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## Period Packs celebrates menses

North Andover based Period Packs, Inc., which specializes in theme gifts for young ladies entering menses, is seeking to transform the fear-filled stigma associated with the onset of menses, into one of excitement, celebration and clear understanding.

For many young women, the biological certainty of menstruation often carries with it feelings of dread, insecurity and chaos. Many adult women today can likely recount frightening memories of getting their period (aka Cousin Red, Aunt Flo, crimson wave, etc.) — including Period Packs founder, Wendy Agudelo. “Getting my period was extremely awkward since I was raised in rural America with just my father and three brothers,” she said. “My father raised all of us on his own. As I was his only daughter, he was ill prepared to talk with me about menstruation and instead, ushered me in the direction of my aunts and female family friends. The best gift I received was an informational pamphlet on menses and a small box of samples from the school nurse.”

To avoid scenarios like her own, Agudelo has set out to shift societal mindsets and turn menstruation into a celebratory and special time in a young woman’s life. Through uniquely-designed, feminine, and stylish Period Packs, her company provides the necessary information and “tools” for a young woman to prepare for her monthly cycle.

For more information about Period Packs, or to order Period Packs merchandise, visit [period-packs.com](http://period-packs.com).

## Local residents named recipients of Partners in Excellence Awards

Partners HealthCare presented its 14th annual Partners in Excel-

## Taste of the Town



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**Enjoying ice cream sundaes at the BJ's Taste of the Town in Haverhill are Ryan Biancavilla of North Andover and Austin Salvetti of Salem, N.H., along with Jenna and Cassidy Riordan of Jay Gee's Ice Cream & Fun Center in Methuen.**

BJ's Wholesale Club in Haverhill hosted “Taste of the Town” on Saturday, March 20. Not Your Average Joe's, Jimmy's Famous Pizza, Jay Gee's Ice Cream & Fun Center, Jocelyn's Mediterranean Restaurant, Cedar's Mediterranean Foods, Cookie Central, UNO's Chicago Bar & Grill, The Common Man, Subway, Edible Arrangements and Lindt Chocolates featured a signature dish for people to sample. In addition, shoppers enjoyed live entertainment and participated in a variety of family-fun activities like coloring contest and raffles.

January 2010. Award recipients are nominated by their colleagues and are selected on the basis of contributions “above and beyond the call of duty” in the areas of quality treatment and service, leadership and innovation, teamwork, operational efficiency and outstanding community contributions.

The following list includes award recipients from North Andover, along with the institution they worked for and their award category:

Debra Burke, Massachusetts General Hospital, Operational Efficiency

Cheryl Carroll, Massachusetts General Hospital, Teamwork

Susan Cronin-Jenkins, Partners HealthCare, Teamwork

Kristy Dickinson, Massachusetts General Hospital, Teamwork

Peter Fintonis, North Shore

General Hospital, Leadership and Innovation

Ellen Harrigan, Massachusetts General Hospital, Teamwork

Rachel Hill, North Shore Medical Center, Teamwork

Patricia Jacques, Massachusetts General Hospital, Leadership and Innovation

Matthew Kirwin, Massachusetts General Hospital, Operational Efficiency

Shelli Mahan, Massachusetts General Hospital, Leadership and Innovation

Michaela Maione, North Shore Medical Center, Quality Treatment and Service

Angela Mather, North Shore Medical Center, Teamwork

Mary Merrett, Massachusetts General Hospital, Leadership and Innovation

Miike Monteiro, Massachusetts General Hospital, Teamwork