



Parents and Adults Celebrating Children and Teens

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PACT Town Meeting Day Potluck

Monday, March 4, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

F.H. Tuttle Middle School Cafeteria

Come meet new community members, interact with those we know, and engage in dialogue with one another. Please bring a dish to share (thank you for listing the ingredients), and also feel free to simply show up. PACT will provide dessert and drinks. This event is free and open to the public.

PACT Community Awards Due

Due by Friday, March 8

If you know a special person (child, teenager, adult, or group) who would be a wonderful match for a PACT Community Award, please consider nominating them. Nomination forms are available at www.pactvt.com.

The Courage of Conversation

By Margaret Wheatley

Sincere thanks to Mariah Larkin for sharing this piece.

It's not easy to begin talking to one another again. We stay silent and apart for many reasons. Some of us never have been invited to share our ideas and opinions...

We can take courage from the fact that many people are longing to be in conversation again. We are hungry for a chance to talk. People want to tell their story, and are willing to listen to yours. People want to talk about their concerns and struggles. Too many of us feel isolated, strange, or invisible. Conversation helps end that.

Where can we find the courage to start a good conversation? The answer is found in the word itself. Courage comes from the Old French word for heart (cuer). We develop courage for those things that speak to our heart. Our courage grows for things that affect us deeply, things that open our hearts. Once our heart is engaged, it is easy to be brave.

It takes courage to start a conversation. But if we don't start talking to one another, nothing will change. Conversation is the way we discover how to transform our world, together. ~ *From turningtooneanother.net*



PACT at Allenwood with the UVM Top Cats: December 6, 2012



PACT Fifth Birthday with our SBHS PACT Alumni: January 8, 2013



PACT Community Dinner with Honored Guests Shore-to-Shore: Art with a Purpose: January 31, 2013



PACT Dialogue Night with a Presentation on Teen Dating Violence Prevention Month: February 11, 2013