



Jesse Coffey presented a check for over \$450 to Taryn Seybold of Reece's Rainbow after his senior project fundraiser for the organization.

Photo: Jennifer Coffey

## Jesse Coffey Organizes Down Syndrome Fundraiser

By Jesse Coffey  
MVHS '12

For my senior project I decided to raise awareness for Down Syndrome, and I thought to myself, "What better way to do it then a benefit concert?"

Music is a passion of mine, and I thought it would be a good learning stretch as well as a way to raise money for a good organization that not only helps with Down Syndrome awareness, but helps with the adoption of Down Syndrome kids.

Reece's Rainbow was the organization I chose, and they do a lot of work to help kids find their forever homes. Over 650 kids have found homes thanks to Reece's in less than six years.

The concert was held on March 10 at the Penacook Community Center. It featured Ron Noyes from the Ron Noyes Band, who's played with artists such as John Popper from the Blues Travelers, and even won a New England Mu-

sic Award. It also featured State Representative Kevin Avard, who performed many soulful songs at the show. Baked goods were sold and a 50/50 raffle was held. Donations were welcome, and all proceeds went to Reece's Rainbow.

Almost \$500 was raised for Reece's Rainbow, and although that was not the goal I had set for myself personally, it could still make a difference for a parent to be able to adopt or not. Reece's Rainbow recently held the Twenty-One Days of Hope, which is a way to spread awareness and raise money for their organization. People could donate \$21 until March 21 to help keep Reece's going for the rest of the 2012 year.

It took a lot of work and time management, but these kinds of fundraisers are possible if you set your mind to it, and with the right cause, it could make a difference for another person's life.

For more information, visit [Reeces-Rainbow.org](http://Reeces-Rainbow.org).

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fundraisers raise awareness for people who struggle with Down Syndrome?"

**Brendan Coll:** "How do I obtain a patent for my invention?"

**Edie Corey:** "How do artificial ultra-violet rays from tanning beds and from the sun affect the skin of a healthy young adult?"

**Savanna Donovan:** "What does it take to design and build a sturdy and reliable chicken coop?"

**Adam Ellis:** "Is it hard to rebuild and restore a four-stroke dirt bike?"

**Ashleigh Fife:** "What do I need to do to scuba dive safely and properly?"

**Elise Goodwin:** "Why is participating in extracurricular activities important to help maintain school programs?"

**Tyler Heath:** "How does automobile restoration save time and money, and

how does it affect the environment?"

**Ashley Lamson:** "What is the nature of equine behavior?"

**Ashley Lloyd:** "What is the importance of volunteering with children?"

**Rhianna Newton:** "What are the pros and cons of getting into the real estate market?"

**Joseph Rego:** "How has skateboarding changed from when it first came about until the present day?"

**Nicholas Shaw:** "How does exercise lead to a healthy physical and mental life?"

**India Thompson:** "What does a 21st-century crime lab look like?"

**Jonathan Wagner:** "In what ways has human civilization used stone to build and construct?"

**Kyle Wiley:** "How can I use my experience with disease to encourage others to help make a difference?"

## Andover One Wheelers

### AE/MS Athletic Department

The Andover One Wheelers unicycling group has begun once again. Wednesday afternoons are filled with laughter and music as the students of Andover master the challenge of balancing on one wheel.

Beginners, Intermediates, and Advanced riders have taken to the gym to improve their skills with a unicycle. Teams are lead by Ms. Peters and Ms. Keezer once again. With their great leadership and excitement, the students develop and create routines to showcase

their vast skills of balance.

Liz Labrie is back for her last year as a One Wheeler. "When spring comes, it means more fun with One Wheelers. I am going to miss it a lot"

Another eighth grader on his final year is Ben Yusko. "It is bittersweet that it is our last year. I have really enjoyed it."

It is never too late to learn. Grades third through eighth are welcome to join the fun. The true sign of spring has come, because students of Andover are out and riding on their unicycles.

## AE/MS Parent-Teacher Organization

By Carmen Bates  
AE/MS PTO

What we have been doing: Popcorn/Fruit Friday is every Friday for students who have signed up. Thank you to all our helpers to make this busy morning happen!

The Eagle Store has been stocked and is ready for the final months of school. Thank you, Me!

The coffee machine in the staff lounge has been switched over, and anyone interested in buying coffee should contact Amy Fecteau at AmyF@proctornet.com.

We served snow cones on Friday of Spirit Week, and it was well enjoyed! Thank you to all the volunteers and for the donation of ice from the Inn at Pleasant Lake.

What we will be doing in the next few months: We are in the process of trying to plan another Moose/Fish night with the MooseMan, Rick Libbey.

The PTO is helping to raise money and make plans for the new playground. Keep saving box tops; it has been an unbelievable year of saving them by the students and parents!

We need ideas to be a part of the bike rodeo that the school will be hosting as well as volunteers to help that day. It is that time of year to start thinking about Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week!

If you have any ideas or want to help in any way, please contact me at CarmenBates@comcast.net or come to the next PTO meeting on Monday, April 9, at 6:30 PM in the AE/MS library.

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