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## **MAYOR CHAMPAGNE ANNOUNCES PRIVATE DONATION RECEIVED FOR NEW VERNON SENIOR CENTER**

**(Vernon, CT)** – Mayor Daniel A. Champagne has announced the donation of private funds, bequeathed to benefit the new Vernon Senior Center. The Town learned on October 29, 2015, that former Vernon resident Shirley M. Dunlap who passed away on October 20, 2015, bequeathed \$25,000 from her estate to the Vernon Senior Center.

*"We are most grateful to Ms. Dunlap for her generosity to Vernon and its Senior Center, said Mayor Champagne. Mrs. Dunlap was a long time member of the Senior Center and seemed to enjoy many of its activities. Our thoughts, prayers, and appreciation are with Ms. Dunlap's family at this difficult time," he said.*

While there are no specific requirements attached to the bequest, Champagne added, *"the funds will be used to enhance the experience of attendees to the new Center. Early ideas include establishing a fund to furnish rooms, or the creation of an up-to-date computer/technology lab."* he said. *"Whatever activity is determined best, we will be certain that the generosity of Ms. Dunlap is honored,"* said Champagne.

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