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Secretary of State Jim Condos Honors Vermont's Centennial Nonprofit Award Winners

Vermont's Oldest Nonprofits Recognized at a Statehouse Ceremony

Montpelier – Secretary of State Jim Condos will recognize Vermont's oldest non-profits in a ceremony to be held **today, Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at 4 p.m at the Vermont Statehouse**. The Vermont Centennial Nonprofit Awards program recognizes nonprofit organizations that have operated in Vermont for at least 100 years.

The nonprofits being honored today range from educational institutions, libraries, churches, hospitals, fraternal and other service organizations and many more local groups.

This year, 29 of Vermont's oldest nonprofits will be presented with plaques by Secretary of State Jim Condos. Governor Peter Shumlin, many state legislators, representatives of our congressional delegation, and other dignitaries are expected to attend.

According to Secretary of State Jim Condos, "We believe it is important to recognize and honor Vermont's oldest nonprofits for their many contributions to our communities and to Vermonters. Especially in these difficult times, our communities rely more and more on our non-profits to fill the gaps and help where they can. This year's awardees are exemplary representatives of the Vermont non-profit community."

Any nonprofit that has been in operation in Vermont for 100 years or more can participate in this program by filling out an application available through the Secretary of State's office. A complete list of the 2011 Centennial Nonprofit Award recipients appears below.

Secretary of State Jim Condos has over 20 years of elected public service, including 18 years at the local level and 8 years as a Vermont State Senator, in addition to more than 30 years of private sector business experience.



Est. 1911	Lyndon State College
Est. 1910	First Baptist Church of South Londonderry
Est. 1904	Montpelier Lodge of Elks No. 924
Est. 1904	The Vermont Center for the Hard of Hearing, Brattleboro
Est. 1897	Mark Skinner Library, Manchester
Est. 1889	Vermont State Firefighters' Association
Est. 1884	Vermont Veterans' Home, Bennington
Est. 1878	Vermont Bar Association
Est. 1871	St. Johnsbury Athenaeum
Est. 1870	Goddard College, Plainfield
Est. 1867	Union Agricultural Society (Tunbridge Fair)
Est. 1866	Greater Burlington YMCA
Est. 1846	Rutland County Agricultural Society
Est. 1842	St. Johnsbury Academy
Est. 1838	Vermont Historical Society, Barre
Est. 1836	Lambda IOTA Society, Burlington
Est. 1834	Brattleboro Retreat
Est. 1833	West Newbury Congregational Church
Est. 1819	Norwich University, Northfield
Est. 1816	East Craftsbury Presbyterian Church
Est. 1798	First Congregational Church of Berlin
Est. 1796	First Church in Barre, Universalist
Est. 1793	Bradford Congregational Church of the United Church of Christ
Est. 1768	First Congregational Church & Society of Windsor

Unable to attend: Prosper Cemetery Association, Woodstock (Est. 1911); Manchester Historical Society (Est. 1898); Rutland Regional Medical Center (Est. 1896); Westmore Community Church (Est. 1894); First Congregational Church and Society of Orwell (Est. 1842)