



Empowering Youth
Strengthening Families
Building Community

LARAWAY

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES



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Playground and Hoop Dreams

When I was eight, I had the unfortunate experience of walking in front of some kids on swings at recess and getting kicked in the head. In spite of this traumatic experience, I always believed the school playground was a wonderful place.

Childhood is a time for play—recess on the playground, swinging, shooting hoops, running across a field, and chasing your friends. Playing teaches skills like how to negotiate teams and settle disputes. Playing is also FUN!!!

Learning in a classroom is hard work. Meeting with a counselor can sometimes be anxiety-provoking as one grapples with internal and external struggles. To keep a healthy

balance, we need time to have fun, those moments when joy swells and reveals itself in a great big smile.

Our work at Laraway is to support children and young people working on their education and treatment goals. We also want them to have fun. This summer we hope to expand our options for fun by adding a basketball court and some playground elements to our campus.

Please feel free to contact me at (802) 635-2805 x 102 if you'd like to see our plans or if you're interested in helping our hoop dreams become a reality. Thanks!

Greg Stefanski,
Executive Director



Laraway in the Community

Substitute Care, our therapeutic foster care program, keeps kids busy with all sorts of fun activities.

Laraway youth attend the **Morrisville Teen Center**, a project of the **Lamoille Family Center**. From talent shows to jewelry-making classes to playing board games and hanging out, it's a great place for teens to spend time on a winter afternoon.

Backpack, Laraway's public school based program, offers kids incentives

including volunteering at the **North Country Animal League**.

Backpack Case Manager **Ben Clarkin** says, "For a lot of our kids, it's an amazing way to experience unconditional attention from the animals. It helps kids cultivate caring and empathy."

Laraway Night at Johnson State College celebrates with pizza and prime seats for viewing the **Badgers** take on a rival team. Go Badgers!

**Laraway's
Annual Appeal
Funds
Internal Youth
Grants for
Recreational
Activities
Thank You!**

Thank you to
Duncan Tingle
for distinguished
service as
Laraway Board
President.
Congratulations to
our new Board
President
David Bergh

Lisa Rock, Food
Services Coordinator
at Laraway, received
an award from the
**USA Rice
Foundation**
for her Rice
Vegetable Salad
recipe.
Congratulations!

Laraway Featured

**...In the February
2013 issue of
Vermont Business
Magazine**

**...In a video
produced by the
Vermont
Community Loan
Fund at
www.investinvermont.
org**

Individuals

- Anonymous
- Jim & Jennifer Adkisson
- Richard & Patricia Albrecht
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- Bill & Susan Bartlett
- David Bergh
- Charles & Linda Berry
- Jeffrey & Susan Bond
- Doug Boardman & Jacqueline Gale
- Elise Braun
- Chris Brown
- Kali Bryant
- Susan & Tom Carney
- Rebecca Dennis
- Everett & Melanie Dickinson
- Sue Wisehart & Howard Duchacek
- John & Rachel Duffy
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- Naomi Dumbleton
- Paul & Mary Dupre
- Charles & Patricia Eyer
- Carla & Kevin Fitzgerald
- Sharon Fortune
- Ellen Hill
- Heather Hobart
- Jason & Judith Innes
- Scott & Sally Johnson
- Ben & Joyce Judy
- Dorigen Keeney & Carl Powden
- Jane Kennelly
- Robert Kilkenny
- Fred & Betsy Killenbeck
- Stanley & Christina Kluckowski
- Carrie Lambert
- Paul & Lori Ledak
- Janice Lovell
- Alexandra Martin
- Larry McGee
- Lucinda & Jeff McKechnie
- T. Kent & Natalie Mitchell
- Barbara Murphy
- Sidney & Marian Nichols
- Jollie Parker
- Judyth Pendell
- Don Post
- Nicholas & Patricia Racheotes
- Michael & Barbara Sadowsky
- Edna Snow
- Katherine Stamper
- Terry Starkey
- Robert Stearns
- Elizabeth Steele
- Greg & Jennifer Stefanski
- Patricia Stuart
- Rhonda Stuart
- Meg Sweitzer & Jamie O'Brien
- Julie Sullivan
- R. Marion Taylor
- Duncan & Nancy Tingle
- Lee & Sharon Weltman
- Alice Whiting
- Hannaford Supermarket
- Hanover Financial Group
- Hardwick Hairport
- Hardwick House of Pizza
- Hoagies
- The Hub
- IBM
- Isabelle Insurance
- Jimmz Pizza
- Johnson Hardware & Rental
- Killam Sales & Distribution
- Lovin' Cup Cafe
- The Manor
- Maplefields
- Michaud's Septic Service
- The Mill Foundation
- Morrisville House of Pizza
- Needham Electric
- Northern Highlights
- Picasso
- Price Chopper
- Red House
- Ross Environmental Associates
- RG's Turning Heads
- Shaw's General Store
- Smugglers' Notch
- St. John's in the Mountains Church
- Stowe Insurance
- Stowe Family Dentistry
- Tilton & Company
- Trapp Family Lodge
- Vermont Panurgy
- Wheelhouse Designs
- Yankee Dollar
- Ben & Jerry's

