

KidSafe News Notes

KidSafe Collaborative of Chittenden County

January 2005

Nominations are now being accepted for 2005 KidSafe 16th Annual Outstanding Service Awards. *See inside for details.*

Children in Vermont

by Sally Borden

Children in Vermont shouldn't have to be up at 11:00 at night, worrying about their parents not coming home because they are out getting drugs.

Children in Vermont shouldn't have to go to bed hungry every night, in a flea and lice infested apartment, because their parents, who have struggled to hold two jobs and pay the rent, have thrown up their hands and can't cope any more.

A 7 year old Vermont child shouldn't have to mix the formula and change the diapers for her eight-month-old baby brother, and then get ready for school by herself, because her parents are too depressed and hung over to get out of bed.

A 14 year old Vermont kid shouldn't have to be out on the street because his parents choked him and kicked him out when he tried to stop their fighting

A 9 year old child in Vermont shouldn't have to lie awake at night afraid to move or make a sound, knowing that no one would suspect that a neighbor, who is going to be babysitting again tonight, is a sexual abuser.

We are a small state. We know each other. We have caring communities, active places of worship, maple festivals and chicken pot pie suppers. We take pride in our mountains, our trees, our great lake. We say hello to our neighbors and cheer for our kids' sports teams. We know our legislators and we can have a voice in our government. We respect individuality and pat ourselves on the back for how accepting we are of differences.

And yet, right under our noses, every day Vermont children suffer in unspeakable ways. It is not that we don't care, of that I am sure. Its just that if we don't look, we don't see

it. Sometimes it is easier to not see it. Sometimes we just don't know what to do.

No, we do care. A thousand small miracles are performed every day by caring people.

- A school nurse who gives a child clean clothes so he won't be teased by the other kids because he has worn the only shirt he has four days in a row.

- A teacher who brings in extra snacks and makes sure that hungry child has something to eat when she gets to school.

- A youth worker who reaches out to teens on the street and makes sure they have a safe place to go and a roof over their heads.

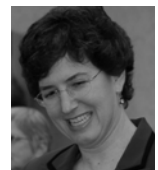
- A counselor who helps that nine year old understand that it is not their fault, and sits with them while they share their horrid secret, so it won't happen again and it won't happen to anyone else.

- A foster parent who

holds a child each night while they cry, crying for the parents they have lost, yet knowing that on some level their parents were lost long, long before the social worker came and found them a new home.

Unseen miracles. Acts of kindness, not random at all, but deliberate and genuine and purposeful. Small acts, which transform the lives of kids, not in big earth-shattering ways but in little ways that build over time.

Acts of compassion, not just one person, but many, many, working together to support and nurture our children, Vermont's children, giving them hope and strength and a future... our future.



Sally Borden is the KidSafe Director. This MyTurn piece was published 12/16/04 in the Burlington Free Press.

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2005 Awards

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The **Outstanding Collaboration Award** emphasizes the importance of collaborating for the benefit of improving the safety and well-being of our community's children. This award recognizes those who exemplify the value of "Works well and plays well with others." It is designed to be given to a group or team working together to forward our mission of improving our community's response to child abuse and neglect.

Note: KidSafe staff and Board members are not eligible for awards.



KidSafe Director Sally Borden presenting Volunteer Award to George and Kathy Caban of Milton, with Brenda LeTourneau and Luncheon MC Attorney General Bill Sorrell.

2005 Award Categories

Outstanding Volunteer

For an individual who volunteers his/her service to improve the safety and well-being of children.

Outstanding Professional

For an individual with 10 or more years experience working to improve the safety and well-being of children.

Up and Coming "Young" Professional *(new)*

For an individual working less than five years in the field of children's services or related field working to improve the safety and well-being of children.

Lifetime Achievement

For an individual with 20 or more years experience dedicated to improving the safety and well-being of children.

Gregory Packan Children's Advocacy

For an individual who has advocated strongly on behalf of child victims of abuse and neglect.

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For a group or team working together across agencies and disciplines to forward our mission of improving our community's response to child abuse and neglect.

Youth nominations are encouraged and are often appropriate in the Volunteer category.

To submit a nomination, please fill out the enclosed form. This nomination form is also available as a PDF download on our website at <http://www.kidsafevt.org/calendar.html> You may attach additional pages if needed.

KIDSAFE COLLABORATIVE

16TH ANNUAL AWARDS

General Criteria for Nominations

To be eligible the person or persons nominated should be working or volunteering in an organization where their activity actively promotes the mission of KidSafe to improve our community's response to child abuse and neglect. Award nominees should demonstrate innovation, commitment, and outstanding achievement in improving the safety and well-being of children.

