

Milford man travels to Africa to help FORGE

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MILFORD - Milford native Nicholas Talarico, 25, traveled to Meheba Refugee Camp in Zambia, Africa, last week to work with the international humanitarian group Facilitating Opportunities for Refugee Growth and Empowerment. Because of a family tragedy, the current FORGE in-country director will be leaving her post and Talarico will be aiding FORGE leadership in the day-to-day operational and organizational aspects of the nonprofit organization that brings western college students to refugee camps in Africa.

The entirely youth-run organization has been in existence for three years and has brought more than 50 students to Africa to work on micro-projects aimed at developing empowerment and sustainable development in refugee camps.

The 1998 Bishop Guertin High School graduate will spend the majority of January in Zambia preparing for the FORGE 2006 summer program.

He will be working closely with the FORGE director, managing and sustaining programs that have been set into place in the previous two years.

For more information, read his blog at www.myspace.com/nickforge or go to www.FORGEprogram.org.

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