In Honor of

• David Bergh

Businesses / Organizations

- A+ Appliance Repair
- Donald P. Blake, Jr., Inc.
- Brock & Brock, PLLC
- Bitternut Mountain Farm
- Buffalo Mt. Co-op
- Cady's Falls Nursery
- Concept 2
- Connie's Kitchen
- Costco
- Country Home Center
- Craftsbury Outdoor Center
- The Dark Side
- Deb's Place
- Gr. Mt. Aerie 3210
- Fraternal Order of Eagles

If your name was inadvertently omitted, please contact Katherine Stamper at KatherineS@Laraway.org

On Teaching History

"I love going on field trips," says **Corbin Erwin**. "It lets kids see the world beyond the four walls of a classroom."

Corbin, a **Johnson State College** graduate and social studies teacher at **Laraway School** recognizes the value of teaching kids through exposing them to Vermont historical and cultural sites they might otherwise not visit.

Laraway students learn how a bill becomes a law while walking through the hallowed halls of the **Vermont State House**. They visit the **Old Stone Museum** in Brownington, home of **Alexander Twilight**, our nation's first African American college graduate and state legislator. They walk among the artfully carved gravestones of Barre's **Hope Cemetery**, a monument to immigrants who brought their stone-carving trade to America centuries ago. Corbin and his students recently viewed an exhibit on race at the **Echo Center** in Burlington and took a walk on the boardwalk along **Lake Champlain**.

Field trips are tied to curricular goals and learning objectives. Field trips can be transformative, facilitating learning beyond a textbook.

"You never know how much a student gains from or will take away from the experience," Corbin observes.

In the meantime, Corbin keeps planting those seeds of learning.



In Memoriam

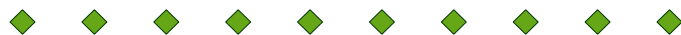
BETSY BURROUGHS

She taught math and baked cakes...special cakes for special kids

Scott Johnson and I hired **Betsy Burroughs** in 1977 to teach math at Laraway. We were looking for two things: an excellent and experienced math teacher, and someone the kids could relate to as a positive parental figure because most of the staff were not too many years older than the kids! Betsy had already raised five very successful children and so, facing an empty nest, decided she wanted to nurture and teach more kids.

What followed were thirteen years of devoted teaching and inspiring leadership in Laraway's outdoor challenge program. An example of her motherly caring was ensuring that no student's birthday would pass without baking them one of her famous cheesecakes. Betsy exemplified the qualities—that Laraway has shown over the past forty years—that matter most in changing kids' lives: caring relationships, belief in their possibilities, and the academic and life skills needed to be successful. Betsy's devotion to students and contributions to Laraway will long be remembered by all who knew her.

Bob Kilkenny, Laraway Director, 1973–1979



MISSION

Providing opportunities for children and families to recognize their individual strengths while supporting them to grow and contribute within our communities

Board Profile: Theresa Snow

Theresa Snow, founder of **Salvation Farms**, is a new member of Laraway's Board. **Salvation Farms** builds increased resilience in Vermont's food system via effective agricultural surplus management.

"I am a Lamoille Valley native who has been aware of Laraway since high school and I believe in Laraway's mission, vision and services," Snow says.

"I believe Laraway is providing necessary support and love for some of our neighbors who need it most in a vulnerable time of their lives," she says. "Stable and dependable mentors and role Models are essential to successful development as an independent and confident person. " Thanks, Theresa!



LARAWAY LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE!

Check out our new content and photos at

www.Laraway.org

Watch for frequent updates!



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Laraway is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to identifying and building on the strengths of children and youth with emotional, behavioral and mental health challenges, through alternative education, therapeutic foster care and public school based behavioral intervention supports.