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VHFA DONATES NEARLY 90 PAIRS OF MITTENS TO KING STREET CENTER

BURLINGTON—Vermont Housing Finance Agency (VHFA) donated 86 pairs of mittens and gloves stuffed with candy to Burlington's King Street Center.

For the first time in its long holiday tradition of donating to the center, VHFA tied its annual mitten drive to a campaign to build the Agency's base of Facebook "fans": VHFA donated a pair of mittens for every new fan it received between Nov. 30 and Dec. 15.

"We added 86 Facebook fans over that period," according to Executive Director Sarah Carpenter. "Thanks to everyone who participated."

Staff members spent some time yesterday stuffing the mittens with candy before Administrative Assistant Sylvia White delivered them to the King Street Center, across the street from VHFA's Saint Paul Street headquarters.

Though the mitten drive is over, Facebook users can still visit the VHFA page at <http://on.fb.me/vhfaMittens>, and become fans of the Agency by clicking the "Like" button at the top of the page.

King Street Center is a non-profit community organization that promotes personal and social wellness through educational, recreational, and social programs to give children and families the life-building skills necessary for healthy and productive futures. The center serves more than 500 children and families each year.



The Vermont Legislature created VHFA in 1974 to finance and promote affordable housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income Vermonters. Since its inception, the Agency has helped approximately 27,000 Vermont households with affordable mortgages and financed the development of approximately 8,400 affordable rental units.

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Photo: VHFA Director of Administration Pat Loller (foreground) and other staff members stuff mittens with candy for Burlington's King Street Center.