



The Mentor Monitor

Developing a Culture of Mentoring in Our Community

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National Mentoring Month: A Note of Thanks



"We need your service, right now, in this moment—our moment—in history. I'm not going to tell you what your role should be; that's for you to discover. But I am going to ask you to play your part; ask you to stand up; ask you to put your foot firmly into the current of history." Barack Obama, Colorado Springs, July 2, 2008

**BE THE CHANGE:
MENTOR A CHILD**

JANUARY IS NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH
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Thank you for your participation in National Mentoring Month 2009! Whether you listened to our interviews on local radio stations, attended a benefit dinner, or contacted Mobius to become a mentor, you helped further the impact and awareness of mentoring in Chittenden County. It is an exciting political time for civic engagement in our country and Mobius looks to you to be involved locally in your community.

We would like to thank all of those who were involved and made 2009's National Mentoring Month possible. Special thanks to the restaurants who hosted our benefit dinners: Tilley's Café, The Bearded Frog, Pauline's Café, and American Flatbread. We thank the local businesses who donated throughout the month: Lake Champlain Chocolates, Dakin Farms, Shelburne Farms, and The Bakery at Farmhouse Kitchen. Thanks to our dedicated volunteers Marissa Wilkens, Nancy Reino, and Gale Neale. Thanks also to Mobius board members and employees, Chittenden County Mentoring Network program coordinators and executive directors, and everyone who is or has ever been a mentor!

But our work is not finished. As you may have heard our Executive Director Andrea Torello announce on the radio throughout the month, we are looking to help make 365 mentor matches in 2009; that's one mentor per day! Advertisements alone cannot create these numbers so we urge you to pass along what you know about the impact of mentoring and, in the words of our president, Barack Obama, "we need your service, right now, in this moment—our moment—in history."

2009 Mentor Recognition Awards



The following mentors were recipients of the 2009 Mentor Recognition Award:

(Pictured clockwise from top left)

Terri Gerard, *Spectrum Mentoring Program*

Robin Hicks, *UVM Big Buddies*

Eric Hanco, *Little Brother/Little Sister, St. Michael's College M.O.V.E.*

Steve Habif, *HowardCenter's Community Friends Mentoring*

John Foley, *VSAC GEAR UP Mentoring Program*

Lindsay White, *Linking Learning to Life's Mentors for Kids*

Veronica Cardinal, *Foster Grandparent Program*

Elsa Polworth, *RSVP School Buddies Program*

(The following mentors are not pictured)

Donna Griffin, *Connecting Youth*

Jennifer Savas, *King Street Youth Center's Junior Senior Buddies*

Susan Whalen, *Everybody Wins! Vermont*

Steven Siegel, *The Dream Program*

2009 Omega Pin Recipients

The following mentors received Omega pins for mentoring 5 or more years:

RSVP School Buddies:

Mary Austin, Ducky Donath, Harriet Long, Barbara Murray, Elsa Polworth, Grace Saunders, Dot Slack

Foster Grandparent Program:

Susan Bouchard, Veronica Cardinal, Louise Dawson, Lee Liakakes

King Street Youth Center:

Kelly Cuemon, Rick Davis, Paul Demers, Kevin Greenblott, Tim proctor, Darcie Rankin, Eileen Rooney, Sarah Soule

Spectrum:

Adam Bortz, Bob Hallowell

Connecting Youth:

Eric Alder, Justine Benoit, Nancy Colburn, Debbie Donnelly, Libby Flegenheimer, Cheryl Lalancette, Shona Mossey-Lothrop, Stephen Page, Micaela Wallace, Kathy Caban, Gail Clook, Nick DeTarnowski, Frank Gibney, Steve Habif, Lyn Hoffelt, Irene Horbar, Dawn Jarmusz, Grace Perlee, Gordon Raymond, Mary Ross, Bethany Scott, Alice Weston



Everybody Wins! Vermont:

Edmunds: Adrienne Bombard, Louise Goodrich, Ann Hallowell, Mia Moran, David Reville, Buddy Singh, Dan Smith, Mary Sprayregen, Jean Vigne, Susan Whalen, Ellen Wollensack

Flynn: Beth Fastiggi, Woody Puretzt

JFK: Patrick Clow, Brent Halenbeck, Kathi McGrath, Mary McCabe, Patty Sheridan

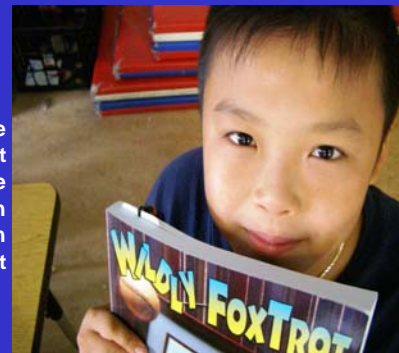
Shelburne: Linda Allen, Cary Catherine Jones

VSAC:

John Foley, Melinda Hayes, Patrick Leduc

Mobius Receives Funding Through Henderson Foundation

We are grateful to the A.D. Henderson Foundation, from whom we have received funding. The grant will fund the position of Director of Recruitment and Program Support. The Henderson Foundation's mission is to "provide an opportunity for all children to succeed, with a special interest in promoting literacy for children and families" and it has a special interest in providing support for and improving the effectiveness of certain nonprofit organizations.



Vermont Mentoring Partnership Website Launched

Mobius is proud to announce the official unveiling of the new Vermont Mentoring Partnership website as a local partner through MENTOR. This website will create a virtual community for mentoring programs, program leaders, mentors, and those interested in learning more about mentoring throughout the state of Vermont. Join the growing Vermont Mentoring Partnership network today and post photographs and inspiring stories, or locate a mentoring program anywhere in Vermont. Visit www.vtmentoring.org.

Chittenden County Mentoring Event February 10!

Come in out of the cold for a potluck and games night! Come join the Chittenden County Mentoring Network and other mentoring matches for an evening of potluck dishes and a variety of exciting games. There will be an open gym with access to an assortment of gym equipment as well as board games for all to enjoy. Sports enthusiasts, avid game players, come one come all, for this annual February event.



When: Tuesday, February 10 from 5:30pm--7:30pm

Where: Baird School Gym at the Howard Center 1138 Pine Street, Burlington

New Office Manager

Have you heard a new voice answering the Mobius phone lately? Jennifer Goss is our new Office Manager and comes with years of non-profit experience, having previously worked with COTS in Burlington. She will use her technical skills to keep the websites fresh and engaging and will be in charge of refreshing the database as well as assisting the Executive Director. We welcome Jennifer to the Mobius staff. You can contact her at jenny@mobiusmentors.org or by calling 658-1888.

If you have any stories or articles to share with the mentoring community please let us know! The more our community learns about mentoring, the more likely its members are to become mentors. Send in your stories to meredith@mobiusmentors.org or to Burlington Free Press's "My Turn" section to be published (and send us a copy as well). It truly is the stories and real life experiences that

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get people excited about mentoring, so share your experiences and help Mobius to develop a culture of mentoring in our community!

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