



Press Release

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Sara Holbrook Community Center to Suspend Services

Burlington, VT - It is with heavy hearts that we announce the indefinite suspension of services at Sara Holbrook Community Center (SHCC) effective August 1, 2024. SHCC is a cherished youth development organization in Burlington and this decision has not been taken lightly. After a deep assessment of our financial picture, the board had no other choice but to move forward with this difficult decision.

Since 1937, SHCC has been a cornerstone of support, education, development, and joy for countless children and families. Our programs have empowered youth and provided a safe and nurturing environment for generations. Despite our best efforts to stabilize funding, the financial realities have made it impossible for us to continue our operations at this time.

We are actively working with our amazing community partners to fulfill our mission and support families during this transition. Burlington is fortunate to have many strong, caring organizations who are able and willing to step in to help at this critical time. Additionally, we are also working to make sure that our wonderful, caring, talented staff find new opportunities as soon as possible. We have so much gratitude for all of the time and hard work you have put into SHCC and celebrate the successes that we've had because of them.

We are indebted to our many donors and supporters who have been there through the thick and thin of the many years of this organization. Your support has been the foundation of our success, and we are immensely proud of what we have accomplished.

We are also fully committed to keeping the beautiful new building in service to children and families in our community. As such, the Burlington School District will be housing students there next year during the IAA construction which will allow the board to take time to explore how to effectively and responsibly meet the future needs of community consistent with our mission.

- Summer camps will continue to run until July 31, 2024 as planned.
- IAA students will continue to be in the building this fall as planned.
- Hunt Middle School programs will continue to run by Burlington School District.

As we close this chapter on the organization, we remain hopeful that this difficult time will bring new opportunities to fulfill the mission of SHCC.