

BRIDGES OF SUPPORT



PCCs Make a Difference: Family Supportive Housing (FSH) Program

BY ROB WATERS, FSH SERVICE COORDINATOR

Back in the fall, I was meeting a client to assist with a housing voucher. Her young daughter had just come back from a doctor's appointment. Seeing that there really wasn't anything I could do at the moment to assist the client, I decided to see if the daughter would like to draw with chalk on the sidewalk while her mom focused on the application. The young child was happy to oblige! She shared the chalk colors she had, we counted how many colors she had, and we agreed I should draw a cat face. After I drew one next to her rainbow, she insisted I draw another one for her, so I drew it really big! We worked together drawing other characters and had lots of fun.

When I looked back, the mom was done with the application and made a comment about how she had finished a while ago. When asked why she didn't say anything, she shared, "I wasn't about to interrupt such a positive interaction for her daughter." And that's what the work we do at SAPCC is all about.



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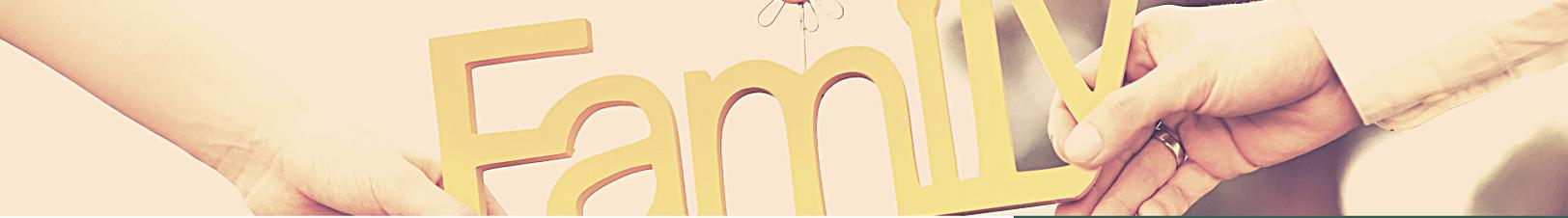
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OUTSIDE COVER

"... It is so nice to have a place
in our community to turn to
and feel comfortable..."

-PARENT ACCESSING SAPCC PROGRAMS



Elf Encounter Raises Funds and Brings Holiday Spirit to Families



This year, just like last, the pandemic continued to hit our community hard and create uncertainty around our favorite events. At SAPCC, we were determined to keep the holiday tradition alive by offering some sort of fun event to the community. With the help of Mascoma Savings Bank, the major sponsor, Elf Encounter was created!

The fun began in December when families could book a visit from Santa's elves to deliver a holiday gift bag and a personalized letter from the big man himself! Groups of volunteer elves with names like Rainbow Jingle, Peppermint Twinkle and Noelle visited area families, bringing smiles, candy and magic with them.

Over \$2700 was raised through Elf Encounter with all funds going toward continued development of family programming through the Springfield Area Parent Child Center. Special thank you to Mascoma Bank, the Springfield Co-op, all the donors who sponsored elf encounters for children who wouldn't otherwise be able to have one, all of the elf volunteers - some seen in our images below, and our amazing community for supporting the event!



Upcoming Events

Playgroup @ Springfield Community Center

EVERY MONDAY 10-11:30AM

Pregnancy & Infant Loss Support Group

FIRST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 6PM

Circle of Security Parenting Series
ONGOING - CALL FOR MORE INFO

BINGO Fundraiser for SAPCC
FRIDAYS 4PM & SUNDAYS 12PM AT
KJS PLACE

Week of the Young Child
APRIL 2 - 8

Upcoming Closings

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
JANUARY 17

Afternoon Staff Meeting
JANUARY 21 @NOON

Afternoon Staff Meeting
FEBRUARY 18 @NOON

Presidents' Day
FEBRUARY 21

Afternoon Staff Meeting
MARCH 18 @NOON



Donors & Friends

BY KIM IRISH, FUNDRAISING DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

New for this edition, we would like to say thank you to our recent donors whose contributions will continue supporting the many life-changing programs and services that we offer.

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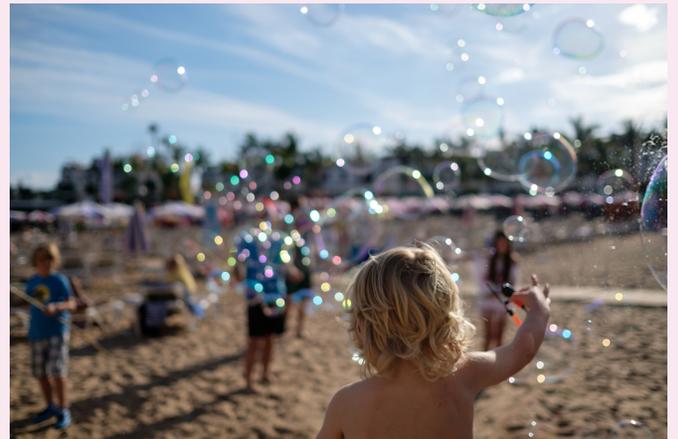
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Bubbles: A Message From Our ED

BY MARGOT HOLMES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

One of my favorite parts about sitting in my office each day is being able to hear the kids playing on the playground below. I listen to the wonderful interactions our teachers have to encourage, nurture, and build fun for our young friends. And sometimes as I sit writing grants, responding to reports and data collection requests, and participating in meetings about the challenges facing our region, magic happens. Hundreds of tiny bubbles will float up past my window and every single time, it makes me smile. I hear the kids laughing and see the bubbles float off in one direction or another holding with them the hopes and aspirations of the young people below. It reminds me of the magic of childhood and why we do this work every day. Their potential, their beauty, and their strength are the most heartwarming things to witness on a daily basis. These young people hold inside of them the super-power of connection to others that is built in a supportive and welcoming community. I am honored to witness the magic of childhood every day and SAPCC is honored to be a part of each child and family's story for a time. We work hard to build a community that is loving and caring and we welcome every person to experience that wonder and remember how special it is. Thank you for being part of our community!

-Margot



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[PlayWorks Child Center has earned a fifth star](#) in the state's quality recognition program for childcare centers. Those that participate in STARS, Step Ahead Recognition System, are stepping ahead – going above and beyond state regulations to provide professional services that meet the needs of children and families. PlayWorks Child Center is one of the many programs and services provided to the community by the Springfield Area Parent Child Center, a nonprofit organization located at 6 Main Street in North Springfield, Vt. SAPCC is one of 15 parent child centers in the state that make up the Vermont Parent Child Center Network. SAPCC serves the greater Springfield region of southern Windsor and northern Windham counties with concrete supports, childcare financial assistance, children's integrated services, early intervention, parent education, diaper bank, family supportive housing, welcome baby bags, community collaboration, and more.