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FAIRPOINT DONATES \$750 TO FRIENDS OF FLETCHER ELEMENTARY

SOUTH BURLINGTON, Vt. (July 23, 2009) – FairPoint Communications recently donated \$750 to the Friends of Fletcher Elementary School. The donation was made to recognize the volunteer efforts of FairPoint employee Michelle Pendris of Fletcher.

Pendris, whose son attends Fletcher Elementary, began volunteering for the Friends of Fletcher Elementary School in 2006, to help raise funds for extra-curricular activities at the school. Pendris is a regular volunteer for monthly movie night which is a fun community building event and an opportunity to raise funds for other school programs.

Pendris' fundraising activities consist of grant writing, organizing special events and selling food at school functions. Pendris says the FairPoint donation will likely be used for an educational internship in upcoming school year.

Pendris is also the vice president of the Vermont Council of the FairPoint Telecom Pioneers, a nonprofit organization made of current and retired communications workers.

The FairPoint Volunteer Incentive Program recognizes employees' contribution of time and talent to nonprofit organizations where they live and work. Under the program, FairPoint employees who volunteer at least 50 hours during the year can request that FairPoint reward the organization with a \$750 grant. Employees may request funds on behalf of two separate organizations for a total of \$1,500 each year.

Friends of Fletcher Elementary works to enhance learning by bringing educational internships to the school, funding and organizing afterschool activities and funding field trips.

Over the years Friends of Fletcher Elementary has raised funds to improve the playground and assisted the community by distributing food baskets at Thanksgiving and having kids adopt local families that need extra help during the holidays. This year they provided 13 families with gifts and food for a holiday meal.

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