

Example #1:

Mr. Mayor, City Manager and City Councillors, on behalf of families in Central Massachusetts, I would like to thank you for providing the City of Worcester with an opportunity to honor families and celebrate our strengths through this 7th annual proclamation declaring the month of May Children's Mental Health Month. By doing so, together we raise awareness, fight stigma and educate the public that mental health problems are real, common and treatable in young people. Together we can all make a positive impact on the lives of youth and their families.

Mr. Mayor, in recognition of proclaiming May as Children's Mental Health Month, we would like to present you with the green ribbon of awareness and a green wristband, symbols of new beginnings. By wearing a green wristband or ribbon this month we show Worcester that every child's mental health matters.

I would now like to present T--- and N---, two siblings from our PAL group, to present you with the green ribbon.

[N--- AND T--- PIN THE MAYOR WITH A GREEN RIBBON AND GIVE WRISTBAND TO HIM AND SHAKE HANDS]

Example #2:

(parent):

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I'd like to now introduce C--- and P---, members of the teen group, the OTHERS.

(teen):

Hi, my name is _____ and I'm _____ years old. I live in Worcester and I'm a member of the OTHERS youth group. I read some statistics about kids my age that I'd like to share with you.

A mental illness can cause problems with how you think, act, feel and understand your world. Mental health is important to overall health. Early diagnosis and treatment of mental health problems allow youth to reach our full potential. Seeking help when you need it is a sign of strength - not a weakness. 3 million teens have considered suicide or attempted suicide in the past year. Only about 21% of youth in the U.S. who need mental health services actually receive them.

_____ : Mr. Mayor, in recognition of proclaiming May as Children's Mental Health Month, we would like to present you with the green ribbon of awareness, a symbol of new beginnings. In wearing these green ribbons, we hope to raise public awareness and show our support to families everywhere.

C--- AND _____ GO UP AND PIN MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER
WITH GREEN RIBBON AND GIVE THEM GREEN WRISTBANDS
SHAKE THEIR HANDS

ALL DONE!