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**CHILDREN'S
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— FOUNDATION —

community creates good kids

*Promoting the well-being of children and families in Vermont
by raising funds for community-based prevention programs.*

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Included Inside: Featured grantees; information about **Polar Express 2012**; our new **BECAUSE** project; and an invitation to **Art of Giving**.

Featured Grantees

The Young Mothers Mentoring Program provides pregnant and parenting teenage girls with one-on-one and peer mentoring to help them and their children thrive physically, emotionally and socio-economically, both in the present as well as in the future.

Youth Services, Inc.
“Young Mothers Mentoring Program”



Burlington Children’s Space
“Growing Food Program”

The Growing Food Program allows the Burlington Children’s space to offer a nutritious breakfast, lunch, and snack to all children over age one, helping children develop healthy attitudes about food and offering families the assurance that their children are well-fed while away from home. Funding from the Vermont Children’s Trust Foundation is combined with Federal Funding through the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) so that their chef can be present every day as an integral part of the program. Food is one of the languages with which children are welcomed to school in the morning and sent home satisfied at the end of the day. The program has helped create an atmosphere of abundance, respect and generosity.



The Polar Express

Thank you to our many volunteers and generous sponsors for helping to make our 10th Anniversary Polar Express the best ever. With the support of our sponsors, we raised over \$90,000 for children in Vermont.

With each year, *The Polar Express* gets more magical. This year, the train heads to the North Pole on December 8 & 9. As many of you know, *The Polar Express* is extremely popular. We’ve sold out every year and expect that demand will exceed the number of tickets available this year, too. Therefore, in the spirit of fairness, we will once again offer tickets to the general public via lottery.

There’s still time to make a donation of \$100.00 or more to the Vermont Children’s Trust Foundation to get on *The Polar Express* advance ticket sale list. If you make a donation to VCTF before June 30, you will automatically receive an opportunity to purchase tickets in September. Please use the enclosed donor envelope and mail before June 30, or go to our website and donate online. Advanced ticket purchase is one way for us to thank you for your support.



Thank You to Our Sponsors!



THE BECAUSE PROJECT

We're looking
for stories!

Find out how to
share yours—

We are asking Vermonters to share their stories about people and experiences that have shaped their lives, especially during their formative years -- stories that may inspire others to get involved. Because together, we can all make a difference.

Our partner in this project, KidsVT, will publish one story each month in its magazine and on its website. This feature in KidsVT is underwritten by TD Bank.

VCTF will post stories on its blog, Facebook page, and website.

Want to Share Your Story?

Writer Prompt:

Participants should write 300 to 600 words about a significant person or experience in response to this prompt: I am / decided to / learned to _____ because of _____.

Goal:

The Vermont Children's Trust Foundation supports statewide prevention programs for children and families to help give all kids a fair chance at success. VCTF believes that "Community creates good kids." Engaged parents, outstanding teachers and involved community members create opportunities for children to learn, to be inspired and to thrive.

By featuring these stories in print and on their website, KidsVT will help increase visibility of the VCTF mission and inspire individuals in our community to make a positive impact on the lives of our children.

Submit your essay to sara@vtchildrenstrust.org.



RSVP

Please respond by April 27, 2012.
Reserve tickets online at
www.vtchildrenstrust.org with a
credit card, or send payment to:
VCTF, 19 Marble Ave, Burlington,
VT 05401 \$50/guest

Painting by
Anne Cady

*Vermont artists come together to benefit the
children of Vermont.*

The Vermont Children's
Trust Foundation presents:

THE ART GIVING

RECEPTION & ART AUCTION

Saturday, May 12th from 7 - 10:00 p.m. at the West Monitor Barn, Richmond

Please join us for a social evening and fine art silent auction in support of VCTF.

Artists include: Melissa O'Brien, Hannah Sessions, Greg Bernhardt, Katharine Montstream, Steve Clark, Jodi Whalen, Bonnie Acker, Josh Axelrod, Sarah Ashe, Ethan Bond-Watts, Susan Larkin, Gillian Klein, Don Hanson, Tracy Vartenigian Burhans, Matthew Pardue and more!

Thank you to our hosts: Jen Whalen, Shanley Hinge, Cailie Burns, Jessica Brumsted, Andrea Green Mahoney, Carol Huntington, Amanda Ahmadi, Rhonda Forcier, Kristina Frame, Patty Corcoran, Barb Rouleau, Gina Thompson and Chris Lobel.



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