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Dialogue Night 2012!

South Burlington High School
Monday, February 13, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

This much-loved event will begin this year with Vermont filmmaker Bess O'Brien sharing her documentary *Ask Us Who We Are* about Vermont's foster care system. The film will be followed by teen-led, small group dialogue focusing on themes of strength and determination; search for belonging, identity, home, community; small and large acts of kindness; and breaking down stereotypes. Kingdom County Productions noted, "The film is about all of us. It explores our universal need to connect, to belong, and to find a home that is safe and loving."

The event is recommended for ages high school and up. It is free and open to the public. To take part as a teen leader, please see Mariah Larkin in room 220. To take part as a note taker or for more information, please call 660-3189.

Nominate Someone for the PACT Community Awards!

Do you know a wonderful person or group in the community who lives by the vision of PACT to build and sustain a community of respect, compassion, and equality?

Is this person or group fully committed to listening to the voices of children, teenagers, and adults and empowering those voices with respect and sincerity through dialogue and action?

Please consider nominating them for a PACT Community Award!

Nomination forms may be found at www.pactvt.com. All nominations are due by **Friday, March 9**. The PACT Community Awards Dinner will be **Thursday, April 12**, 5:30-7:30 p.m., at the St. John Vianney Parish Center.

Our Inspirational Teens!

On January 26, in a collaborative effort between teens from Key Club and PACT, close to 100 people gathered to put together gift bags for children at the Vermont Children's Hospital. Below please find some photos from the event and from the delivery of the bags to the hospital. We most sincerely thank our teenagers for their vision and huge hearts, and we thank the community for your generosity.

More photos on PACT Facebook page!

