

## THE HUB TEEN CENTER 2010 ANNUAL REPORT

2010 is officially The Hub's favorite year ever - we've watched attendance grow, the skatepark got larger, we hosted dozens of workshops, programs, live music and community events, fixed the place up and experienced community support that helped the work be accomplished without taxpayer dollars.

The biggest changes are visible from the road - a skatepark that nearly doubled in size to accommodate everyone who wants to use it, new and old - skaters, scooters, BMX and inline sports all have room to practice and play safely now. New trees, a natural amphitheater, signage and new spring flowers arrived. Funding and gifts from the Town of Hinesburg, Bristol Friends of the Arts, VT Dept. Buildings & General Services, Neat Repeats, Merchant's Bank, Brown's Welding, United Way of Addison County, The Successful Communities Fund of The Vermont Community Foundation, David Coffin, and the The Bristol Recreation Club made it possible.

With support from Bristol Friends of the Arts, the Vermont Arts Council and the Bristol Recreation Club we've brought new murals to the ramps and Hub building, joining the Hub teens with artists to paint giant pandas, substance-free slogans, and beautiful art on the fronts and backs of the skate ramps and Hub building. The mural painting continues inside, with more outdoor art planned for the spring. Thanks to volunteer high school students and the United Way of Addison County, the Hub also took on a new look, becoming purple!

The Hub's community garden was lush and productive - Hub teens grew and ate or gave away hundreds of pounds of produce, which piled up during the harvest season, amazing us. A Gardens for Learning grant helped us this year, and with a gift from the Bristol Recreation Club and donated machinery and crew from Brown's welding, we moved and fixed up a new garden shed. The flowers alone were worth the garden-tending effort this year!

Our annual Skatefest and 'Screaming for Change' music festival brought hundreds of teens, youth and family to the Hub for healthy, positive-minded fun, certifying our love for skating and engagement in culture that fosters critical thought and community-building.

Dawn Graham's AmeriCorps term ended and Sarah Parker stepped in as a new program coordinator - she's been producing events and running the nutrition program nonstop. Dawn is still directing grant-funded community art projects. Ryan Krushenick's band toured much of Europe in the summer and he returned with travel tales and tons of energy for free music lessons. The Hub family is dynamic, creative, and growing!

The Hub staff implemented new policies meant to discourage inappropriate language and prevent tobacco use on the recreation field, using grant funding for signs and improving awareness of the dangers of substance use. Over 400 individuals used the Hub during 2010, most from Bristol, many from the five-town area, and even from Vergennes, Middlebury and elsewhere. The Hub is becoming known as a destination skatepark, with complimentary word-of-mouth traveling across the state.

2010 was wonderful for the Hub and Bristol's teens because of the significant community support we've seen, through donations, grant funding, and the goodwill that bolsters us through the challenge of improving what we have and becoming a better, positive place for local teens to feel safe and be themselves. We're looking forward to a busy 2011!

James Lockridge, Director  
Ryan Krushenick, Program Coordinator  
Dawn Graham, Program Coordinator  
Sarah Parker, AmeriCorp Member  
Samantha Gorton, School-To-Work Staff

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*The Hub hearts Gerrie Heuts!*



