

Scituate CORSE gets grant from Flutie Foundation

Grant will help fund CORSE programs

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The Scituate CORSE (Community of Resources for Special Education) Foundation is the recipient of a 2010 grant from the Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism.

The \$2,500 grant will be put toward after-school social skills development and year-round recreational programming for children in Scituate and neighboring towns. The programs allow for a combined approach of one-on-one instruction and small group settings and field trips.

The Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism announced \$27,500 in grants on Monday. In addition to the Scituate CORSE Foundation, the recipients are the Bridge Center and the League School of Greater Boston Inc.

Overall, the foundation will distribute more than \$369,000 to 30 nonprofit organizations in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, California and Canada.

The foundation was established in 1998 by former New England Patriots and Boston College quarterback Doug Flutie and his wife, Laurie, in honor of their now-19-year-old son Doug Jr., who was diagnosed with autism at the age of 3.

The goals of the Flutie Foundation are to support families affected by autism spectrum disorder, and to increase awareness of the challenges of living with autism and helping families find resources to help address those challenges.

The foundation raises money by holding events such as the annual Flutie Bowl to Strike Out Autism.