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For Immediate Release: ReCycle North Celebrates 15 Years With Reuse Awards and Ribbon Cutting at New Space

Burlington – With help from Burlington Mayor Bob Kiss, ReCycle North will recognize its 15th Anniversary today with a ribbon cutting for its new 2,000 square foot receiving bay, and present awards to two key reuse supporters.

ReCycle North opened its doors in a small warehouse on Pine Street in 1991. Since then, it has found new homes for over \$7.5 million worth of household goods and building materials, and today provides job skills training to over 80 individuals a year while providing essential goods and services free of charge to 600 individuals and families a year.

The organization employs over 40 people, many of whom are graduates of ReCycle North's programs. The additional 2,000 square feet of recently obtained workspace is a key component in a successful workplace safety campaign that has improved working conditions for staff and saved the organization \$60,000 in annual workers compensation premiums. The additional space also provides ground level, handicapped accessible training space and creates additional retail space in the Household Goods Store.

ReCycle North will also distribute its Karen Taylor Reuse Award recognizing two area residents who were key to helping the organization expand its reuse efforts in the past year. Annette Beard, owner of Trader's Way in St. Albans and Nicole Roberts, owner of Fiori Bridal in Essex Junction, donated a combined 200 brand new wedding gowns. With these donations, ReCycle North was able to make affordable wedding gowns available to the community, raise \$12,000 for its poverty relief and training programs, and support an innovative AIDS prevention program in Uganda with the gowns that were left over.

What: Ribbon Cutting at new 2,000 sq. ft. receiving bay
Reuse awards given to Essex Junction and St. Albans retailers
Who: Mayor Bob Kiss confirmed and ReCycle North founder, Ron Krupp invited and likely
When: Monday July 17, 12 noon
Where: ReCycle North's Household Goods Store, 266 Pine Street Burlington

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