

# *Stiller Family Foundation*

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### **Stiller Family Foundation Recognized on National Philanthropy Day as Northern New England's Outstanding Foundation of 2012**

Burlington, VT (Nov. 20, 2012) – The Stiller Family Foundation, dedicated to improving the quality of life for those in need by helping them help themselves, was recognized on National Philanthropy Day, November 15 as Northern New England's Outstanding Foundation of 2012 by the Association of Fundraising Professionals of Northern New England (AFP-NNE).

The Stiller Family Foundation supports personal development and well-being through a range of education and community-focused initiatives. The foundation is based in Vermont and has concentrated much of its philanthropy there, supporting local organizations and institutions including the King Street Center, Burlington City Arts, ReBuild Waterbury, FairTradeUSA and Champlain College. In October 2012, Champlain College received the largest donation in its 134-year history from the Stiller Family Foundation, a transformative \$10 million gift to its business school.

“The Stiller Family Foundation won this year's Outstanding Foundation Award for the depth and breadth of their philanthropy, locally and globally. They have demonstrated a commitment to building institutional capacity through their giving and providing the heartfelt leadership to help others help themselves,” said Christie Basket, President of Association of Fundraising Professionals of Northern New England. “Their philanthropy stood out this year as an exceptional example of assisting others – be it organizations or the people they serve – to achieve personal excellence.”

“Vermont has played an important role in the life and success of the Stiller family and enriching the lives of its people and communities has always been the main focus for the Stiller Family Foundation,” said Dave Stiller of the Stiller Family Foundation. “It is an honor to be recognized for helping the community we live in, and we salute all of the others who, in their own way are working to improve the vitality of our communities in Vermont, northern New England, our country, and our world.”

National Philanthropy Day (NPD) is a special day set aside to recognize the great contributions of philanthropy--and those people active in the philanthropic community—that enrich our world. First held in 1986, NPD celebrates the endless

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contributions individuals and organizations across the world make to help those in need.

## **About the Stiller Family Foundation:**

The Stiller Family Foundation is dedicated to helping people help themselves. The Foundation was established by the family of Bob and Christine Stiller and their three children, reflecting their shared passion for improving people's lives in meaningful, sustainable ways. The majority of the foundation's work has focused on Vermont, and provides support to programs and organizations relating to personal development, education, and community development. For more information on the Stiller Family Foundation please visit:

[www.stillerfamilyfoundation.org](http://www.stillerfamilyfoundation.org)

## **About the Association of Fundraising Professionals of Northern New England (AFP-NNE):**

AFP of Northern New England is comprised of 230+ members from the states of Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire. The chapter offers professional development, educational and networking opportunities to its members in all three states. For more information on the AFP-NNE please visit: [www.afp-nne.org/](http://www.afp-nne.org/)

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