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SARA HOLBROOK COMMUNITY CENTER WELCOMES HENRY STAYDUHAR TO ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Burlington, VT – Executive Director, Leisa Pollander, is happy to announce that Henry Stayduhar has joined its Board of Directors. “I am so excited that Henry is available to assume board responsibilities. His knowledge of finance and accounting will serve us well as we wrap up our capital campaign, and soon begin our venture at our new expanded space.”

Henry Stayduhar is the Director of Finance at Select Design in Burlington. He was Senior Accountant at Gallagher, Flynn & Company prior to his current position. He earned a BS in Community Entrepreneurship at the University of Vermont, and a MS in Accounting at Baruch College in NYC. Henry is a licensed CPA in the state of Vermont.

Stayduhar brings a wealth of skills, expertise and experience in finance to the Center’s board. “I look forward to helping Sara Holbrook Community Center optimize its strength and resources in a way that best supports its mission to bring high quality childcare and other services to our community.”

About the Sara Holbrook Community Center

Founded in 1937 by UVM professor Sara M Holbrook, an old Burlington storefront at 116 Cherry Street was transformed into the (formerly named) Burlington Community Center. Irish, Italian, and French-Canadian immigrants learned English, studied for citizenship tests, and immersed themselves in classes while a nursery provided childcare. During the ensuing years, the Center initiated many responsive services to assist families with limited financial means. The agency was the original location of the Burlington Boys Club (now known as the Boys and Girls Club of Burlington); and the Committee on Temporary Shelter (COTS) was founded at the Sara Holbrook Center. In 1985, the Center partnered with the Burlington Police Department and a local radio station to provide a telephone check-in service for children home alone after school. Also, in response to a tragic community fire in 1983, the Sara Holbrook Center coordinated the installation of 3,000 smoke detectors into area

homes. The New Arrivals Program, initiated in 1989, was developed to provide academic instruction in the summertime for refugee and immigrant children. Collaboration with other local organizations and a longstanding support from community members has sustained the Agency since its beginning.

The Center serves over 1,300 individuals annually. Programs include a 5-STAR preschool and elementary afterschool program, a teen drop-in center for students in grades 6-12, and a course-based enrichment program housed at Hunt Middle School. In addition to the school year schedule, the Center offers full-day summer programming for elementary and middle school students. The New Arrivals summer academic program serves 80 preschool through middle school children who are learning English. Sara Holbrook Center partners with the Vermont Adult Learning Center to provide English language classes to our newest neighbors. It also maintains a emergency food shelf which offers assistance to community members in need, annually serving about 230 individuals and families.

For more information about the Sara Holbrook Community Center and how you can help, please contact Executive Director Leisa Pollander, at 802.862.0080 or via email at lpollander@saraholbrookcc.org.

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