Dear Youth Enrichment Services,

Last month was a challenging time for our community. As many of you know, 8-year-old Martin Richard was an innocent victim in the Boston Marathon tragedy. Martin, as well as his siblings and parents, are well-known to many of us here at Youth Enrichment Services (YES). We are grateful for the support shown by our families, agency partners, and friends near and far. The outpouring of support for the Richard Family has been truly inspiring.

YES is committed to continuing to serve as a resource to our youth, families, coaches, volunteers, and staff. If you need someone to talk to, a list of resources can be found on our website. All the victims of Marathon Monday's terrible tragedy will never be far from our thoughts in the weeks and months ahead.

As we move forward, YES Program Staff are planning another summer of fun, positive activities. YES continues its commitment to bringing high-quality, experiential programming to our youth. Towards that end, the Outdoor Adventure program has been improved and now offers week-long sessions and multi-day sessions that offer advanced level skill-building. We hope that you are excited about these expanded opportunities to bring Boston youth to the outdoors and help them develop into young leaders. Read more about all of our Summer 2013 opportunities on our website.

We also have two exciting program announcements to share since our last newsletter. First, our Operation SnowSports program closed out the season on a high note. Over 840 youth had the opportunity to ski or snowboard this winter with YES. Secondly, the YES Academy recently expanded to accommodate a second weekly class of students in the
### Program Dates

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Career Exploration program. There was record interest in this program and we enrolled an additional 21 students. Read below for more program achievements and updates.

Many of you generously supported YES's 3rd Annual Black Diamond Gala last month. This is our major fundraising event of the year. It was our most successful event ever - over $250,000 was raised to support programs at YES.

Thank you for being a part of our community and your ongoing support of YES. We hope to see you this summer!

Bryan Van Dorpe  
Executive Director

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**Spend the Summer with YES!**

**GOAL Program (Ages 11-14, Girls Only)**

Applications for the Girls Outdoor Adventure Leaders (GOAL) Summer Program are [now available online!](#) Activities include surfing, sailing, kayaking, biking, horseback riding, and rock climbing. Visit the [GOAL webpage](#) to learn more and view the summer schedule.

**Outdoor Adventure (Ages 7-18)**

The schedule for the Outdoor Adventure Summer Program is [now available online!](#) Early registration for income-eligible families is now open and ends on May 22. After May 22, YES will be accepting registrations from all families, and they will be prioritized in the order that they are received.

Please read the registration information carefully, as the application process and program schedule has changed slightly from last summer.
Track & Field (Ages 4-14)

Information about the YES Summer Track & Field Program is now available online! Join YES every Monday and Thursday this summer to learn the basics of track and field and compete in developmental meets. Program is free.

Volunteering & Summer Jobs (Ages 14 and up)

There are many opportunities for volunteers this summer, both within Outdoor Adventure and the YES Academy. Information and applications are now available online. Summer employment opportunities are also available for teenagers, please click here to learn more. The deadline to apply is Friday, May 10.

YES Academy: Developing Leaders at YES

Junior Volunteer Program

65 teenagers participated in the Junior Volunteer Program during the 2012-2013 Operation SnowSports Season. The youth participated in after-school youth development workshops and learned critical skills related to Leadership and Team Building. Over 80% of YES JRVs attended a Ski and Snowboard Instructor Training Weekend at Pats Peak. Collectively, the JRVs volunteered over 2,500 hours in the YES Rental Shop and over

YES Junior Volunteers celebrated the end of another successful season in April here at the top of Killington Mountain.
2,000 hours on the slopes training and teaching YES youth.

**Girls Outdoor Adventure Leaders (GOAL)**

The Girls Outdoor Adventure Leaders program will complete its school year session on Friday, June 7. For the past nine months, the girls have had opportunities to build self-confidence and leadership skills while experiencing new activities like yoga, hiking, painting, dance, ice skating, skiing, and snowboarding.

**Career Exploration Program**

34 students—a record number—will complete the YES Career Exploration Program this spring.

Many will put their skills to work this summer at local businesses. The students learned about professionalism and developed their resumes. They also recently completed the Career Apprentice Week. At the end of the week 100% of the youth said they felt “very prepared” to enter the workforce. They also reported an increase in confidence when working independently, contributing their ideas in a group setting, and writing professional emails and letters.
The 3rd Annual Black Diamond Gala

A Record Year for YES!

Thanks to the generosity of our attendees and sponsors, the 3rd Annual Black Diamond Gala raised over $250,000 for YES this year! Attendees had the chance to mingle with US Ski Team athletes of the T2 Foundation, meet Olympic Champion Bode Miller, bid on exciting auction packages, and interact with several of our outstanding YES Youth. View the full album of photos from the evening online here.

YES Executive Director, Bryan Van Dorpe, YES Board President, Richard Ward, and YES Board Vice President, Phill Gross, smile with T2 Community Award Winner and US Ski Team Member, Julia Ford. Bryan told guests at the gala dinner, "It is an honor to see YES youth grow into confident boys and girls who value getting outdoors, teaching others, and being a leader."
YES youth, Tony and Maude (pictured above), addressed 350 guests at the gala dinner. Maude told the crowd, "I will always be a 'GOAL Girl' in my heart and proudly stand up for rights of girls and women everywhere." Tony quoted Ghandi when saying that at YES we are "being the change we wish to see in the world." Their stories moved us all and we are proud to call them YES Kids!

YES Executive Director, Bryan Van Dorpe, and Olympic Champion, Bode Miller in the Revere Hotel's Emerald Lounge during the VIP Reception.

Mary Williams, Co-Founder of YES, and Marina Knight, Director of the T2 Foundation, smile with Derek Fowler, YES Trustee and the 2013 YES Achievement Award winner. "Every decision I make in my life now as an adult is based on what I learned at YES as a child," Derek told the crowd at dinner after accepting his award.
Special thanks to our generous sponsors who made the 3rd Annual Black Diamond Gala possible!

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11th Annual Mass Snow Challenge

Thank you to all our volunteers and participants!

This year’s 11th Annual Mass Snow Challenge marked the end of another successful Operation SnowSports season and raised over $8,000 for the programs of YES! It was a fun-filled day of skiing, riding, racing, and games for the 200+ participants. Thank you to all those who came out in support of this fantastic family event and to our generous hosts at Wachusett Mountain.

You can view the entire album of photos online here!
YES is now on Twitter!

@YesKidsBoston

Follow us to get the latest info on YES programs, find out about volunteer opportunities, and see pictures of our awesome #yeskids!