

...solve as well as young people... YVCA Youth... who have attended the State and Government Program; the YVCA Older Boys Conference; Junior Industrial Management during the years they have been... hold in Exeter.

Jarvis, whose son has attend- ed YVCA Camp Lincoln for and hearing therapy program the past several seasons, is held at Camp Lincoln and executive director of the Ports- mouth Economic Commission, mouth Rehabilitation Center and

YVCA Industrial Management Conference.

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School Opens in Exeter For Young Handicapped

EXETER — A pre-school pre- house, 10 Center St., is now open for special or handicapped attending. It is

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"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

-Margaret Mead

The interior walls and ceiling of the church, which date back to 1833, are painted in the "George Twill method, giving them a three-dimensional quality. Guest registers for the event were Mrs. Edith True Marshall, Salisbury, Mass.; Mrs. Robert K. Kruger, Exeter; Mrs. Michael L. Laughlin and Mrs. Charles B. Bailey of Hampton Falls. Some 125 guests visited the Hampton Falls Free Library which was also open for the hour. The library, once the Christian Baptist Church, dates back to 1815 and has frescoes on both

"Mentally Retarded Children," is serving as a guide for the program. Financed through a fund drive and tuition, the school has a board of directors and has filed for a non-profit corporation status. For further information call Mrs. W.T. Whitney at 772-4294 or Mrs. R.N. Kaplan, 772-2118.

Nearly New

The Nearly New Shop of the North Congregational Church will be open tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parish hall on Spinney Road. This week, there will be a good selection of square collar dresses available as well as winter coats and jackets. The

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It's the mark of a true leader; the ability to appreciate what works, while always questioning what can be done better. While it's hard to sum up the character of the humble soul that has led our organization for the past thirty-seven years, Peggy Small-Porter's dedication to bettering the delivery of services, while giving voice to the critical importance of the cause, does much to speak to the impact Peggy has brought to the world of early intervention overall.



RMCC's history is dense, rich and solidifies the power of partnership between hope and hard work. The people behind the mission give life and truth to the words of Mahatma Gandhi; "a small body of determined spirits fired by an unquenchable faith in their mission can

alter the course of history." And alter the course of history we have. In our own little corner of the world, our communities are more inclusive, more welcoming and more supportive of the unique strengths and important contributions of all children.

Peggy-isms:

"Crying out bells"

– Peggy's personal favorite expression of exasperation

"Bulky"

– Used to describe a situation that is complicated or a decision that takes a lot of thought

"Are you pregnant or leaving?"

– Peggy's response when a staff member asks "to talk"

"Hold our feet to the fire"

– Describes Peggy's commitment to accountability

"You look nice. Do you have an interview?"

– Peggy's non-discreet way of insuring staff longevity



For over three decades now, Peggy has stewarded this organization through many ups and downs, while always maintaining a focus on the advancement of support for early intervention as a whole at both the state and federal level. It is with this understanding of the power of collaboration that RMCC will move into the next 50 years as a program of Waypoint. We will move forward with the same heart and dedication to the work as always and will now enjoy the promise of stability and growth under an umbrella of support that is comprehensive of families' needs.



As we close this chapter and move confidently into the future, we offer our most sincere gratitude to the courage and dedication of the many leaders that first conceptualized and have moved this mission forward for five decades. On behalf of the board and staff, present and past, and the hundreds upon hundreds of children and families served, we especially thank the woman at the helm today for the heart you have poured into this organization. Thank you for the many hats you have worn, the honesty and integrity that have always driven your work, and the empathy, energy and grit you have devoted to the mission.

Peggy, for a job very well done, thank you.



“**She** is a **big sister** to all of us – always with a listening ear, good advice and support.”

“**She** is the reason for the culture, RMCC’s ‘**special sauce**’.”

“I think of the word **humility** when I think about **Peg**. She is always making others shine but never wants the spotlight for herself.”

“**Peggy** has been there for me through so many milestones in my life. She is such a huge part of my work and life experience and I can’t begin to express how much her **support** has meant to me.”

The power and prom

“I know my son is getting all he needs to get him on track.”

“If I had to recommend a program it would be RMCC. They know their business and do a great job.”

“We have a sense of direction now.”

“It’s all about the children.”

“I will forever be grateful for all they did for my son.”



ise of early support.

Dear Mrs. McFarland,



Thank you.

For giving me a place to grow;

A place where even the smallest of steps are met with the loudest of praise.

A place where I am defined by my unique character and not my medical diagnosis or challenges.

A place where I am told "I can", given permission to dream and find all the support I need to see those dreams come true.

A place where I can laugh or cry, explore or just observe, be brave or afraid and it is all ok - because here it is all about being respected for exactly where I am at and finding my courage, curiosity and confidence on my own time and in my own way.

A place where I stand out because I'm cute and creative, silly and fun to be with and not because I have braces on my legs, use a device to help me speak or shout a lot because I feel afraid of new things.

A place where mom and dad seem relaxed and not as worried about me as they usually are. I guess they are learning a lot here too, which is funny, cuz I thought this was my school.

A place where patience trumps progress, effort trumps achievement and acceptance trumps stigma.

A place where I can find my own voice and take my very own important place in this world.

A place where I am proud to be me and know I am loved, cherished and celebrated.

Thank you.

With love and the deepest of gratitude,

RMCC Graduates 1971-2021



We've asked the right questions, done the detailed research and had the hard discussions. What have we found?

We are better together.

We serve the same population, share the same high standards of practice and have deep respect for one another's teams. We also share the desire to do more for the families we serve.

Together means the same family-based, expert therapeutic service we have always offered...only stronger, with more peers to consult with and comprehensive wrap-around support.

There is great strength and stability to be found in collaboration.

After months of meticulous evaluation of all sides of this opportunity, we move forward knowing we can be, and will be

better together.

