

# Four ways to give back in the community

## 2. The CORSE Foundation

You may know The CORSE Foundation through the North Pole Express it jointly sponsors with SHORE (Scituate High School Opportunities and Resources for Education), but Community of Resources for Special Education has a year-round focus on educational, social and recreational community experiences for children with special needs.

For a decade, the organization has provided more than \$730,000 to address various supplemental needs including professional development, equipment and technology, music therapy, parent resources and most significantly social, academic and recreational student programming. That comes down to more than 300 programs, 4,000-plus student registrations and over 700 student mentors.

CORSE partners with Scituate Public Schools, Scituate Recreation Department and other community organizations to offer programs ranging from music therapy and parent training, to adventure camps and therapeutic horseback riding.

The foundation board represents all schools and includes parents of children with special needs, parents

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Lauren McGonagle of Marsfield shows Cole Cadigan, 10, of Scituate, how to kick in the water while teaching him to swim at the Healthtrax in Hanover on Saturday during the CORSE swimming class. WICKED LOCAL FILE PHOTO

of families with no special needs, and district and recreation staff.

Membership is open to anyone interested. Members are welcome to attend most Foundation Board meetings and don't have annual dues. Membership forms are available online at [www.corsefoundation.org](http://www.corsefoundation.org).

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