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## **Laura Pierce of Rutland Joins Vermont Futures Project Board of Directors**

**Berlin, VT** - The [Vermont Futures Project](#) is pleased to announce that Laura Pierce has joined its Board of Directors. Laura currently works as the Senior Director of Information Services at Rutland Regional Medical Center.

Laura states, "I first learned about the Vermont Futures Project while attending the Vermont Young Professionals Summit and was immediately impressed by the vision and research-based approach of the organization. I'm dedicated to the mission of the organization and I'm excited to join the Board of Directors and have the ability to contribute my perspective and energy."

Upon Laura's acceptance of the role, Bill Shouldice, CEO of the Vermont Teddy Bear Company and Chair of the Vermont Futures Project Board of Directors, said, "We are excited to have Laura join the Board and believe she will contribute a great deal by providing insights from a younger generation's perspective. As a Rutland native and fourth generation Vermonter, Laura also brings an appreciation of Vermont's past and present, and how that can guide Vermont's future."

After graduating from Rutland High School, Laura attended Yale University earning her Bachelor of Science in the History of Science and Medicine. She then pursued pediatric research at the Boston Children's Hospital before entering a career in healthcare management consulting which took her from Boston to Chicago.

Laura is also an active member of the Rutland community. She serves on the Board for the Rutland Young Professionals (RYP) and is the RYP representative to the Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce. Laura also served as Co-Chair for the 2017 Vermont Young Professionals Summit and is the Chair of the Wonderfeet Kids' Museum Events Committee.

### **About the Vermont Futures Project**

The [Vermont Futures Project](#) promotes the long-term economic health of Vermont. Through leadership, research and education the Vermont Futures Project seeks to inform the conversation about Vermont's economic future and demonstrate how a healthy economy contributes to Vermont's vibrant communities and unique quality of life. To that end, the Vermont Futures Project has created an [economic data dashboard](#) to provide leaders important metrics to understand and measure progress in securing Vermont's economic future.

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