



**VERMONT
CHILDREN'S
AID SOCIETY**
P.O. Box 127
Winooski, VT 05404

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Cheryl Herrick, 802-655-0006

Former “Jilted Bride” Hosts Second “Women Make a Difference” Event to Benefit Vermont Children’s Aid Society and CARE

Burlington, VT – Last year, Kyle Paxman canceled her wedding to a man who she discovered was having an affair, and transformed her planned event into a gala to raise money for families in Vermont and around the world at her “Women Make a Difference” event.

One year later, Ms. Paxman is going strong, and has decided to make the event an annual affair. She says, “I’m doing this because I’ve seen what a difference this support makes for the charities. It’s not about me!” On September 29, 80 women (and two men!) gathered at Burlington’s Ethan Allen Club to raise funds for the children, women, and families who benefit from these programs. Donations, ticket sales, and a silent auction raised over \$8,000. Catering was by Dish Catering of Burlington.

Pictured here are members of the Vermont Children’s Aid Society contingent. Standing, from left, are Dorsey Naylor, Director of Adoption, Dalene Washburn, District Supervisor, Steve Habif, Executive Director, Patty Carbee, Board Member and Mother of Kyle Paxman, and Alice Siegriest, Senior Social Worker and Director of Camp ForMe. Seated from left are Board Members Denise Nagelschmidt and Kasia Fodor, Director of Community Relations Cheryl Herrick and Board Member Ruth Guild. Missing is Adoptive Mother Judith Sutphen.

The Vermont Children’s Aid Society is a private not-for-profit organization with offices in Winooski and Woodstock, Vermont. Our professional staff has been supporting and strengthening families since 1919 through a variety of comprehensive programs including adoption services, child and family counseling, a children’s summer camp, and services for families affected by a parent’s incarceration. VCAS provides services that support and strengthen families, and promote safe, stable, and nurturing environments for children. VCAS is a member of six United Way chapters in Vermont as well as a member of the Child Welfare League of America.



###