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Congratulations to Kathy Shand, 2008 Honor of Hope Awardee

Winooski – Single adoptive mom Kathy Shand was selected by the [White House's](#) Faith Based and Community Initiatives to receive the Honor of Hope Award, according to a release by the Compassion in Action program of the White House.

In 1982, Shand was a single parent of four young children. In 1996, she applied to a job-training program at Good News Garage and started as a trainee. She received a Good News Garage car, a donated Subaru Legacy wagon, which she used to get to and from work. A year later she was hired as a full-time employee. Five years later she was promoted to Office Manager. Shand recently completed her eleventh year at Good News Garage.

“There isn’t a limit to what people can accomplish when the right tools are available, like childcare, transportation and job training. It has been a long road and I understand the challenges single parents face.” Shand said in a news release. “I have traveled on that long road and share the feeling and frustrations of those struggling to care for their children. Don’t give up, there really isn’t any limit to what you can accomplish, just don’t give up!”

Shand and her family utilize Respite and Post-Adoption services through Vermont Children’s Aid Society. These programs are possible through the agency’s participation as a member of Vermont’s Adoption Consortium.

Vermont Children’s Aid Society is a private not-for-profit organization with offices in Winooski and Woodstock, Vermont. 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 is dedicated to the provision of 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, as well as a recipient of the Better Business Bureau Charity Seal of Approval

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