

# Howard Center News

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## What is a CGA?

A charitable gift annuity—or CGA—is a gift that pays you income for life. When you establish a CGA, you give cash or appreciated property to a charity. In return, you receive a fixed income for life and an immediate income tax deduction.

**How does it work?** Howard Center partners with The Vermont Community Foundation (VCF) to issue CGAs. In exchange for your gift, the VCF makes payments to you that are determined by using rates suggested by the American Council on Gift Annuities. Notably, the annual payment amount will not change, regardless of what happens in the stock market. Upon the death of the income beneficiary, the remaining assets in your annuity will be set aside in a special fund to support Howard Center. To establish a CGA, you must be at least 60 years old and must make a contribution of at least \$15,000.

To find out more, please contact Mike Glod, Senior Director of Development and Communications, at (802) 488-6905 or [mglod@howardcenter.org](mailto:mglod@howardcenter.org).

## The Importance of Giving Back

**Elizabeth Bassett**, a friend, contributor, and past Howard Center Board president, is also the author of “Nature Walks of Northwest Vermont and the Champlain Valley,” a book about walks in the region that are part of the special beauty of Vermont. Although she has donated several copies of the book to Howard Center for various fundraising efforts, her commitment to the organization goes far deeper. She formed a personal connection to the organization’s mental health services when her then college-age son was in need of help and Howard Center was able to provide the right services at the right time.



Elizabeth’s advice to others considering supporting Howard Center: Think about a planned gift. When unfamiliar with an organization, Elizabeth recommends learning about its work by volunteering or attending an event. Once you’ve made a decision to commit your financial support, you may wish to consider a planned gift, charitable gift annuity, a monthly recurring gift, or an annual gift to help support Howard Center’s programs that serve so many in our community.

We are so appreciative for Elizabeth and her work with Howard Center.

*For more information on making a gift, please contact Alison Johnson, Annual Fund Manager, at (802) 488-6913 or [alijohnson@howardcenter.org](mailto:alijohnson@howardcenter.org)*

# CEO Corner



Dear Friends,

This year we continue our commitment to examine how we do what we do to better meet the needs of those we serve. And while there are many factors beyond our control, including insufficient state financial support for many of the 60+ programs we offer in four counties, we have focused on those areas where we can make a difference in the client experience.

A priority for us and the individuals, families, and community partners we serve has been to improve access to our crisis services. I am very pleased to announce that we now have First Call for Chittenden County, our newly integrated crisis service – one number and one experienced team for everyone. This skilled team of professionals and support staff brings an integrated energy and commitment to their work and truly makes real that “Help is here.” I hope you’ll join me in supporting this important community initiative.

Thank you.

Bob Bick, CEO



# Marna and Steve Tulin Honored

Marna and Steve Tulin were honored at a Howard Center Board of Trustees reception on May 9, 2017, for their long-time service and commitment to Howard Center. Marna joined the Howard Center board in 1997 and continued to serve for nearly two decades. Steve served on several foundation boards whose missions supported children and families, and as a result, Howard Center was the grateful recipient of multiple grant awards.



**“Steve and Marna have always worked in partnership for the causes that are near and dear to them. Their level of commitment and contribution will be hard to replace.”**

— Debra Stenner, Howard Center board member

Marna and Steve became a dynamic duo here at Howard Center, bringing their passion for children and families, their understanding of the human condition, and their wish for Howard Center to have the greatest impact in service to our community.

To honor their generosity, commitment, and service, we introduce the **Marna and Stephen Wise Tulin Fall Community Education Series.**

## INTRODUCING FIRST CALL FOR CHITTENDEN COUNTY



**Our newly integrated crisis service — for everyone, regardless of age**

**ONE TEAM, ONE NUMBER  
802-488-7777**



# PROJECT HIRE 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

"My job has changed my life completely. I'm a happier person being out in the community."

## OPEN HOUSE

New Moon Café  
150 Cherry Street, Burlington, VT  
June 15, 2017 • 3-5 pm

Please join us!

Light refreshments

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INTRODUCING  
The Steve Cohen Fund



For over 17 years, Steve Cohen lived independently and was proud of his job at Healthy Living in South Burlington. Steve was a determined young man who thrived on his ability to live his life to the fullest. When Steve passed away, his mom, Linda Morrow, wanted to make sure people remembered her loving son and were able to experience the same opportunities he did. The family established **The Steve Cohen Fund** to support

Project Hire which helps people with disabilities find and maintain employment. To date, their family has raised \$50K for the fund.

**"We created The Steve Cohen Fund to raise money to support others with aspirations to work, contribute, and enrich their lives. I hope you will consider supporting this fund, too." – Linda Morrow**

**Yes!** I would like to support Howard Center's work in our community.



Please choose a gift amount below or write in another amount.

\$25    \$50    \$100    \$\_\_\_\_\_

Area of Greatest Need    The Steve Cohen Fund    First Call    Project Hire

Please mail contributions to: Development Office, Howard Center, 208 Flynn Avenue, Suite 3J, Burlington, VT 05401

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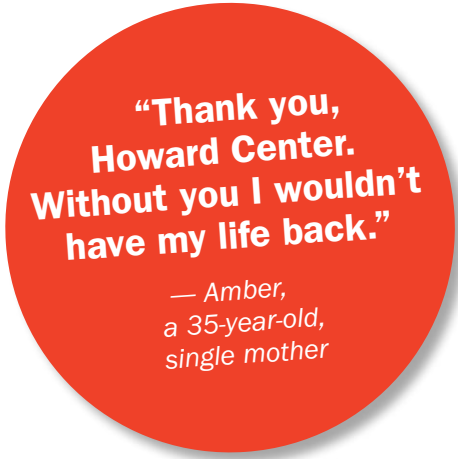
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9th ANNUAL

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BURLINGTON

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**ZOESRACE.ORG**

802-488-6535  
[howardcenter.org](http://howardcenter.org)

**HOWARD CENTER**  
Help is here.

Howard Center's Zoe's Race is a 1K fun run and 5K walk/run designed to raise funds for Vermont families who are in need of creating accessible homes for their children. To date, Zoe's Race has raised nearly \$180,000 and has helped 17 local families to make their homes accessible. Join us for this festive community event!

## Why We Do What We Do

Our mission is to improve the well-being of children, adults, families, and communities. We do this in a variety of ways through the many programs we offer.

**“For companies that are looking into hiring people with disabilities, I have one thing to say: Please hire us and don't label us as having a disability. Give us a chance.”**

*–David (talking about his work through our Career Connections program)*