



Stern Center for Language and Learning

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DON'T THINK ALIKE*

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FY 2010 Mid-Year Highlights: A Special Donor Report

These highlighted activities are made possible thanks to the generosity of donors like you. Nearly 30% of our budget comes from gifts and grants. The current economy has brought us many challenges. With your continued help, we will meet those challenges, expand our presence, and ensure success for more learners.

The Gene Richards Roast was a sparkling success in terms of raising both friends and funds. Over 300 invited guests filled the Burlington Sheraton's Emerald Ballroom to offer admiration, accolades, and humor directed to and about Gene, a nine-year SCLL Board member, which included stints as Development Committee Chair and Board Chair. Now an Honorary Board member, Gene enjoyed the entire evening in his typical high energy fashion. We raised \$45,000 for the Scholarship Program with an unbelievable 75% rate of net return and helped promote awareness that *all great minds don't think alike!*



Welcome New Board Members!



Jennifer Cahill Bean of Montpelier has education and business experience in orthopedic surgery/research, dyslexia, and education.



Leslie Watson Botjer of Charlotte has an extensive global business background as well as board service and special education experience.



Katie D. Halsey of Shelburne is a personal trainer with over a decade of experience serving community boards.

The past 18 months have presented enormous economic challenges to us as we have seen a major reduction in contributions from corporate and private foundations. One of our strategic responses to that has been to focus more on **Federal funding** opportunities. We presently have proposals out to Senator Leahy and Congressman Welch for support of our BUILDING BLOCKS FOR LITERACY® program, and we are currently drafting a proposal to the ARRA *Invest in Innovation* fund to support a research proposal linked to our *TIME for Teachers/Mastering the Alphabetic Principal* program.

On November 23, 2009 we celebrated our 12th year as a Nonprofit Educational Resource in the Upper Valley by hosting **Partners in Excellence for Education** at the Hanover Inn in Hanover, New Hampshire. Friends, parents, educators, legislators, business leaders, and Stern Center staff and Board members gathered for conversations about the importance of community investments in education for all. Blanche shared the podium with Special Guest Presenters including Sandi L. Dion, parent; Mike Harris, Supt. SU#88, Lebanon and Co-Director of the Dartmouth College Education Department; Deborah Markowitz, VT Secretary of State; and Peter Shumlin, VT Senate President Pro Tem.

Due to greatly increased demand for our services, we are **expanding our Williston facility** by renting additional instructional space. Until mid-year we had been forced to use our library/professional development venue to accommodate instructional cubicles. This temporary opportunity to spread into recently vacated space at low cost provides us a short-term solution until we identify a permanent single campus and the necessary funding. For now at least, we are better able to meet the needs of more students.




Help us be green! Send us your email address.



Coming this spring!

Join the Stern Center




at the Coach Barn at Shelburne Farms
Tuesday, May 25, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

ADHD: Is It Them or Us?
 Featuring William Barbaresi, M.D.
 Chair and Director of Developmental Medicine
 Children's Hospital Boston
 2010 Charles M. Poser, M.D. Lecturer


Artisan Cheese & Cash Wine Bar
 \$25/person

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Stern Center for Language and Learning
 and
 University of Vermont College of Medicine
 Present the
 8th Annual
 Charles M. Poser, M. D. Lecture
 For Health Care Professionals, Educators, and Parents

Grand Rounds Autism Epidemic: *Fact or Fiction?*

General Session Improving Outcomes for Children with ADHD

Presenter William Barbaresi, M.D.



Wednesday, May 26
8:00-12:00
Burlington Hilton

NEW!
 Ed's Blog: *Still Learning* at <http://ewilkens.blogspot.com/>
 SCLL success Video on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/>