September 2013 – Public Service Announcement 20th Anniversary of the Closing of the Brandon Training School

Governor Shumlin

Governor Peter Shumlin here with a message about the 20th anniversary of the closing of the Brandon Training School where over 2,000 Vermont citizens with developmental disabilities once lived.

Vermonters are known for their deep sense of community. We care about our neighbors and we want everyone to have the chance to live full lives in their home communities.

Robert Brace lived at Brandon Training School. He was a successful advocate for the School's closing and the return home of our family members and friends.

Robert Brace

Thank you Governor.

We've come a long way in 20 years.

We all want a chance to live our dreams. We will never forget our history but we all look forward to a better future.

Michael Hoffman

For a listing of the events honoring the 20th anniversary of the Brandon Training School closing, call 871-3065 or go to the Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living's website at <u>www.DAIL.Vermont.gov</u>. That's www.D-A-I-L.V-E-R-M-O-N-T.gov