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Spring News 2007

The Franklin Grand Isle Bookmobile



Picture a large, brightly colored delivery-style truck pulling up to a small house on a rural road. As it parks, preschool-aged children and their caregiver run excitedly toward the door. They enter the truck, eager to see what the driver has brought.

The truck is the Franklin-Grand Isle Bookmobile and the house it is parked in front of is a home-based child care center. Once settled in the truck, the children participate in songs, stories and other activities the bookmobile staff has planned. As the children choose new books, the staff provide curriculum resources and other materials to the home provider that align with the theme of the visit. These themes include gardening, spring and others that match the season.

Through these visits, the bookmobile promotes a lifelong love of learning and builds community connections by providing greater access to books, information, activities and fun. It visits 17 towns in the two counties, making over 90 stops a month. The Bookmobile serves over 700 children and adults, who may otherwise not have access to library services. With 4000 books on board, there is something for everyone on the truck.

The Vermont Children's Trust Fund proudly supports the Franklin Grand Isle Bookmobile. This summer, the Fund will expand that support with a grant to the Bookmobile in collaboration with VSA-Arts Vermont to bring a six-week arts and literacy program to eight home child care programs.

Vermont Children's Trust Fund

Summer 2007 Grants

The children of Vermont needed you and you were there. Thanks to your donations, the following grants have been awarded for Summer 2007.

Addison County:

<i>Vergennes Boys & Girls Club</i>	<i>Rosie's Girls</i>
<i>Mary Johnson Children's Center</i>	<i>Camp L-I-T</i>
<i>Middlebury Area Lunch & Rec Program</i>	<i>Mid-Summer Camp</i>

Bennington County:

<i>Sunrise Family Resource Center</i>	<i>Community Picnics</i>
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Chittenden County

<i>Greater Burlington YMCA</i>	<i>Preschool Nature Camp</i>
<i>Camp Exclamation Point, Inc.</i>	<i>Camp! 2007</i>
<i>Milton Community Youth Coalition</i>	<i>Milton Summer 4 Youth</i>
<i>Access to CVU</i>	<i>CVU Summer Camp</i>

Franklin County

<i>St. Albans Teen Center</i>	<i>Summer Program for Teens</i>
<i>VSA Arts of Vermont/Franklin</i>	<i>Start with the Arts/</i>
<i>Grand Isle Bookmobile</i>	<i>Bookmobile</i>

Lamoille County

<i>Lamoille County Court Diversion</i>	<i>SprockKids</i>
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Orange County

<i>VerShare</i>	<i>Leadership Week</i>
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Orleans County

<i>Albany Community School</i>	<i>Summer Enrichment Camp</i>
<i>Orleans Essex North Supervisory Union</i>	<i>North County Summer Program</i>

Washington County

<i>VT Works for Women</i>	<i>Rosie's Girls</i>
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Windham County

<i>Windham Regional Career Center</i>	<i>Rosie's Girls</i>
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The Polar Express 2007

Thanks to last year's sponsors for helping make 2006's event a big success...

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We're looking forward to another magical event when the Polar Express heads back to Union Station December 15th & 16th. **THE POLAR EXPRESS** continues to sell out every year and we 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 to the Vermont Children's Trust Foundation and get on **THE POLAR EXPRESS** advance ticket sale list. If you make a donation of \$100 or more to VCTF before June 30, you will automatically receive an opportunity to purchase tickets in September. Please use the enclosed donor envelope and postmark **before June 30**. To qualify, donations must be in the amount of \$100 or more.

Another way for you to participate in this year's event is to become a **BELL RINGER SPONSOR**. If you sponsor at the \$150, \$250, \$500 or \$1000 level, we will list your name in the event songbook, and you'll have the opportunity to purchase up to five tickets. Just use the enclosed envelope and state that your donation is for bell ringer sponsorship.

If you're interested in volunteering at **THE POLAR EXPRESS**, check our website after Labor Day for elf sign up instructions. www.vtchildrenstrust.org

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