



Our Mission is to "Engage Wallingford's community resources to produce healthy, caring, and responsible citizens by raising awareness and reducing substance abuse among our youth."

2015 Wallingford "Champions for Youth" Award

Using the *Partnership for Drug Free Kids* and *Major League Baseball Charities 2015 Play Healthy Awards* as a template, we are challenging every youth-serving organization in Wallingford to nominate a mentor and child for our first ever **Champions for Youth Award**.

We are looking for extraordinary mentors and youth who have inspired others both on and off their 'field of endeavor'. Maybe it was special character in the face of adversity, an unending drive to help others, or a display of integrity that moves those around them. You tell us.

- Our judges are looking for nominees who value and are committed to a drug free lifestyle and overall healthy outlook.
- Understand the importance of teamwork.
- Demonstrate excellent leadership by empowering, encouraging, and helping others.
- Display integrity and maintain a positive attitude at all times.
- Strive for personal excellence, regardless of natural ability or experience.
- This award celebrates the citizens who embody the spirit of teamwork, dedication, leadership, hard work, fun and a healthy, drug free lifestyle- regardless of achievements or won-loss records.

Each nominee will be honored at the "Walk of Hope", October 30, 2015 where the winners will be chosen. Every participant will receive a plaque. The winners (One mentor and one youth) will be proudly displayed for the entire year at the Wallingford Park and Rec Building, Youth and Social Services Office, at the Wallingford Town Hall, and on the Coalition for a Better Wallingford website. Winners will also be nominated for the National 2015 Healthy Play Award.

Applications can be picked up at Wallingford Park and Rec office, Youth and social Services, or downloaded from the cbwlf.org website. For more information, contact Ken Welch @ 203-314-7413.