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Addison Central Supervisory Union Wins Chamber Pot of Gold

Middlebury, VT -- The Addison County Chamber of Commerce holds a monthly after hours business mixer around the county for members and guests to gather, network and have an enjoyable evening. At these mixers each month a member name is drawn from a "Pot of Gold" and if the member is present to claim the prize, then the business wins whatever money is in the pot! The pot grows each month that the winner is not present.

At the June mixer, hosted by Moonlit Alpacas in Cornwall, Learning Specialist Sarah Niebuhr was present to represent the Addison Central Supervisory Union. Turns out it was her lucky night, as the ACSU was picked from the Pot of Gold and won \$650!

ACSU's Early Education Program is based at Mary Hogan School and offers a range of preschool services to children from the seven towns that make-up the supervisory union (Bridport, Cornwall, Middlebury, Ripton, Salisbury, Shoreham, and Weybridge). The Early Education Program provides preschool screenings, developmental evaluations, and educational services to support children with special needs and children at risk for school success. The program offers children and families the option of attendance in a preschool classroom at Mary Hogan or they may receive outreach services in their homes, community childcares or at other preschools. The Early Education Program networks with community agencies to support the needs of preschool children and their families.

The money ACSU won from the Addison County Chamber of Commerce Pot of Gold will be used to expand the Program's early literacy materials. This will include new editions of some classic children's stories as well as puppets, which accompany the stories, making story reading a more interactive and language-rich experience for the children.

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