

January 25, 2019

Town Clerk Town of Bristol PO Box 249 Bristol, VT 05443

Dear Town Clerk,

Prevent Child Abuse Vermont is a private non-profit organization that has served families and children in the state of Vermont for 43 years. Our programs include: Circle of Parents® Support Groups, Nurturing Parenting Programs®, Shaken Baby Syndrome Prevention Trainings, the Sexual Abuse Free Environment for Teens Program<sup>TM</sup> (SAFE-T<sup>TM</sup>), Understanding and Responding to Sexual Behavior of Children (URSBC), Care for Kids, the *Vermont Parents' Home Companion and Resource Directory*, this annual publication is in its 30<sup>th</sup> year, and the Parents' Help Line at 1-800-CHILDREN (1-800-244-5373). The main office is in Montpelier and Family Support Coordinators are in each county.

April will be Proclaimed by the Governor as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" at the Statehouse in Montpelier, on April 2, and you are invited.

The national symbol for child abuse prevention is the **Pinwheel**, and we would like to have as many towns as possible show their **support for prevention** by planting a "**Pinwheel Garden**". This entails purchasing pinwheels from Prevent Child Abuse Vermont for \$1 each, with the recommended amount being 100 pinwheels and planting them in the ground during the month of April. If the Pinwheel Gardens were up for only the day of the proclamation, it would make a big impact.

Last year several towns, libraries, businesses, fire departments and individuals planted "Pinwheel Gardens" in support of child abuse prevention. <u>Prevention works</u>! from 1990 to 2017, all forms of child abuse in Vermont are down by 34%!

Won't you please **consider "planting" a garden** to show your support for keeping Vermont's most valuable resource, her children, safe. Looking forward to hearing from you.

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For the children,

Ed Bride Deputy Director



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## **PINWHEELS FOR PREVENTION**

## I WANT TO PLANT A PINWHEEL GARDEN

PLEASE SEND ME:#\_\_\_\_\_PINWHEELS AT \$1.00 EACH

Please invoice me

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