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### THE STERN CENTER FOR LANGUAGE AND LEARNING CELEBRATES BENEFACTOR BERNICE STERN'S 95<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY

WILLISTON, VT -- On Wednesday July 13, the Stern Center for Language and Learning celebrated the 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Bernice Stern, the founding benefactor of the Stern Center. It was the contribution twenty eight years ago from Bernice and husband Milton Stern that enabled the Stern Center to open its doors in 1983 and begin its mission of helping all learners achieve their full potential.

"It is a special occasion, indeed, to celebrate another year in the life of someone extraordinary, someone who has done so much for others," said Stern Center President, Blanche Podhajski, Ph.D.

Bernice Stern, accompanied by her son and daughter-in-law Peter and Margie Stern of Shelburne, joined Stern Center staff and friends, where she was presented with an original painting created by Nini Crane of South Burlington to honor this special occasion. Former Stern Center students, Stephen Richards and Sean Plasse, both of whom contributed their recent successes in life to the individualized instruction they received at the Stern Center, were in attendance to express their appreciation of Bernice Stern's ongoing support. "Usually on your birthday people give you gifts, but you have been a gift to all of us learners through the Stern Center," said Stephen Richards.

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