Photos by Dawn Graham & Zack Griswold

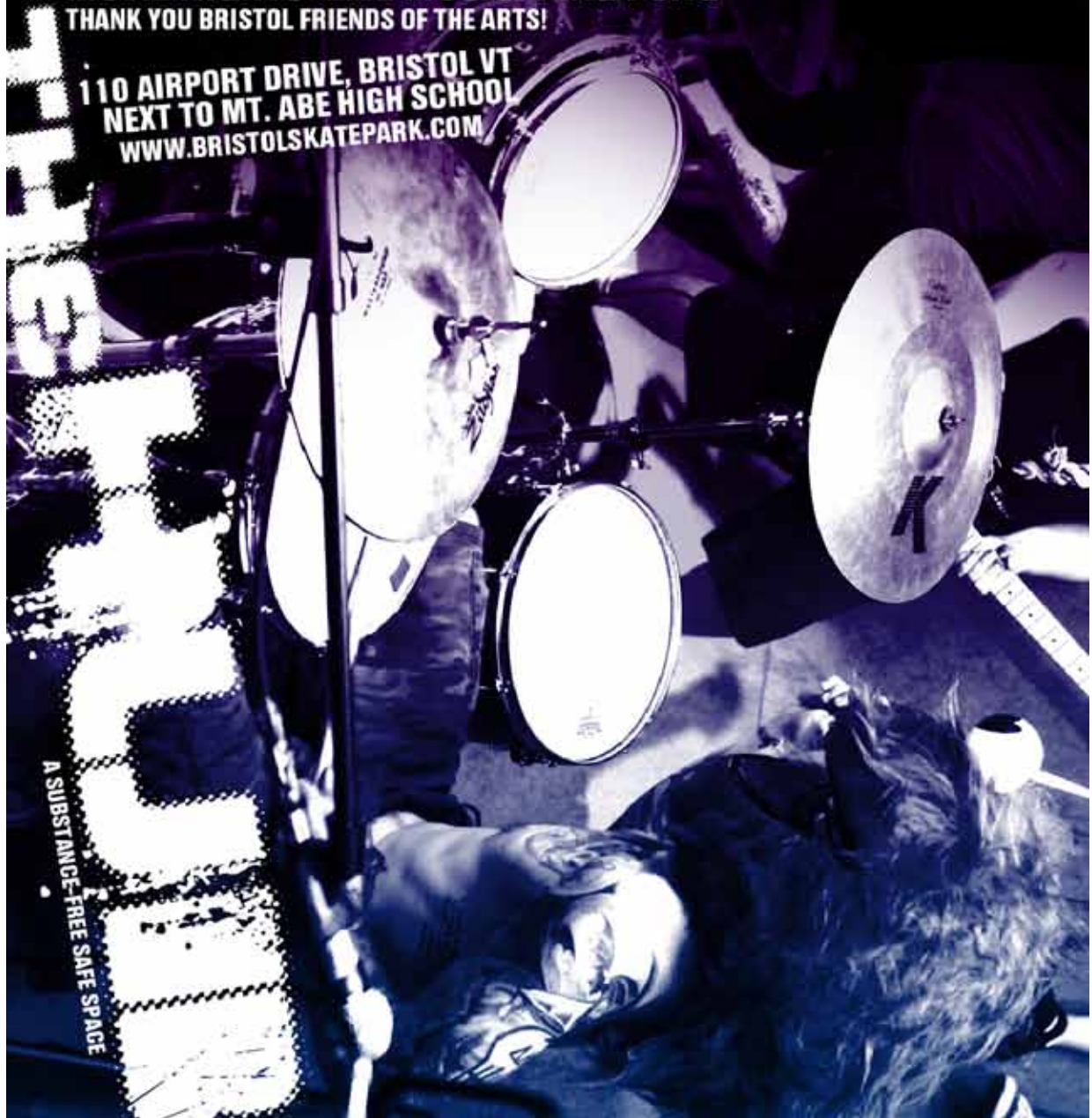


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## Hub Grants

\$1,050.00 5/3/2010 Gardens for Learning  
\$250.00 11/5/2010 Walmart  
\$5,200.00 5/10/2010 United Way of Addison County  
\$5,000.00 2/10/2010 Vermont Community Foundation  
\$500.00 5/4/2010 Neat Repeats  
\$800.00 4/29/2010 Bristol Friends of the Arts  
\$2,500.00 8/2/10 Vermont Arts Council  
\$4,000.00 5/25/2010 Fieldstone Foundation  
\$500.00 Vermont Community Foundation (John D. Moyers Advised Fund)  
\$2,354.00 7/2010 & 12/2010 Vermont Coalition of Teen Centers (Two installments)  
8,325.00 9/1/2009-8/31/2011 Vermont Children's Trust (Two installments of three-year grant)  
\$750.00 2/24/2010 Merchants Bank  
\$498.75 7/8/2010 Brown's Certified Welding, Inc.  
TOTAL: \$31,727.75

\$2,000 (Capital & In-Kind) Bristol Recreation Club