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The mission of King Street Center is to promote the physical, emotional, and social well-being of children through educational, recreational, and enrichment programs.

From the Director



40
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The Power of Partnerships

King Street Center turns forty this year - no small accomplishment for a local, independent, non-profit organization. Over the past four decades we have made a positive impact on thousands of children and families in the Burlington area. And we enter our fifth decade stronger than ever, thanks to an outstanding staff, a hard-working board, our generous donors, and the largesse and expertise of literally dozens of community partners.

Our community partners come in all shapes and sizes. They include businesses, non-profit organizations, government agencies, and faith communities. But what they all share is a common desire to improve people's lives through purposeful, planned activities—activities that we at King Street could never carry out on our own.

Through partnerships, the lives of hundreds of children and families have been made richer. Our partnerships have enabled hundreds of children to learn about art, science, and nature. They have allowed kids to go camping, learn to snowboard, ride a horse, improve their study habits, and go mountain biking. They have helped parents to furnish apartments, find jobs, learn English, improve parenting skills, and live healthier lives.

Our partners, in turn, rely on us to transport kids safely, provide additional staff support when necessary, and—most importantly—deliver children who will follow the rules, respect others, and arrive eager to learn. It's a winning formula in which everyone benefits.

In celebration of our 40th birthday, this newsletter highlights some of our most successful and enduring partnerships.

1971-2011 Forty Years Building Community



Shelburne Farms

"King Street kids have been coming to Shelburne Farms for as long as I can remember. The preschoolers come and visit every Friday, and we always save several spots for older children in our five-day summer camps.

The preschoolers are my favorite group. We have a lot of groups that visit the farm, but none experience the farm with such joy as these children."

Linda Wellings
Director of School Programs

Mobius The Mentoring Movement

"Mobius relies on key partners like King Street Center to increase the number of high quality, adult to youth mentoring relationships in Chittenden County.

When we refer a potential mentor to King Street, we know that they will do everything possible to make the mentoring experience a rewarding one for both mentor and child. And I should know—I've been a mentor in King Street's Junior-Senior Buddy program for the past four years."

Andrea Torello
Executive Director



Flynn Center for the Performing Arts

"From the start the Flynn wanted to relate to and serve its immediate neighborhood, so King Street was a natural partner.

Over the years hundreds of neighborhood children have passed through our doors to take classes, attend camps, and see live performances.

We couldn't do this without the King Street staff, who fill in for busy or less comfortable parents. They care so deeply about the kids and families they serve."

Andrea Rogers
Executive Director Emeritus

Vermont Adult Learning

King Street is unique
in its ability to respond
quickly to meet the needs
of the community.

When large numbers of
immigrants moved into
the neighborhood several
years ago, King Street and
L joined forces to provide
English classes for adults—a
partnership that has
continued to this day.

Students benefit by learning
a new language, and King
Street benefits by being able
to effectively communicate
with the families they serve.”

Randy Mills
Regional Manager



Shelburne Museum

“For the past two summers,
through the generosity of
committed donors, King
Street children have joined
in on our LEAP! (Learn +
Play) Summer Camps.

Whether painting like
Monet, learning to weave or
creating mythical creatures
inspired by those that
lurk in our collections, the
experience brings art to life
for the campers and enlivens
the Museum grounds with
the energy, eagerness and
smiles of the participants.”

Leslie Wright
Public Relations Manager

WORKING TOGETHER makes each of us stronger

We would like to thank the following community
partners who help make our work possible:

4-H Club • Aikido of Champlain Valley • American
Flatbread • AmeriCorps • Association of Africans Living
in Vermont • Bike Recycle Vermont • Boys & Girls Club
of Burlington • Burlington Business Association •
Burlington City Arts • Burlington Community Gardens
• Burlington High School • Burlington Parks & Rec •
Burlington Police Department • Burlington School
District • Burlington Schools Food Service Department
• Burlington Technical Center • Camp Abnaki - YMCA •
Camp Hochelega - YWCA • Catamount Family Center •
CCTV • CEDO • Champlain Adaptive Mounted Program
- CHAMP • Champlain College • Champlain Elementary
School • Champlain Valley Head Start • Child Care
Resource • Children's Literacy Foundation • CHILL •
Chittenden County Mentoring Network • Church Street
Marketplace • Circus Smirkus • City of Burlington • COTS
• CVOEO • Davis Studio • DREAM program • ECHO Center
• Edlund Corporation • Edmunds Elementary School •
Edmunds Middle School • Essential Early Education •
Fletcher Free Library • Food Works-Gardens for Learning
• Foster Grandparent Program • GE Elfuns • Girls Move
Mountains • Great Harvest Bread Company • Greater
Burlington YMCA • Green Mountain Derby Dames •
Green Mountain Glades Youth Hockey • Howard Center •
Hunger Free Vermont • IBM • IDX • Intervale Center • JDK
Design • Key Bank • KidSafe Collaborative • KPMG • Lake
Champlain Community Sailing Center • Lake Champlain
Maritime Museum • Lake Champlain Regional Chamber
of Commerce • Lake Champlain Waldorf School • Lang
McLaughry Spera • Leunig's Bistro • Linking Learning
to Life • Lund Family Center • Marketing Partners •
Merchants Bank • Moon Studio Day Spa • NECI • NRG
Systems • People's United Bank • Planned Parenthood •
Prevent Child Abuse Vermont • Red Cross • ReSOURCE
• RSVP • Run Vermont • Sara Holbrook Community
Center • Service Politics Institute • Spectrum Youth and
Family Services • St. Michael's College • Stern Center for
Language and Learning • Sweetwaters • TD Bank • The
Clothes Exchange • The Edge Sports & Fitness • The Red
Bus • TruexCullins • Underground Teen Center • United
Way of Chittenden County • University of Vermont •
University of Vermont College of Medicine • USTA •
Vermont Center for Afterschool Excellence • Vermont
Commons School • Vermont Refugee Resettlement
Program • Vermont Student Assistance Corporation
• Vermont Works for Women • Very Merry Theater •
Visiting Nurse Association • Volunteers for Peace • VSAC •
Windjammer Restaurant • Winooski Parks & Recreation •
Women's Rape Crisis Center • YouthBuild

*The list above is just a sampling of the many groups who have been
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organizations that may have been overlooked in this list.*



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Natasha Koval-Paden

on piano

**Sunday, February 20
McCarthy Arts Center
St. Michael's College
4 pm**

Join classical pianist Natasha Koval-Paden for an afternoon benefit concert featuring works by Franz Liszt and Claude Debussy. Admission by donation.

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**Saturday, March 26
Contois Auditorium
1 pm**

Local entertainers of all kinds gather with King Street kids for an afternoon of storytelling, dance, and song.

the Clothes Exchange

**May 18 and 19
Burlington Sheraton**

The Clothes Exchange moves to a larger location and spreads out the fun over two evenings in celebration of its 10th anniversary. A portion of the proceeds benefit King Street Center.

Learn more at
www.kingstreetcenter.org
or call
862-6736

21st Annual GOLF Invitational

**Monday, June 27
Burlington
Country Club
8 am**

Join us for 18 holes of golf on one of Vermont's premier private courses. Last year's event sold out quickly, so register early!