enacted. Through an extremely short video that the coalition created, we were able to get hundreds of individuals to take a second and think about how their vote could change the small communities and the bill to decriminalize marijuana was shut down.” ~ Tim C.

Our Interns ROCK!

This summer we were fortunate to have THREE amazing interns with us. We asked them to describe their time with us in three words.



GRACE

enriching **EMPOWERING**
FUN



JACOB

Informational exciting
INSPIRATIONAL



JOSCALYN

EXPERIMENTAL
interactive **Learning**

This school year we are trying something new. We are offering an extending learning opportunity for non-profit management and community development. We are very excited to have Savannah with us for the school year for this creative opportunity for both her and RCFY.

I saw a need for more youth leaders to help fight this battle with substance abuse in the community. The RCFY has given me the support and education I needed to help make a change in my community.



SAVANNAH

Summer FUN! Series



Youth generated, organized and run!

The best year yet!!

“As an intern this summer, I organized and ran the 2018 Summer Series with another intern. Each event was a different fun theme for kids to experience, the beach, carnival, western, etc. There was always games, crafts, fun little “Do It Yourself” snack, and lots of prizes! This is a 100% free event that parents could bring their kids to, once a week, and give them something fun and productive to do.” - Joscelyn



We partnered with the Rec Dep. when they were offering their Summer Concert Series #Partnership



Project Safeguard

Our 2018 Annual day of prevention , sponsored by Exeter Hospital, was unfortunately cancelled due to Snow! Plans are in the works to have an even bigger and better event that will include both seventh and eight graders in April of 2019.



Operation Raymond Clean Up



Over one hundred groups and individuals took to the streets of Raymond to clean up trash, in various forms, to make our town look great!

Thank you to each of them for helping our youth and community understand the value of **TAKING PRIDE IN RAYMOND!** When you appreciate the community you live in you are more likely to be connected to its services and supports. This helps in make healthy choices and knowing that people care about you.



Recognition from Washington DC



2018 has been a very exciting year for RCFY.

In March, The Office of the President of the United States visited NH and requested to see firsthand what a Drug-Free Community looked like. We welcomed Assistant Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), Michael K. Gottlieb, to a meeting at the Walmart Distribution Center along with youth, our law enforcement partners - Raymond Police, State Police, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, and community members.

In August, we were invited to attend a press conference at the White House in Washington DC as President Trump announced the funding for the Drug-Free Community Program on the 20th anniversary of the program. Our very own Youth Action member Savannah Cooney got to speak directly with President Trump about the work of RCFY and the issues that are most concerning to her and her peers, marijuana and underage drinking.

It is important to note that when exciting opportunities like these come up, it is to highlight the great work that is accomplished each day by the many members who are a part of RCFY. This work is far greater than one person, one organization or one program. It is our combined efforts, working together that make a difference and get us recognition. Thank you to everyone who makes it possible.



RCFY GOES NATIONAL!

CADCA (Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America)

WASHINGTON, DC



In February, Carrie, Celeste and Christine joined over 2,000 prevention partners at the CADCA National Leadership Forum held each year in DC. This year, Celeste and Christine presented *“Funding Your Opportunity”*.

While in DC, we visited with our state delegation to talk about the work being done in our community and thanked them for their support. Pictured is our NH group with Senator Hassan.



ORLANDO, FL

At the summer CADCA’s Mid Year Forum Raymond was well represented! For the first time, two Youth Action members, Grace and Savannah, joined us at the conference as well as Raymond School District’s Student Assistance Program Counselor, Ms. Simone and Middle School Health teacher, Ms. Kebler. Celeste presented, *“Celebrating Builds Capacity and Can Fit into Your Action and Sustainability Plan”* was on the importance of using events or programs as capacity building opportunities.

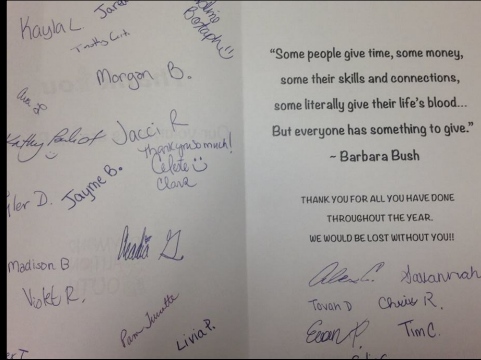


Volunteer Breakfast

Volunteers are the heart and soul of the Raymond Coalition For Youth. Some volunteer for one particular event each year, some help in the office, some can be called on at any time to help with a task or project, some offer expert opinions and advice - ALL of them are valued and appreciated. A special thank you to the Tuckaway Tavern, this year they sponsored a beautiful breakfast to help us to recognize many of our great volunteers! A heartfelt thank you to them all.



