

# VERMONT CHILDREN'S TRUST FOUNDATION

FALL 2012

## Our Mission

The Vermont Children's Trust Foundation promotes the well-being of children and families in Vermont by raising funds for community-based prevention programs.

community creates good kids

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## Grantee Profiles

### Lamoille Family Center Parent Education Program

*"The principles were very helpful in terms of improving my relationship with my husband (or maybe it just clarified our differences!) ... I am very glad I came to the sessions with him as I think that it helped us be more understanding/on the same page in terms of our parenting approach."* —Participant

The Parent Education program helps children by supporting their parents. Over 250 parents engaged in a wide variety of parenting education activities this past year, including single-session workshops, multi-session classes, and ongoing playgroups.

Here's what we learned from a recent survey of playgroup participants:

- Respondents stated that their child has benefitted and made progress in the following areas since joining playgroup –
  - Communication – 83%
  - Cognitive Development – 83%
  - Social/Emotional development – 96%
- Respondents attend an average of 3 playgroups per month and have attended playgroups for an average of 40 months.
- 100% of respondents rated playgroups as "excellent"
- 96% of respondents said they have learned from other parents while at playgroup

### COTS Family Shelter

Over the last decade, the number of homeless families in Chittenden County has tripled; families are the fast-growing segment of the homeless population locally and nationally.

COTS can host 15 families in emergency shelter, while also providing services to many more families in the community. The shelters continue to have waiting lists.

Through the support of the Vermont Children's Trust Foundation, COTS has enhanced enrichment offerings for children who are now staying in shelter up to six months. COTS coordinates volunteers who help provide a literacy program ("Book Buddies"), arts & crafts and field trips. Volunteers also offer tutoring and educational support services.

VCTF allowed COTS to expand the number of children enrolled in quality preschool and day-care programs. Through the help of VCTF, COTS helps children get involved in after-school programs and summer camps, too.

The Committee on Temporary Shelter (COTS) is the largest service provider for the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless in Vermont. COTS operates the only two family shelters in Chittenden County.

### BE PART OF THE COMMUNITY THAT CREATES GOOD KIDS THIS TAX SEASON.

This year over 300,000 Vermonters will file state tax returns. If every one of these Vermonters donated \$1.00 to the Vermont Children's Trust Fund on Line 29B on the State Income Tax form, over 100 programs serving more than 30,000 children and families in Vermont could be supported.

100% of 29B donations go to programs that work to keep children safe and secure, help them to make wise choices, prepare them to be good students, and encourage them to feel good about themselves.



# THE POLAR EXPRESS™

The Polar Express personifies what the Vermont Children's Trust Foundation stands for: community coming together to benefit children. We are grateful for the hundreds of volunteers and many, many generous sponsors who help us create this enchanting experience of boarding a train in Burlington and ending up at the North Pole.



**December  
8 & 9, 2012**

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We are in our 11th year, and the event is as popular as ever! While bringing holiday joy to thousands, we hope to raise \$100,000 for children's prevention programs in Vermont. If you are interested in sponsoring THE POLAR EXPRESS™ please call 802.951.8604.

Big thanks to everyone — sponsors, donors, volunteers, and passengers — for helping us keep the magic alive for all Vermont children.

# The Turrell Fund Day for Children

The Vermont Children's Trust Foundation was honored to once again coordinate The Turrell Fund Day for Children on behalf of the Turrell Fund this past June 7th.

Turrell Fund S. Whitney Landon Memorial Award Winner – Addison County Parent Child Center.



From left: Cheryl Mitchell, Anne Wallace, Howdy Russell, Addison County PCC, Curtland Fields, Turrell Fund, and Donna Bailey, Addison County PCC.

VCTF's Lynne von Trapp Award Winner – Deb Lyons, Puppets in Education.



Above: Hilda Green, VCTF, Lynne von Trapp, Joanne & Deb Lyons, PiE.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

### Revenue Sources:

JJDP .....	\$169,000
State General Funds ...	\$100,651
CTF Tax Check-off ....	\$75,000
VCTF Donation .....	\$115,401
CBCAP Funds .....	\$239,000
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$699,052</b>

### Programs Funded:

Summer program grants .....	9
Year long grants .....	59
Child Abuse Prevention awards .....	4
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>72</b>

burlington ensemble "Giving Back" The Goldberg Variations  
Saturday, November 10, 7:30 pm  
College Street Congregational Church, Burlington  
Suggested donation \$10.00 at door  
Pre-concert reception featuring Dr. James Hudziak

**90/10 series**

## Grantees by County...

### ADDISON

Vergennes Afterschool Program (KEYS)  
Addison Central Teens & Friends  
The Hub Teen Center  
Addison Central Supervisory Union

### BENNINGTON

Sunrise Family Resource Center (2)  
PAVE  
Northshire Day School, Inc.  
Sunrise School Readiness  
Southwest Vermont Supervisory Union

### CALEDONIA

TogetherWorks  
NEKCA/Parent Child Center South

### CHITTENDEN

Burlington Children's Space  
Milton Community Family Center  
Howard Center (2)  
Hope Works  
Milton Community Youth Coalition  
Women Helping Battered Women  
Pine Forest Children's Center (2)  
VNA  
Winooski Family Center  
Connecting Youth  
DREAM  
Burlington Supportive Housing Initiatives

Essex CHIPS  
COTS

### ESSEX

Alice M. Ward Memorial Library

### FRANKLIN

Franklin County Caring Communities, Inc.  
Franklin NW Supervisory Union Afterschool  
Fairfax Success by Six  
Franklin Grand Isle Bookmobile

### LAMOILLE

Cambridge Elementary Early Childhood  
Puffer Child Care Center  
Lamoille Family Center

### ORANGE

SafeArt, Inc.  
Boys & Girls Club of White River Valley  
Orange County PCC  
One Planet South Royalton (2)  
One Planet Sharon

### ORLEANS

Newport City Out of School Program  
Craftsbury School

### RUTLAND

Outright Vermont  
Rutland Boys & Girls Camp

### WASHINGTON

Washington County Youth Services  
Family Center of Washington County  
Twinfield Union School  
Good Beginnings of Central Vermont  
Rumney Community Connections  
Prevent Child Abuse Vermont

### WINDHAM

Battleboro Area Prevention Coalition  
Youth Services, Inc.  
New England Youth Theatre  
Mountain Communities Support in Education  
Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Windham County

### WINDSOR

DREAM  
Health Connections  
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### STATEWIDE

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