

## **THE TUTORIAL CENTER**

This past year at The Tutorial Center, our 38th Anniversary, has once again been one of increasing demand for our services. Due to the valuable support from towns such as Shaftsbury, we were able to provide a growing range of vital educational services for children and adults despite these clearly challenging economic times. Thank you - your support matters. Shaftsbury residents participated in many of our services including adult education, high school completion, ESL, family literacy, and tutoring.

The Tutorial Center is Vermont's most comprehensive educational support center, and continues to be recognized around the state as a model success story for what a community education center can do for its clients. Several new statewide educational models have been based on programs we developed at The Tutorial Center, such as our Bridge to College and Careers program (in partnership with CCV-Bennington).

The Tutorial Center has recently garnered international exposure. Executive Director, Jack Glade, has been appointed co-chair of the program committee for the Social Enterprise Summit and Third World Forum, to be held April, 2010, in San Francisco. This event showcases the "best practices" of leading non-profit organizations internationally.

Despite the poor economy, families and schools turned to us for support at remarkable levels this past year; 222 area children and young adults received 6,915 hours of tutoring in subjects from beginning reading to college coursework. In addition , 412 adult learners were enrolled in literacy and adult education classes and received over 15,500 hours of FREE instruction - 82 high school dropouts earned their high school diploma or an equivalency diploma.

We maintain two full-service learning centers - one in Bennington and one in Manchester - in order to ensure our educational support is easily accessible to all Bennington County residents. In addition, we again brought literacy support and education to the general public via public access TV. We continued to broadcast the "GED Connection" program for literacy improvement and high school equivalency prep on CAT-TV. We also are proud to applaud the Bennington Free Library's development of the "Tell Me a Story" children's literacy TV show, of which we were the founding sponsor.

We are grateful to the Town of Shaftsbury for supporting our literacy efforts in the past and we look forward to your continued support.

Respectfully submitted

Jack Glade, Executive Director