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### **Governor Phil Scott to Cut Ribbon at Ceremonial Grand Opening of Valley Vista Vergennes**

*Former Vermont Governor Jim Douglas to Be Honored*

**Vergennes, VT** – Valley Vista, the 99-bed inpatient alcohol and chemical dependency treatment program will be hosting a Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at its Vergennes facility located at 1 Alden Place. The event will begin at 1pm with a number of Vermont State Legislators on hand along with Governor Phil Scott, members of the Green Mountain Care Board and the Management of Valley Vista, Jack Duffy, CEO and Rick DiStefano, COO. The Ceremony will also take the opportunity to honor former Vermont Governor Jim Douglas, who is a supporter of treatment for individuals suffering from substance use disorder and was instrumental in the opening of Bradford campus of Valley Vista in 2004. The event will end at 4pm and light refreshments will be served.

“After losing 41 beds with the closing of Maple Leaf Farm and the increased use of opioids in our small, but beautiful state, we were able to make use of a vacant building owned by Valley Vista,” said Rick DiStefano, Vice President of Clinical Services and COO at Valley Vista. “With the help of so many, from the City of Vergennes, State Legislators, the Department of Health and Governor Phil Scott, we were able to open the doors to the 19-bed women’s facility, an extension of our women’s unit in Bradford, in just six weeks.”

Valley Vista Vergennes, provides services for those suffering from alcohol and chemically with medically supervised detox to discharge and comprehensive aftercare planning. The facility staffs approximately 20 employees including a Director, Therapists, Nursing, and culinary and house keeping staff. Once a former nursing home, the facility is just outside the center of beautiful downtown Vergennes at 1 Alden Place.

The Ceremony will begin with Governor Phil Scott (scheduled) who will share some insights on

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the State's efforts in supporting addiction treatment and the opioid crisis followed by the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. Then, the management of Valley Vista will recognize former Vermont Governor, Jim Douglas, who is a huge advocate of addiction treatment and was instrumental in the opening of Valley Vista 13 years ago. The ceremony will be followed by the serving of light refreshments in a social setting among the stakeholders that have played a role in the opening of the facility on April 17, 2017.

More information about Valley Vista can be found by visiting the treatment program's website at [www.vvista.net](http://www.vvista.net) or by calling 802.222.5201 x327. Interested parties can also stay in touch with Valley Vista on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.

### **About Valley Vista**

Valley Vista is a 99-bed inpatient addiction treatment program for men, women and adolescents suffering from substance use disorder often complicated by co-occurring mental health conditions. Each gender-specific program is rooted in a 12-Step abstinence-based philosophy where humility, acceptance and accountability underscore the work we do and service we provide to those seeking a life of enduring recovery. Substance use disorder does not discriminate and neither does Valley Vista; each patient is treated with respect, dignity, anonymity and validation in an intimate, safe and therapeutic environment. With two beautiful locations, in Bradford and Vergennes, Vermont, Valley Vista offers recovery from addiction in humble and tranquil settings. For more information about Valley Vista inpatient services or to begin the admission process for you, a friend, co-worker or a loved one, visit [www.vvista.net](http://www.vvista.net) or call 802.222.5201. Valley Vista can also be found on Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter.

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