



Dear Friends and Family,

As we begin 2014, we at the LKW Fund are thankful for the numerous accomplishments that the past year has brought. First and foremost, 2013 marked the declaration, by Mayor Miro Weinberger, of **Laura Winterbottom Day** on September 12, Laura's birthday. A ceremony was held at Burlington's City Hall, and we know Laura would have been honored and humbled by this recognition.

The past year also saw our biggest fundraising event to date, the 7th annual Laura's March. This 5k walk/run to end sexual violence drew more Marchers than ever and allowed us to support under-funded programs that work to end the sort of violence that took Laura's life.

We are a small but growing fund and are grateful to our supporters and to all those who aid us in our mission. We would also like to take this opportunity to officially welcome our newest LKW Fund Board members Alison Emerson, Marcelo Fernandez, and Bob Murphy; and to thank Debbie Gilbert, who has stepped down as an official Board member, for her eight years of service to the LKW Fund. Debbie was a personal friend of Laura's, and we look forward to her future involvement with LKW Fund events.

Although we at the LKW Fund acknowledge the great work we have done together with partnering organizations throughout Chittenden County, we also recognize that sexual violence is pervasive in our society, that no one is immune, and that the suffering of one is the suffering of all. The LKW Fund is resolved to continue our work to provide funds to programs consistent with our mission.

With gratitude for the support of all who aid us to strive to create a world without violence, I wish you peace and harmony in the new year.

–**JoAnn Winterbottom**, LKW Fund President

**PS: Save the date for the 8th annual Laura's March on September 13, 2014.**

### Donate to the LKW Fund

Please consider using the enclosed envelope to make a donation to help us carry on our work in Laura's name.

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### Laura's March 2013

This past year's Laura's March had record-breaking numbers for fundraising and attendance. After expenses, we raised \$20,000, an amount that enabled us to meet our funding obligations to **H.O.P.E. Works** for its online hotline, **SafeSpace** for its print and electronic outreach materials, and the **KidSafe Collaborative** for its fund for safe and nurturing home environments.

Our keynote speaker **Chani Waterhouse**, Assistant Director of the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, spoke passionately about eliminating sexual violence in all its forms and rallied over 250 Marchers who gathered in solidarity for attitudinal and cultural change to break the cycle of violence.

This year's March also marked the first **Laura's Spirit Award** given in recognition of outstanding efforts to end sexual violence. The recipient was **Tom Tremblay**, who has devoted over 30 years to public service to prevent domestic and sexual violence. After having led initial efforts to improve investigation of and response to sexual violence in Vermont, he is now a renowned national advisor and trainer. It is significant that Tom was our first recipient as he led the investigation into Laura's death and obtained justice for her and her family.



Photo, left: Laura's Spirit Award recipient Tom Tremblay and his wife Cathy. Photo, right: Tony Moulton of H.O.P.E. Works, JoAnn and Ned Winterbottom, Chani Waterhouse, Sally Borden of KidSafe Collaborative and Kim Fountain of SafeSpace.

### Laura's Art Room Campaign

Our 2012 fundraiser to launch **King Street Center's** summer artist-in-residence program was such a success that it inspired them to establish a permanent art program in their new and expanded facility, and they invited us to name the art space in Laura's name. We gladly accepted and, in May 2013, we pledged to donate to King Street Center's Capital Campaign \$40,000 over a 5-year period to make this art room a reality.

Accepting King Street's invitation to name the art room in memory of Laura meant embarking upon our own campaign to raise the promised funds. While this is a large financial commitment, we believe that it is the most meaningful way to honor Laura and her artistic legacy as she herself was an artist and teaching children was her dream for her future.

To date, we have raised over \$10,000, but we need your help to raise the rest and achieve our goal. As **Vicky Smith**, Executive Director of King Street Center, exclaimed, "Together we are building a vibrant, exciting space which brings forward a vision for artistic exploration." Please use the enclosed envelope to make a donation, or donate online at [www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/TheLKWFund/laurasartroom](http://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/TheLKWFund/laurasartroom).