The following criteria are considered in judging the nominations.

Activities/Achievements: The nominee's work or volunteer service and outstanding accomplishments have significantly helped to improve the safety and well-being of children in our community.

Leadership/Initiative: The nominee has shown leadership and initiative in developing or enhancing programs and services for children and families or has used new approaches to solve problems.

Collaboration: The nominee or team works collaboratively with others across agencies and disciplines to improve the safety and well-being of children. What constructive partnerships have they engaged to improve outcomes for children and families?

Making a Difference/Inspiration: The impact of the nominee's outstanding work or volunteer service has significantly improved the safety and well-being of children. Describe how this person inspires others in the field through their work and/or volunteerism.

Overall: Why do you believe this nominee deserves this recognition?

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George and Kathy Caban, Volunteer
Kathleen Hill, Professional
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Past Award Recipients

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Jean Ankeney
Joan Hoff
John McAteer
Jody Wuench
John Bisbee
Rosalie La Rose
Robbin LaRue
Marie Luhr
Michael Mitiguy
Arnold & Ginny Golodetz
Daniel J. Feeny
Rick Davis
Stacy Bodette
Barbara Stewart

Outstanding Professional

Meg Foster
Michael Gray
Rosella Duarte
Vicki Hornus
Suzanne Schmidt
Jessica Rodd
Judith C. Wade
Gregory Packan, Esq.
Hon. Amy Davenport
Bob Aldrich
Dr. Joseph Hagan
Deb Moore
Joanne Heidkamp
Howard Kalfus

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Marge Wood
Janet Munt
Cindy Fagan
Paula Duncan
Jean Bailey
Bernie Giese
Ann Clark
Linda Ready
Paula Duncan
Theresa Tomasi
Dr. Caroline v. Brown
Betty Allen
Jane Jackson
Will Rowe
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KidSafe Annual Awards
April 12, 2005
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308 Pine Street
Burlington VT 05401



Luncheon guests admiring Handmade Quilt at the 2004 Silent Auction.

A silent auction will be held again in conjunction with the KidSafe Annual Awards and Luncheon.

If you would like to donate an item, service or special something (use your creativity!) to benefit KidSafe, call 863-9626.

Join us Tuesday, April 12th
at the
KidSafe Annual Awards
Master of Ceremonies
Dr. Lewis First.
Luncheon and Silent
Auction, Clarion Hotel,
South Burlington.

In an effort to reduce costs, KidSafe is using more electronic formats for our communications. Please let us know if you would prefer to be contacted exclusively by email for future correspondence by emailing us your preference to kidsafe@kidsafevt.org.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month.
Please visit www.kidsafevt.org to learn more about what each one of us can do to help keep children safe in Vermont.

Thank you to all the
KidSafe Donors who
supported us in 2004.
Here's to a successful
and healthy New Year
for all in 2005!

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KIDSAFE 2005 ANNUAL AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Award Nominee

Name: _____

Position: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Nomination submitted by

Name: _____

Position: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Please check off the category for which you are submitting the nominee(s): Check all that apply.

Outstanding
Volunteer

Outstanding
Professional

Lifetime
Achievement

Greg Packan
Children's Advocacy

New Awards:

Up and Coming Young
Professional

Outstanding Collaboration

Please provide complete information. Assume the committee knows nothing about the nominee, their professional work or voluntary services. Use a story or example to illustrate how and why your nominee deserves to be recognized. Please address the general criteria in your nominations. Write clearly. Please list two other references who can elaborate or help describe the work of your nominee.

1. How long has this nominee been working with children and families? _____ years

2. Please describe the nominee's activities and achievements, volunteer or professional, and how this person actively promotes the KidSafe mission to improve the safety and well-being of children in Chittenden County.

3. Please describe how the nominee has demonstrated leadership and initiative in improving or delivering services for children and families, in using new approaches to solve problems, or in successfully advocating on behalf of children.



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4. How does this nominee work constructively in collaboration with others, especially across agencies and disciplines, to promote the safety and well-being of children? And what impact did working collaboratively have on promoting child safety?

5. Describe how the outstanding work of this person has had a significant impact on improving the safety and well-being of children in Chittenden County and how the person or team inspires others in their field or through their volunteerism.

6. OVERALL: Why do you believe this nominee deserves this recognition?

REFERENCES: Please provide two personal or professional references for the nominee:

1) Name, Telephone or email and relationship to Nominee:

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Please feel free to attach additional sheets. Any questions? give us a call at 863-9626.

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