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Antiques & Uniques Raises Over \$17,000 for Vermont Children's Aid Society

The 38th Annual Antiques and Uniques Festival, held on July 12, 2008 had a record number of vendors, great attendance, and perfect weather.

According to Cheryl Herrick, Vermont Children's Aid Society's Director of Community Relations, "Vermonters may not be traveling far this summer, but they sure came out for Antiques & Uniques! We had lots of returning friends and plenty of new faces this year too."

Herrick continues, "The Festival is so wonderful because of its lovely locations, the great vendors, and its feel as a real community event. It's produced by an amazing group of volunteers who involve their neighbors from Craftsbury and the whole eight-town area. Everyone helps out, from the Craftsbury Selectboard, the Craftsbury Fire Department, United Church of Craftsbury, and many, many volunteers and helpers of all ages."

Antiques & Uniques is the agency's largest annual fundraiser, and supports services for children and families. Its 2008 sponsors were FairPoint Communications, Northern Vermont Tent Rental, and WCAX TV. In addition to sponsorships, funds are raised through vendors' booth fees, donations at the entrance, and proceeds from the Bake Sale and Lunch Tent. Suzanne Griffiths of Craftsbury is the chair of the volunteer committee and a member of the agency's board of directors.

Vermont Children's Aid Society is a private not-for-profit organization with offices in Winooski and Woodstock, Vermont. Its 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 and of the Child Welfare League of America, and is a recipient of the Better Business Bureau Charity Seal of Approval. Learn more at www.vtcas.org

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