

NEF in Action



Meet some of The Kids on the Block Puppets

The Kids on the Block, a national non-profit organization with troupes all over the United States, originated in 1977 in direct response to US Public Law 94-142 which required that children with disabilities be educated in the least restrictive environment. Over the years, Kids on the Block has developed over 40 different programs addressing various disabilities, educational and medical differences and social concerns.

The Natick puppet troupe of Kids on the Block was founded based on two grants from NEF in 2001 and 2002. The grant money provided funds to purchase puppets, props, and curriculum to cover topics such as Bullying, ADHD, Autism, Down's syndrome, and Cultural Differences. The Natick troupe has continued to provide shows throughout the Natick Elementary Schools since 2001. This year's shows will focus on ADHD and Bullying and will be presented to all second grade classrooms in February 2010.

The troupe continues to look for new volunteers—no experience necessary!
Contact Rosemary Driscoll at driscollresearch@comcast.net if you are interested. To learn more about Kids on the Block visit <http://kotb.com/>