This morning is about you because you matter. You make a difference. Your great generosity has had a profound and lasting impact on the Raymond Coalition for Youth. Your willingness to share both your time and your talent by volunteering with RCFY says a lot about each of you as human beings. Your willingness to give selflessly to help others speaks to both your strength and the quality of your character. ~ Christine, Program Coordinator



**Got time?
Volunteer!
Contact our
office or visit
www.rcfy.org
to learn more**



5th Annual Gala Fundraiser



\$22,000 was raised at our RCFY Fifth Annual Gala Fundraiser held on March 24th at the Brookstone Event Center in Derry, NH.

This is the primary annual fundraising event to support the mission of RCFY, and we want to extend a massive THANK YOU to all of our guests, sponsors, those who donated auction items, our highest bidders, and volunteers - all who helped make the night a success.



A special shout out to Walmart Distribution Center of Raymond who 'adopted' RCFY for their Volunteerism Always Pays (VAP) grant. This was a significant boost to the profits raised at our Gala and is an excellent example of business and community working together to help make a difference.



We hope you will mark your calendar and join us on March 16th, 2019 at the Atkinson Country Club.



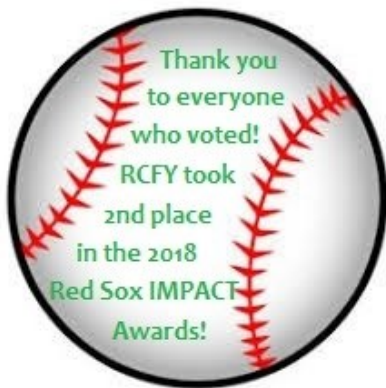
Awards

The Wason Pond Pounder, Chester Charitable Foundation awarded a 2017 Holiday Donation of \$5,000 to Raymond Coalition for Youth, to support programming for healthy youth and communities. Pictured: Maria Veale, Secretary for CCF, and Celeste Clark, Executive Director for RCFY.



The Raymond Coalition for Youth works with the community to promote positive healthy choices for our kids. The organization is based in Raymond but their network reaches far beyond the town lines. ... Thank you for doing what you do!"

2017 2ND PLACE RED SOX FOUNDATION IMPACT AWARD



THANK YOU FOR YOUR VOTE!! Our supporters came through and voted RCFY to 2nd place! This came with a \$3,000 donations, an official Red Sox Personalized Jersey, and 4 tickets to a game. This was our intern Graces project but she was unable to go, so our outstanding volunteer Tim was asked if he would like to go in her place. We hope you will vote in 2019 and we can possibly get 1st place!!!

Connect with us

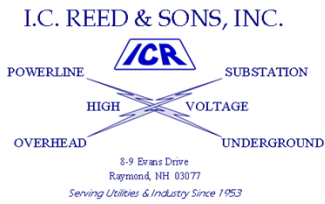
Spread the love! Like, follow, connect and share. Connect with us on the following platforms to get current updates on meetings, pictures, information, latest trends, training opportunities, videos, and more.



Thank you for making the Raymond Coalition for Youth's progress possible!

Special Thanks

RCFY would like to extend a special Thank You to our Grantors and Funders! RCFY is a non-profit organization that runs like a business. The investment of our supporter is very important to us and we are proud of the outcomes and results we are able to deliver with their support for our youth and community.



Legacy Giving



Our thoughts, prayers, and gratitude go out to Dennis Lyndon's family and his memory. Dennis passed in 2018 and wanted his service to live on by encouraging others to get involved and learn more about the work of RCFY. Dennis was an active community volunteer and knew the value of getting involved. He wanted to pass on the value and importance of volunteer work, not only to the organization you are volunteering for, but also the individual who volunteers themselves. Thank you, Dennis, for all you did and your legacy.

A memorial gift to The Raymond Coalition For Youth is a personal remembrance that honors the life of someone who cared about making a difference for others in the community.

To learn more visit <http://www.rcfy.org/home/donate/memorial-gifts>

It Takes a Community



Prevention is not one person, one organization or one program.

Prevention is our community working together, sharing resources, time, and efforts to support the overall mission of RCFY.

We are very grateful for everyone who is a part of RCFY and helps to support a positive, healthy community.

