

# Community Friends



mentoring

## April 2010 Newsletter

### Add Some Bling to your Spring

Our shiniest CFM fundraiser ever will be held on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> from 10am-noon. Patti Brosseau, a 2-year CFM mentor, will be hosting a Silpada Designs Jewelry Sale at the New England Federal Credit Union on Harvest Lane in Williston to benefit Community Friends Mentoring. 20% of the proceeds from the event will come to CFM, as will any sales made via the web link below. In addition, the Credit Union will be making a \$500 donation to our program on Patti's behalf. Mother's Day, graduations, weddings, or a special gift for yourself or someone you care about are all perfect reasons to support CFM.

Come join us on April 17<sup>th</sup> to see this striking silver jewelry up close. One of our matches will be modeling and Saturday is a very busy day at the Credit Union which will provide great exposure for our program. If it doesn't work for you to attend in person, you can still benefit CFM by shopping online. View the Silpada online catalog at [www.mysilpada.com/patti.brosseau](http://www.mysilpada.com/patti.brosseau). Then, contact Patti at: [patti\\_brosseau@comcast.net](mailto:patti_brosseau@comcast.net) or 318-3944. Please don't hesitate to spread the word to friends and family too.

### BCA Open for CFM Matches

Burlington City Arts (BCA) is inviting CFM mentor pairs to join them:

1. BCA Open House, "**The Mad Hatter Party**" on **Friday, April 9th, 4-7pm**. It will be in the lower level of the Firehouse Center on Church St and FREE. Food, music, and fun hat-making!
2. Become a **BCA Affiliate Mentor Pair** - Use the Firehouse Center resources as a mentoring pair. Basic art materials, the Mentor Arts Activity Handbook, and instructions are part of the package. **How Much:** \$8 per session

**Note:** CFM mentor pairs will need to participate in an orientation with BCA after which they will be welcome to sign up to use studio and classroom space up to once a week. Contact Marianne McCoy: [mmccoy@ci.burlington.vt.us](mailto:mmccoy@ci.burlington.vt.us) / 846-2523 at BCA or Kristen for more information.

### Kids, Lambs, and Chicks

Few animals are cuter than baby lambs. Over 80 have been born at Shelburne Farms in the past few weeks. On April 18<sup>th</sup>, CFM matches are invited to help "Farmer Sam" with afternoon chores including bottle feeding lambs, gathering eggs and rounding up chickens. Interested? Meet at the Shelburne Farms Visitors Center at 2pm. This outing has been coordinated by mentors John Gallagher and Marissa Wilkins and folks can RSVP to John at 419-0822 or [john@richfrog.com](mailto:john@richfrog.com).

### A Farewell from Annie

#### Dear CFM Mentors and Friends,

It has been a pleasure serving with Community Friends these past seven months. While my time with the program has been short, my experience has been rewarding and fulfilling. Additionally, I could not have asked for a better supervisor to work with—Kristen has been a fun, engaging, and committed colleague and friend, and I will miss her. My last day is April 30.

I would also like to add that I have learned so much from you all, our mentors. I have really enjoyed getting to know some of you. Before I started with CFM, I knew close to nothing about what it means to be a mentor. Seeing all the energy and care you put into the relationships with your mentees makes me want to become a mentor myself in the future.

During my last month here I will be finalizing the audio slideshow for our Photo/Audio Documentary Project. Thank you so much to Ken Signorello, the photographer for this project, and to all the mentor-matches who have participated in it. I hope to see some of you again in the future. **Best of luck to all, Annie McShiras**

### Fun things to do this month!

#### Mad Hatter Party

**Fri. 04/09/10, 4-7 pm**

Fun hat making with BCA! See article. Firehouse Center, Burlington. **Free.** 846-2523.

#### Mentor Recognition Dinner

**Sun. 04/11/10, 5-7 pm**

Join us for this annual CFM event. HowardCenter Baird Gym, 1138 Pine St., Burlington. **RSVP:** 488-6651.

#### Healthy Kids Day

**Sat. 04/17/10, 10am-3 pm**

Games, arts & crafts, bounce castle, face painting! Open swim. Burlington YMCA. **Free!** 862-9622.

#### CFM Jewelry Fundraiser

**Sat. 04/17/10, 10a-12 pm**

Beautiful Jewelry for sale to support CFM. New England Federal Credit Union, Williston. See article.

#### Shelburne Farms Baby Lambs

**Sun. 04/18/10, 2-4 pm**

Bottle feed baby lambs and more with Farmer Sam. See article.

#### Vermont Maple Festival

**Fri. 04/30-Sun 05/01**

Annual festival with exhibits, crafts, food, music. St. Albans. Full schedule at [www.vtmaplefestival.org](http://www.vtmaplefestival.org).

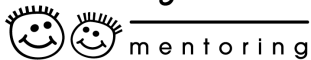
## Thank you to Our Mentors

CFM would like to thank our dedicated team of 77 mentors for the kind and consistent support you give to your mentees. Your tremendous volunteerism is admirable! Below is a list of our 2010 Mentor anniversaries.

As a way to show our thanks, we will be hosting our annual Mentor Recognition Potluck Dinner on Sunday, April 11, from 5-7 pm, at the HowardCenter Baird Gym. We would love to see you there even if you are unable to bring a dish. RSVP to Annie, [amcshiras@howardcenter.org](mailto:amcshiras@howardcenter.org) or 488-6651.

Deb Chisholm	12 years	Dale Morway	3 years
Gordon Raymond	11 years	Carrie Stirewalt	3 years
Mary Ross	8 years	Rachel Berube	3 years
Irene Horbar	8 years	Anna Dorey	3 years
Kathy Caban	8 years	Neal Sand	3 years
Dawna Jarmusz	8 years	Pat Myette	3 years
Gail Clook	8 years	Carly Schuckers	2 years
Steven Habif	8 years	Tyler Stoddard	2 years
Alice Weston	8 years	Lindsay Wood	2 years
Jim Sestokas	8 years	Lindsay Reszewski	2 years
Bethany Scott	7 years	Cheryle Bilodeau	2 years
Ken Signorello	7 years	Prue Milnes	2 years
Grace PerLee	6 years	Brianna Kern	2 years
Cindy Chittenden	6 years	Debbie LaRosa	2 years
Nancy Rehm	6 years	Peggy Frawley	2 years
Kelli Guider	6 years	Ann Laramee	2 years
Gloriane Brown	5 years	Larry Clarfeld	2 years
David Ellenbogen	5 years	Rachel Hopkins	1 year
Naomi Wright	5 years	Marilyn Welch	1 year
Lonni Rodgers	5 years	Meira Lifson	1 year
Amy Alfieri	5 years	Nick Beahan	1 year
Joanne Muehlberger	4 years	Nancy McGowan	1 year
Howard Muehlberger	4 years	Joan Shaw	1 year
Patty McMullen	4 years	Susan Rosle	1 year
Emily Gibbs	4 years	Sarah Jennings	1 year
Sue Macmillan	4 years	Marissa Wilkens	1 year
Ken Brown	4 years	Barbara Donnelly	1 year
Jean Haverstick	4 years	Patti Brosseau	1 year
Carmen Stafford	4 years	Tom Borys	1 year
Nancy Colbourn	4 years	Dennis Grage	1 year
Kaela Plant	3 years	Barb Callahan	1 year
Kathy Roberts	3 years	Gail Rosenberg	1 year
Chris Williamson	3 years	Michael Dowling	1 year
John Gallagher	3 years	Judy Bergeron	1 year

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