



Dear Friends and Family,

The LKW Fund has been keeping very busy. Not only are we in the midst of planning September's annual Laura's March, but we have also taken on our biggest challenge to date.

This May, the Laura Kate Winterbottom Memorial Fund pledged to donate \$40,000 to the **King Street Center's Raise the Bar Capital Campaign** in order to help them establish an art room in their renovated and expanded facilities. Our pledge would be in Laura's name and allow King Street to have a dedicated art space (something they currently do not have) in which to house a year-round art program. However, we need your help to make this dream a reality.

While this is a large financial commitment (and more money than we've ever raised before), we believe wholeheartedly that it is the most meaningful way to honor Laura and her artistic legacy. Laura herself was an artist, and at the time of her death she was teaching art to children in the Young Rembrandts program. Art was Laura's passion and teaching children was her dream for her future.

Last year, The LKW Fund worked with the King Street Center to raise money to launch its artist-in-residence program. Together, we raised enough money for the program to run for an entire year. King Street Center's Executive Director, Vicky Smith, recently told us that Laura's Art Room, and our pledge, would allow them to establish a permanent art program in which to serve the many children in the community.

We know this campaign will be a challenge, but we are determined to ensure that Laura's legacy lives on in the Burlington community, and we ask that you open your hearts, and wallets, to our cause. Please see below for details on making a donation.

We are truly grateful for your support and wish you a season of sunshine and tranquility.

—JoAnn Winterbottom
LKW Fund President

Donate to the LKW Fund

We hope that you will consider using the enclosed envelope to make a donation to the LKW Fund. If you would like your donation to go to our new campaign, Laura's Art Room at King Street Center, please write "Laura's Art Room" on either the envelope or your check memo.

To date, the LKW Fund has donated over \$95,000 to Vermont organizations and programs which support our mission. We very much appreciate all the support the LKW Fund has gotten in remembering Laura and carrying on such important work in her name.

Silent Auction & Wine Tasting

On April 16, the LKW Fund was privileged to have a fundraiser for the **Sara Holbrook Community Center**. Magnolia Bistro was filled to capacity with over 120 people raising money for SHCC's Bob and Maggie Green Youth Adventure Program, a summer program for disadvantaged adolescents.

In speaking of the event, Leisa Pollander, Executive Director of SHCC, explained that the Adventure Program provides in-need children the opportunity to, "fish and kayak Lake Champlain, explore the Missisquoi Wildlife Refuge, experience a sailing journey, hike a variety of mountain trails, and visit a number of Vermont farms." She also noted that these outings are "designed to build relationships among participants that come from a variety of backgrounds, as well as entice kids to try something they haven't done before."

The event not only provided a platform for SHCC and the Bob and Maggie Green program to gain more community awareness but also allowed the LKW Fund to recognize an outstanding member of the community by presenting her with our annual **Laura's Spirit Award**. This year's honoree Kathy Schirling, SHCC President of the Board of Directors, was recognized for the many hours she dedicated to raising money and awareness and, in the words of SHCC Development Director Jenny Kounta ensuring that, "SHCC is providing excellent programming responsive to the needs of children and families."

It was an honor for the LKW Fund to recognize Ms. Schirling, pictured below, and raise money for such a vital program. Check out more event pictures on our Facebook page.



Photo, left: Michael and Kathy Schirling (2013 Laura's Spirit Award honoree) with Ned and JoAnn Winterbottom. Photo, right: Cathy Tremblay, Barbara Bardin, Ellen Sklar and Tom Tremblay.

Laura's March 2013

Planning is now underway for our annual Laura's March, the 5K Walk/Run to End Sexual Violence, to be held on September 14 at Oakledge Park. This year, we will raise funds for the below programs:

- **H.O.P.E. Works** will enhance its online hotline to make it mobile-device accessible and, therefore, improve outreach and coverage.
- **SafeSpace** will develop targeted sexual violence prevention print and electronic outreach materials for Vermont's LGBTQ community.
- **The KidSafe Collaborative** will augment its KidSafe Kids Fund to expand assistance to children in order to support a safe, stable, and nurturing home environment.

In addition to our main beneficiaries, a portion of funds raised at Laura's March also goes toward growing and sustaining the LKW Fund, thereby enabling us to increase our future capacity to serve the community. Since our inception in 2005, The LKW Fund has donated over \$95,000 to the Vermont community Laura cherished.