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Mister Chris and Friends To Headline Sensory-Friendly Concert at Higher Ground

Colchester, VT – April 22, 2019 – Come on out and sing along with Mister Chris at the Higher Ground debut of the Mister Chris and Friends Band in concert! They'll be performing new and familiar songs, including favorites from the popular Vermont PBS music series for kiddos, *Mister Chris and Friends*!

Vermont PBS and ECHO, Leahy Center for Lake Champlain are teaming up to present this special show in the Higher Ground ballroom on Sunday, May 5 at 12 pm. This will be a sensory-friendly performance for all ages. As part of their larger collaboration around bringing Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematic (STEM)-based engagement to children and families of Vermont, the two organizations will also provide interactive STEM-focused activities at the concert. [Tickets are on sale now](#) through Higher Ground.

"The Mister Chris concert is awesome family fun, an extension of our service to families and their young children. Join Vermont PBS and ECHO Sunday afternoon for some joy and inspiration," offers Holly Groschner, President and CEO of Vermont PBS. "This concert will bring to life the *Mister Chris and Friends* tv show and is a great way to 'jump up and down' at Higher Ground!"

"Science education is at the core of developing tomorrow's workforce. Never before has our world been so complex, and science knowledge so critical," says Phelan Fretz, Executive Director of ECHO. "Our partnership with Vermont PBS is critical to achieving our science education goals and together we see the power of art in communicating science."

The Vermont PBS television series for kids, *Mister Chris and Friends*, is hosted by show creator Chris Dorman, aka Mister Chris. The show focuses on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematic (STEAM)-based curriculum for its 3-6 year old target audience through gentle, guided adventure, relationships, and song. In each episode, Mister Chris has help from reoccurring characters and special guests to share important messages about healthy social and emotional connections to self, trusted adults, and our place in the growing world. Music, movement, and routine help to build a safe social and emotional environment for young viewers. Season one of *Mister Chris and Friends* aired on Vermont PBS and is available to stream at vermontpbs.org/misterchris.

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ECHO, Leahy Center for Lake Champlain is an innovative science and nature center located on Burlington Vermont's Waterfront. ECHO leverages its unique setting to inspire and engage families in the joy of scientific discovery, wonder of nature, and care of Lake Champlain. ECHO is the public face of the Leahy Center for Lake Champlain, a 2.7-acre campus that also includes the University of Vermont Rubenstein Ecosystem Laboratory and research vessel, Lake Champlain Sea Grant, the Lake Champlain Basin Program, and the Lake Champlain Navy Memorial in Hoehl Park. Visit echovermont.org.

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