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### Erin's Story...

Erin Trombley, a recent graduate of Otter Valley Union High School in Brandon, VT successfully completed the [TIPS internship program](#) by interning in the medical records office of [Rutland Regional Medical Center](#). She was hired as a Document and Imaging Specialist soon after completing her internship. Erin hopes to go into medical transcription and will study at the Community College of Vermont with a focus in health information.

*Pictured right: Erin Trombley with her supervisor, Maureen Chamberlain, Director of Health Information Services at RRMC.*



#### **Some observations made by Erin:**

"The TIPS program helped me because I didn't know what I wanted to do but I was able to work hands-on...it helped me put my foot in the door and I would have never had this job if I didn't do the TIPS program."

"What surprised me the most is how much I really enjoy my job. When I first came here, I didn't know if I really wanted to go into this field but this helped me decide that this is the path and schooling I want to go towards."

Thanks to the [Rutland Regional Workforce Investment Board](#) for sharing this success story!

It's just around the corner...

**Sunday, October 9, 2011**



Check out the event's [website](#) for schedule and other details.

This annual event is a fundraiser for LLL's [PILOT program](#).

Thank you to our sponsors!

### Summer Program Updates:

**College Connections:** During the summer, our dual enrollment program, College Connections, supported 55 Chittenden County high school students taking classes at local colleges earning both high school and college credit.



*Pictured Left: Grace Morse, a College Connections student. Grace says she is very thankful not only for the support she received from Dhyana [College Connections Coordinator] but also for the financial assistance that Linking*

*Learning to Life provided to allow her to enroll in the class. Grace says "it's really helpful to have this program" and recommends College Connections to "anybody who wants to take more than they're currently able to."*

**Ready, Set, Work!:** Eight Burlington High School students



## PEGTV features TIPS and College Connections:

The Rutland TIPS and College Connections Coordinator talks about the amazing impact the programs have had in their region. [Click here or below to watch the video!](#)



## LLL gains new support from funders:

- Canaday Family Charitable Trust
- Merchants Bank Foundation
- Anonymous Foundation
- Vermont Community Foundation
- Vermont Department of Labor
- Vermont Department of Education
- Northfield Savings Bank

## We're asking our board members...

### ...why do you serve?

"I enjoy being a member of the LLL board and seeing all the good work that LLL does for students in helping them achieve their goals. Students learn skills that they can carry throughout life."

Cindy Morgan, Marketing Director for the [New England Federal Credit Union](#)

successfully completed this 5 week program which combines pre-employment skills and a paid work opportunity through the VT Dept. of Labor Workforce Investment Act. Businesses that supported youth this summer include: TJ Maxx, Boys & Girls Club of Burlington, Vermont Heating & Ventilating, Chittenden County Humane Society, Hannaford Supermarkets, and Price Chopper.

*Pictured Right: RSW alumni, Andrew Snay and Nick Lebeau, pose at their worksite, [Petra Cliffs](#). Andrew graduated from RSW in 2008 and has been employed there ever since. Nick gained job skills at Petracliffs through RSW this summer. Petra Cliffs has given many LLL students work opportunities over the past 6 years.*



**Summer Work Crew:** Through their work at University of Vermont's Gutterson Fieldhouse, 10 at-risk youth gained valuable job and life skills through this 6 week program funded primarily through the Vermont Department of Labor. Students were paid for their participation with Workforce Investment Act Funds.

## LLL Board and Staff Changes:

LLL is pleased to announce the addition of [5 new board members](#):

- Lisa Andrew - [Red Sapphire Consulting](#)
- Chad A. Bell - [Northfield Savings Bank](#)
- Mohamed Basha - [TLC Nursing](#)
- Beth Demers - [Vermont Dept. of Economic, Housing, & Community Development](#)
- Andrew Brown - Self Employed Quality Improvement Consultant



*Pictured above: Mary Herrmann, Lindsey Lathrop, Kerry Hill*

LLL is also pleased to announce the following [staff changes](#):

- Lindsey Lathrop has transitioned as the new Assistant Director



Director

- Kerry Hill has transitioned from an AmeriCorps\*State member to a full-time Program and Internship Coordinator
- Mary Herrmann is LLL's new AmeriCorps\*VISTA member

### Don't forget Tech Jam!



Schools can bring their students on **Friday, October 28th between 10-2 to Vermont Tech Jam** taking place at the **Borders Building on Church Street, Burlington**. For details, visit: <http://www.techjamvt.com/>  
Please RSVP your class of students by e-mailing Lindsey at [llathrop@bsdvt.org](mailto:llathrop@bsdvt.org).

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