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Shrewsbury Youth and Family Services, Inc. (SYFS), the town of Shrewsbury's only private, nonprofit community counseling and social services agency, is pleased to announce that it is still accepting nominations for our Outstanding Youth of Shrewsbury Awards.

These awards will be given to eight outstanding Shrewsbury youths for their service to the families and community of Shrewsbury at *SYFS' Annual Gala and Awards Dinner Dance*. More information on the Gala and the Outstanding Youth of Shrewsbury awards is highlighted below:

The Shrewsbury Youth & Family Services Annual Gala and Awards Dinner will be a festive night celebrating the civic and community achievements of Ms. Karyn Polito, the winner of its annual Harry S. Cutting Award (given annually to a Shrewsbury individual, organization, or business that best exemplifies the generous spirit and community service philosophy of the award's namesake, Harry S. Cutting, a renowned Shrewsbury philanthropist and one of the founding members of the agency), **as well as 8 outstanding high school youths who have demonstrated exceptional community or family-enhancing service to the town of Shrewsbury.**

These "Outstanding Youth of Shrewsbury Service Awards" will be given to two freshmen, two sophomores, two juniors, and two seniors, respectively. The award recipients must be Shrewsbury residents, and must have performed some outstanding community service. Youths who have demonstrated some resiliency in overcoming personal obstacles to perform this community service will be especially considered for these awards. These Youth Service Awards will be individual cash prizes generously donated by Central One Federal Credit Union and Shrewsbury Federal Credit Union.

The SYFS Gala Youth Awards committee will be accepting nominations for these youth service awards until February 18th For more information about these youth awards, or to submit nominations, please contact **SYFS Gala Chairperson Cathy Sampson** (email: SYFSGala@aol.com) or **SYFS Clinical Director Christine Biron** (email: cbiron@townisp.com, ph: 508-845-6932).

Information about the Gala and these Outstanding Youth of Shrewsbury Awards can be found on our website, www.shrewsburyyfs.org. Nomination forms can be found on the site, as well as Sponsorship Forms for any businesses / individuals wishing to place an ad in the Gala program book or sponsor the event.