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**Northwoods/Hollow Drive DREAM Update
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Greetings from DREAM!

October was a very busy month for the Northwoods/Hollow Drive children and mentors. They kicked off the year with some amazing Friday activities, initiated plans for High Adventure, and went on several outings beyond the traditional Friday time!

The Northwoods/Hollow Drive mentors and children spent the month participating in Halloween festivities and infusing their group interactions with creativity. On a rainy day mentors and children safely carved bunches of beautiful pumpkins. The last Friday before Halloween the mentors, with help from organizations around campus, prepared a Halloween extravaganza, complete with donut eating contests, haunted closets, bobbing for apples, and trick-or-treating around Dartmouth's campus. Smaller groups have gone on little excursions during the weekdays to take advantage of some of Hanover's attractions, including Ben and Jerry's Vermonsters!

Mentors and children (12 and older) are in the formative stages of a High Adventure trip. The mentees will soon gather to choose a destination in the United States they can explore for one to two weeks with a group of mentors at the end of this school year. Together, the mentors and children will structure, make arrangements, and fundraise for this amazing experience. Creative fundraising ideas abound as the mentors and mentees are deciding who truly wants to commit to this ambitious endeavor. Mentors already ran a grilled cheese sale that raised \$600 for the trip!

DREAM Office staff led a training on "Mentor Boundaries and Child Abuse" with the Northwoods/Hollow Drive mentors midway through October. The first part of this training walked the mentors through important information on establishing boundaries with the children and families they work with and explained certain DREAM policies regarding safety. The second part of this training focused on signs and symptoms of different forms of child abuse and DREAM's reporting procedures.

Look for updates on High Adventure, including a destination and a Dance-a-Thon, as well as plans for a Winter festival and recruiting new mentors in months to come! Also remember, you can always look back at past monthly reports or other programs' reports by going to:
http://www.dreamprogram.org/documents/Local_Programs/Program_Reports/Monthly_Reports/_Web/.
And please, do not hesitate to contact us with questions or ideas.

Keep DREAMing,

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