



*...A magical holiday adventure based on the book by Chris Van Allsburg  
Union Station, Burlington, Vermont  
December 5 & 6, 2026*

### **Fundraiser Description**

The Vermont Children's Trust Foundation ("VCTF") is bringing **The Polar Express™** back to Burlington for its 24<sup>th</sup> year. The event is a fundraiser for the Vermont Children's Trust Foundation, and provides a high quality, holiday event for the whole family to enjoy. As VCTF's signature event, it is one of the organization's primary sources of fundraising dollars. **The Polar Express™** is an extremely popular event -- so popular, in fact, that tickets sell out immediately every year. Because it is such a high profile event, it provides great visibility for VCTF and the companies who support VCTF. All of our business supporters are offered advance ticket purchasing privileges for their employees, a fantastic way for our supporters to thank staff.

Based on Chris Van Allsburg's timeless holiday classic children's book, VCTF's magical journey aboard **The Polar Express™** includes story-telling, song-leading conductors, chefs in white jackets and hats serving hot cocoa and cookies, and a sea of elves greeting riders to the North Pole (Union Station) where they will experience a special reading of Chris Van Allsburg's book. The story ends with a surprise visit from Santa himself who beckons the children to follow him upstairs where he hands out shiny bells that ring true to all who truly believe.

### **Statistics from 2025:**

3,600 attendees

750 volunteers

\$165,000 raised to support children's programming across Vermont

Media coverage through local radio stations

### **About the Vermont Children's Trust Foundation**

VCTF is a nonprofit organization that raises money to fund community based prevention programs for children and families throughout Vermont. In 2025, VCTF is granting approximately \$650,000 to 60 prevention programs throughout the state.

The programs that VCTF funds strive for one or more of the following outcomes:

- Vermont's families are safe, nurturing, stable, and supported.
- Vermont's children and young people achieve their potential

## **Benefits to VCTF Corporate Supporters:**

### **\$10,000 Shining Star:**

- Company logo on all promotional materials with premier placement, including: B&W logo on tickets, color logo on flyer, and color logo on back page of program/songbook
- Recognition in all social media promotion (over 6,000 contacts)
- Company logo and link to your site will be on VCTF's web site, [www.vtchildrenstrust.org](http://www.vtchildrenstrust.org) for one year with premier placement
- Company recognition the night of the event with premier placement, including full color logo on screen, posters and banner
- 20 free tickets to the event (\$800.00 value)
- Advance purchase of up to **150 tickets** for employees at \$40.00.
- 20 tickets will be donated to an organization serving under-privileged youth in your name
- Additional promotion as agreed upon

### **\$5,000 Gold:**

- Company logo on all promotional materials with premier placement, including: B&W logo on tickets, color logo on flyer, and color logo on back page of program/songbook
- Recognition in all social media promotion (over 6,000 contacts)
- Company logo and link to your site will be on VCTF's web site, [www.vtchildrenstrust.org](http://www.vtchildrenstrust.org) for one year with premier placement
- Company recognition the night of the event with premier placement, including full color logo on screen, posters and banner
- 10 free tickets to the event (\$400.00 value)
- Advance purchase of up to **75 tickets** for employees at \$40.00.
- 10 tickets will be donated to an organization serving under-privileged youth in your name

### **\$2,500 Silver:**

- Company logo on most promotional materials with secondary placement
- Recognition in all social media promotion (over 6,000 contacts)
- Company logo will be on VCTF's web site, [www.vtchildrenstrust.org](http://www.vtchildrenstrust.org) for one year with secondary placement
- Company recognition the nights of the event with secondary placement
- 5 free tickets to the event (\$200.00 value)
- Advance purchase of **50 tickets** for employees at \$40.00.
- 5 tickets will be donated an organization serving under-privileged youth in your name

## Corporate Bell Ringer:

Bell Ringer supporters will have their business names listed in our event songbook and have the ability to purchase the following numbers of tickets for their employees.

### \$2,000

- Business name listing in songbook
- Advance ticket purchase for employees - up to **40 tickets** at \$40.00 each

### \$1,500

- Business name listing in songbook
- Advance ticket purchase for employees -up to **30 tickets** at \$40.00 each

### \$1,000

- Business name listing in songbook
- Advance ticket purchase for employees -up to **25 tickets** at \$40.00 each

### \$750

- Business name listing in songbook
- Advance ticket purchase for employees -up to **15 tickets** at \$40.00 each

### \$500

- Business name listing in songbook
- Advance ticket purchase for employees -up to **10 tickets** at \$40.00 each

We would be delighted to have you join us in supporting this community event. Please reach out to Amanda at 802-951-8604 or [amanda@vtchildrenstrust.org](mailto:amanda@vtchildrenstrust.org) with questions or to arrange for sponsorship.

***AND GOOD WILL TO ALL....***

