



Bradley House

A Residential Care Facility

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☀ In loving memory of Harald Holm, and Elsie Richardson

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Bradley House Revival

Bradley House used to be the Baptist Home. And now we're making plans to bring the building back to its former glory. You could say we're "Reviving" it. You see where I'm going with this - we've taken to calling the renovation and expansion project the "Bradley House Revival." And we are on our way!

The Revival recently received a \$504,000 grant from the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board!

In addition, the Town of Brattleboro has approved a \$50,000 grant from the proceeds of its revolving loan fund. The Selectboard knows that elders who need the kind of services Bradley House and Holton Home provide are a growing percentage of the Town's population.

While we have other grants and loans in the works, a critical piece of making this project happen is You. All those who know the value of Bradley House to our neighbors and loved ones will be given the opportunity to be part of the Revival. The need is great, but we know our community of friends will step up and support us. For that, we thank you.

We'll be in touch!

Cindy Jerome, Executive Director

IT'S MEDICAID RENEWAL TIME!

- If you have questions, or need more information, you can call toll-free at 855-899-9600 from 8am to 8pm, Monday through Friday.
- You can renew by phone or by mail (renewal form is included in the renewal notice you receive in the mail). By phone is usually the easiest and fastest.
- If you are enrolled in Medicaid/Dr. Dynasaur, you must report changes in your household within 10 days. Don't wait for a renewal letter to report income or other household changes!
- If you don't have any kind of health insurance, the federal government will charge you a fee when you file your taxes. (For 2016 the federal fee is \$695 or more per uninsured adult.) This fee can be avoided by acting early.



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Chuckle Corner

It was the end of the school year, and a kindergarten teacher was receiving gifts from her students. The florist's son handed her a gift. She shook it, held it over her head and said

"I bet I know what's in this. Beautiful flowers!"

"That's right," the boy said, "but how did you know?"

"Oh, it was just a lucky guess," was the reply.

The next student was the daughter of a sweet shop owner. The teacher held her gift overhead, shook it, and said,

"I'll bet I know what this is. Is it a box of sweets?"

"That's right, but how did you know?" asked the girl.

"Oh, just another lucky guess," said the teacher.

The next gift was from the son of the liquor store owner. The teacher held the package over her head but it was leaking. She touched the liquid with her finger and put it to her tongue.

"Is it wine?" she asked.

"No," the boy answered, with obvious excitement.

The teacher put more of the liquid on her tongue and asked,

"Is it champagne?"

"No," the boy replied, even more excited.

The teacher tasted one more drop before announcing,

"I give up! What is it?"

With great glee, the boy declared,

"It's a puppy!"



Our Friend Becky Graber

This past Mother's Day, May 8, eight of us from Bradley House had the pleasure of attending the Brattleboro Women's Chorus annual spring concert. Falling on Mother's Day makes it a special event, but this year's concert was special in several other ways. The chorus is celebrating its 20th anniversary, and for the occasion they performed all original music written by their resplendent director Becky Graber.

Becky chose a variety of poems, some written by chorus members, addressing the many challenges and road blocks we encounter in our lives and set them to music.

Many of the songs had complicated harmonies, or two or three counter melodies going on at the same time, which the chorus members sang beautifully.

The topics of these songs often hit upon sobering and emotionally charged topics, but I would say the overall effect was hopeful, life affirming, and let us all know that we are not alone in the challenges we encounter along the road of life.

Amongst the guest performers were Cathy Martin on piano, a Bradley House regular, and Bill Ballard on alto sax. Bill also has played here with various bands on occasion.

Half way through the performance Becky took the lead, singing the jazz tinged song 'Our Whole Lives Long' a song written by Becky and chorus member Lynette Leidy Sievert. The song is from the perspective of two people, it could be a mother and a daughter or two sisters, and is about reflections on their lives.

"And we sing sweet songs together, our harmonies are strong. Yes we sing our songs together, as if we sung whole lives long."

Another highlight was the audience and chorus sing-a-long of 'Over The Rainbow'. This was the only break from their all-original music program and it was wonderful sitting there being a part of this swell of voices ringing out this old classic. Becky has been teaching, performing, and leading many programs throughout Windham County for a good many years now. What a gift to our community -- and aren't we lucky to have Becky lead a Bradley House sing along every month!

Tim,

Activities Director

