



# NCEP News

Winter 2015

Enhancing social, recreational and educational experiences for children and youth in the town of Newmarket

In 2014, NCEP celebrated **10 years of support for Newmarket's children and youth**. We've partnered with organizations throughout town with the common goal of **enhancing kids' social, recreational and educational experiences**. This journey has been possible because of generous community support. **People like YOU**, through NCEP, are directly helping and we're honored to have you on our team.

As we begin our second decade, we look forward to another 10 years of giving to our great community. **Thank you for being part of our past and our future!** We are proud to share some of our success stories. **Enjoy.**

NCEP proudly supporting  
**10 Years**  
Newmarket



**Tech in the classroom  
... thanks to you!**

NCEP funding has enabled the purchase of **30 iPads for Newmarket's 5<sup>th</sup> graders**. The iPads are used daily and supplement instruction by helping teach skills to struggling learners, reinforcing skills for those who need more practice, and enriching students who need extended learning opportunities.



**A new approach to fitness  
... thanks to you!**

Newmarket's athletes are learning about more than running drills and scrimmages. They are experiencing **the power of yoga** thanks to a NCEP grant made possible by our donors. Through a partnership with the Jr./Sr. High Wellness Committee, student athletes were introduced to yoga moves and breathing exercises. Yoga helps athletes with strength, balance, flexibility and mental control; all helpful when tackling an opponent on the court or field.

The program was such a success that it will continue into the Spring with additional funding provided through NCEP.





**A happy camper  
... thanks to you!**

For 10 years, NCEP has recognized the importance of the **summer camp experience** for underprivileged youth. Through donor funding and a special partnership with the LOVE Foundation, we have made camp scholarships a priority. Recently, we received the following unsolicited message from the Newmarket Recreation Department's Assistant Director, Aimee Gigandet:

*Allow me to elaborate on one particular nine-year-old child who was awarded a full scholarship from NCEP. By the way, I think she knew she was a scholarship child but never said anything. For this girl NOT to be in this camp because of financial issues would have very much been an injustice. She was by far the most appreciative and giving child at camp. A day didn't go by where she did not hug her counselor or, me for that matter, thanking us for making this the best summer ever for her – this even happened as she watched all her friends leave for a field trip that her family was unable to afford to send her on. She never complained and always had something nice to say. She loved each and every moment.*

Donations from people like you will help ensure campers have the *best summer ever* for years to come.



**A new experience  
... thanks to you!**

Thanks to NCEP and you, the New England School of Archery came to town. This first-ever program was extremely popular and introduced students in grades 6-12 to **the sport of archery**. Archery is often perceived as a stationary sport, but it requires a significant amount of strength, endurance and focus, all good traits for our students to sharpen.



**Wellness  
... thanks to you!**

Aikido was a popular mini-workshop at **wellness day** supported by NCEP and you. All staff and students in grades 6-12 attended workshops on wellness-related topics made possible by 34 presenters. NCEP funding helped facilitate this enriching and beneficial event.



NCEP's funding was instrumental in the founding of the elementary school's **cross-country program**. With a goal of encouraging kids to be "life long movers," the program has been extremely successful with hundreds of participants through the years, and it's still "running" strong after seven years. Your support is helping to keep our kids healthy.



**Kids are running ... thanks to you!**

*NCEP proudly partnering*  
**10 Years**  
*with people like YOU!*

NCEP received a **generous donation of \$4,000** from the Weinstein family, to be directed to Newmarket Elementary school fifth-graders. Toni Weinstein, who is on NCEP's board, and her husband Josh feel strongly about supporting technology in our schools given the important role it plays in education today. They were pleased to find a way to support the Newmarket community directly.

The Weinstains encourage others who are looking for ways to focus support on Newmarket's children and youth, to donate to NCEP, and to also consider partnering with NCEP on a bigger gift.

To help parents and kids increase awareness of what they're sharing online, NCEP partnered with the Wellness Committee and the Newmarket Police Department to sponsor a expert some guidance. From Plymouth State University, Investigator Jennifer Frank held two sessions at the Jr./Sr. High School to educate students and parents about **cyber safety and cyber bullying**. The sessions were well attended and eye-opening and made possible by you!



**Kids and parents are cyber smart ... thanks to you!**

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**Kids aren't hungry ... thanks to you!**

**Mules Mission** is a successful assistance program at the Jr./Sr. High School. The organization provides food and supplies to students who otherwise go without these necessities. For the past six years, NCEP has continued to provide funding to help keep shelves stocked, and most important, to give students in need a discreet way to obtain aid.

NCEP and you helped bring the **First Tee Program** to town. Kids learn golf and, more important, the skills required to prepare them for success in high school, college and life.

**Learning more than golf ... thanks to you!**





**8<sup>th</sup> graders visit Philadelphia**

NCEP funding will help get the 8<sup>th</sup> grade to defray costs of their **June trip to Philadelphia**. The trip, as well as previously NCEP-supported trips to Washington, DC, are a rich educational and cultural experience for the students. They experience a tremendous amount of personal growth and independence. The cost of the trip is prohibitive for many families and the grant from NCEP with your help makes this opportunity possible for all students.



**Newmarket Community Education Partnership**

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Board Members: Nicole Benson, Alicia Buono, Heidi Chase, Michelle Burleigh, Lisa Kumph, Alison Leahy, Toni Weinstein

**Thanks to you, NCEP was able to fund \$17,449 in grants this year including:**

- **Homework** club snacks
- Accessible pathways and raised garden bed for the **community garden**
- Children’s book **author visit**
- **Technology** including iPad minis and Chromebooks
- **Alternative activity** for 8th graders not going to Washington, DC
- **Autism** program equipment
- **Hip hop** dance classes at the Community Center
- Classroom **furniture** to facilitate learning
- Middle School **Science Club**
- Redcat **sound system** for Media Center
- **Spanish** books to aid learning

**Can we count on you to partner with us?**

- **Send NCEP a check**
- **Donate at your workplace via United Way**
- **Donate on our website via PayPal**



*If this is your first or 10th time donating, we sincerely appreciate your support. Any and all amounts are put to great use in our community. NCEP is a 501(3)(c) non-profit organization, so your donation is tax-deductible.*

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