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VERMONT FEDERAL CREDIT UNION PROVIDES CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THREE VERMONT FAMILIES

***BURLINGTON, VT- Vermont Federal worked with The Last Chance
Christmas program collecting donations this holiday season for families who
missed the deadline to sign up for family assistance. All donated gifts from the
support of this cause help build a stronger commitment to improving the lives of
people in our communities.***

The Last Chance Christmas Program started six years ago out of the need to have a program designed to help low income and working poor families that missed sign up dates for other local Christmas and Toy Drive programs, or did not qualify for other programs or assistance. It was originally designed to serve about 75 families and in three years it has grown dramatically. In 2008, The Last Chance Christmas Program served over 700 families, just over 1,900 children. Numbers are still out for this year- but it was expected to increase at least 25%. During this program, staff and members of Vermont Federal worked together and donated generously for three adopted Last

Chance families serving Addison, Chittenden and Franklin counties. In addition, staff from our Lending department also collected thirty toys for all different age groups.

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