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## **Kids' Chance of Vermont Funds \$71,000 in Scholarships for Children of Injured Workers**

Governor Phil Scott has signed a proclamation to observe the fourth annual Kids' Chance Awareness Week in Vermont.

The event was attended by Chaice Lopez, a young Vermonter from Morrisville who is attending Vermont Technical College thanks to a scholarship from Kids' Chance, together with Kids' Chance of Vermont board members and Department of Labor representatives.

Kids' Chance is a national non-profit that raises money to help the children of injured workers to afford higher education. When a family suffers a dramatic drop in income because a parent gets injured on the job and cannot return to work, paying for the children's higher education often becomes impossible.

Thanks to Kids' Chance, five young Vermonters whose parents suffered on-the-job injuries are now pursuing their college dreams thanks to scholarships worth more than \$71,000. This year's educational scholarship recipients are Rylee Combs of Enosburg Falls, who was awarded \$8,400 to pursue a degree in physical sciences, and Vanessa Dumas of Rutland, who received \$1,000 to study exercise science at Castleton University. Chaice Lopez had his \$12,000 scholarship renewed for a second year.

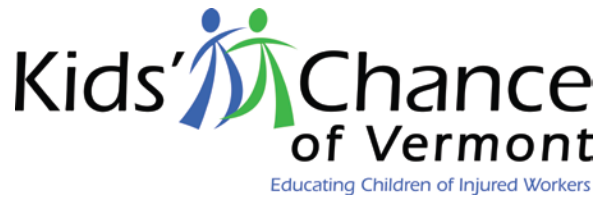
Burlington attorney Keith Kasper, president of Kids' Chance of Vermont, said: "During Awareness Week, we want to let more people know about the great opportunity that Kids' Chance offers families to afford higher education for their kids. If you are out of work due to a serious workplace injury and you have a child at or approaching college age, get in touch with us to see if we can help."

If you or someone you know might be eligible for a scholarship, please contact us at [info@kidschanceofvermont.org](mailto:info@kidschanceofvermont.org). Learn more or apply at [www.kidschanceofvermont.org/apply](http://www.kidschanceofvermont.org/apply).

**About Kids' Chance of Vermont**

Kids' Chance is a non-profit organization that helps children of injured workers pay for higher education when their families cannot. Since 2014, Kids' Chance of Vermont has awarded seven scholarships totaling over \$71,000 to five young Vermonters. Nationally, Kids' Chance of America has awarded 7,300 scholarships totaling \$24-million. The average award in 2018 was \$4,300.

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### **Attachments**

1. Governor's Proclamation
2. Signing ceremony photograph

### **Photo Caption**

Left to right: Annika Green (Staff Attorney, Dept of Labor), Dirk Anderson (General Counsel, Department of Labor), Chaice Lopez (scholarship recipient for past two years, in Construction Management at VTC), Wayne Sullivan (Board Member Kids' Chance), Keith Kasper (President of Kids' Chance), Governor Phil Scott, Phyllis Phillips (Board Member Kids' Chance), Stephen Monahan (Director of Workers' Compensation, Department of Labor), and Heidi Groff (Vice President of Kids' Chance).

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