

## **PACT Retreat 2014-2015: Small Group Discussion**

### **Guiding Questions**

1. How are things going for you? What's on your mind these days?
2. What's on the mind of our community, do you think?
3. One PACT core value is *listening and learning* from one another. A main way we do this is by *sharing our stories*. How might we use some of the ideas below or ones that are not listed to honor the PACT mission and vision for 2014-2015?

### **PACT Ideas for 2014-2015**

1. **Happiness for Homeless (Big Picture South Burlington Senior Shelby Reposa)**  
Shelby's Service Thesis Project – "Happiness for Homeless" – addresses the issue of homelessness in youth and adults with a focus on families. As a Big Picture senior, Shelby is collecting money and donations of care packages – including clothing, books, and toys -- to share with families who are homeless in both Boston, MA and Burlington, VT. Shelby will host events to give away the items to the homeless, along with interviewing them about their lives in the homeless community. **Idea:** PACT would honor Shelby's work by partnering with our community to collect donations and then host a community dinner where the care packages would be put together. **Possible Community Partners to invite:** SBHS Key Club, South Burlington Recreation Department, City Council, COTS, Spectrum Youth and Family Services, etc.
2. **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: Monday, January 19, 2015:** Last year PACT and other stakeholding groups (including but not limited to Key Club, Big Picture, and the South Burlington Recreation Department) held a successful Dr. King Day Event at SBHS – the first-ever, teen-led event of its kind in South Burlington. This year we'd like to continue to tradition working with our community partners. **Idea:** Since our students will have school this year on MLK Jr. Day (this is new), PACT would like to honor special events SBHS will hold during the day and possibly offer an inclusive evening event – teen-led – to welcome all community members to celebrate Dr. King and his vision.
3. **PACT Community Dinner at FHTMS:** In order to encourage middle school students and families to become a part of PACT, we would like to host one dinner this year at FHTMS and ask middle school students to shadow SBHS students in organizing/leading the event.
4. **VTIFF Film Screening Event (Nissa Kauppila):** Ms. Kauppila is involved with the Vermont International Film Foundation and was interested -- with Seth Jarvis of VTIFF – in screenings of some of their films at SBHS. **Idea:** PACT would honor Ms. Kauppila's vision with a collaboration between the VTIFF and PACT where PACT might host a Community Dinner and discussion around the screening of one of the VTIFF's films.

5. **Other Ideas:** PACT teen leaders and adults were also interested in collaborative efforts with Key Club, TIE (The International Exchange), and the SBHS Climate Committee. More information on these ideas will be forthcoming.