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Valentine's Day Party & Fundraiser to Support Art From The Heart

Burlington, VT: (January 27, 2012) Burlington City Arts is pleased to announce a fundraising event for BCA's Art From The Heart program at Fletcher Allen, which brings volunteers and art supplies to hospitalized children. *The Valentine's Day Party & Fundraiser* takes place Thursday, February 9th from 5:30 to 7:30pm at The BCA Center. *The Art From The Heart Valentine's Day Party and Fundraiser* features a special appearance by Dr. Lewis First, M.D., Chief of Pediatrics at Vermont Children's Hospital at Fletcher Allen and Chair of the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Vermont College of Medicine. Guests to the event will be invited to visit the *Creation Station*, to create a valentine or an *Art From the Heart* memory bracelet for a loved one. The event will also feature hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Tickets are available at the door for \$25.00 per person, additional donations are welcome. To RSVP, please call 802-865-5816 by February 3rd. The public can also make a secure online donation to Art From The Heart by visiting BurlingtonCityArts.org and clicking "Donate" at the top of any page.

Art From The Heart, a community program of Burlington City Arts, provides healing and growth to hospitalized children by engaging them in the creative process. BCA coordinates a wonderful group of volunteers who bring art supplies to patients at Vermont Children's Hospital at Fletcher Allen Health Care and to the Children's Specialty Center and infusion bays. Once there, the volunteers transform the children's playroom and hospital spaces into a temporary art studio. For those who must stay in bed, volunteers offer bedside

painting and art making. Feelings of relief, escape, and inspiration emerge, resulting in a positive and enhanced experience. *Art From the Heart* is a collaboration with Fletcher Allen Healthcare. More information at www.burlingtoncityarts.org/Art_From_The_Heart/.

The Art From The Heart Valentine's Day Party & Fundraiser is sponsored by Mike Williams, Northfield Savings Bank, Stephen and Burns, Imogene of Shelburne and planned with the support of the BCA Event Committee: Nancy Schoenfeld, Lisa Schamberg, Mary Mergens-Loughran and Jessica Filius. This event is an important part of Burlington City Arts, celebrating 30 years of supporting the arts, 1981-2011, which is dedicated to the promotion of excellence, experimentation, and education in all forms of contemporary art. For more information about gallery exhibitions, special events, classes and workshops, please call 802.865.7166 or visit BURLINGTONCITYARTS.ORG.

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