

**BANKING FOR PHILANTHROPY:
Sara Holbrook Community Center Selected to Benefit
From Chittenden Bank's Annual Holiday Card**

BURLINGTON, VT. – Annually, Chittenden Bank selects a Vermont charity to partner with for its holiday card. The selected charity provides artwork for the card and in return, Chittenden Bank donates the saved production costs to the agency. This year the Sara Holbrook Community Center (SHCC) has been awarded the honor.

Kathy Schirling, Vice-President of Marketing at Chittenden Bank, explains, “Over the last 3 years Chittenden has chosen to work with nonprofits throughout Vermont for our Holiday Card. This project allows us to spread the word about different nonprofits and provide a \$5,000 donation to their campaign. This year, we are pleased to work with the Sara Holbrook Community Center. By providing a \$5,000 donation to the Sara Holbrook Center, we hope their wonderful efforts in our community will continue for years to come.”

Emma Knight, a ten year old who is enrolled in the SHCC's After-School Program, drew the adorable snowman that is featured on this year's card. On December 9th, Emma will be recognized for her artistic achievement as well as her role in securing a generous contribution for the SHCC.

“I am thrilled that Emma is being acknowledged for her role in making this contribution happen,” adds Leisa Pollander, Executive Director of the SHCC. “It highlights the part kids can and do play in supporting their communities.”

The Sara Holbrook Community Center was established nearly 70 years ago by Sara Holbrook, a clinical psychologist at the University of Vermont. Since its inception, the Center has been providing support and programs for low-income children and their families. Annually, 4,000 individuals, including refugees and immigrants, take part in the Center's programs: preschool, after-school care, teen activities, English classes for adults and children, summer camps, and basic needs assistance. The Center is located at 66 North Avenue in the Old North End of Burlington.

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