

## 2023-2024 Round It Up For Change Nominees

(\* lists year last received RIUFC donation)

### **Clarina Howard Nichols Center** \*2020 Contact: Becky Gonyea [www.clarina.org](http://www.clarina.org)

Since 1981, the Clarina Howard Nichols Center has been working to end domestic and sexual violence in Lamoille County. The small staff of seven works tirelessly to support and advocate for survivors who are taking steps to achieve lives free from violence. The hotline is answered 24/7, an emergency shelter provides safety for up to seven survivors and their children at any time, and staff provide legal, medical, and housing advocacy every day. Last year, Clarina served 396 individuals, including providing emergency shelter for 51 individuals, providing legal advocacy for 342 individuals, and responding to 893 hotline calls.

Project: Funds from Round It Up For Change will be used to support Clarina's shelter program. Clarina's pet friendly shelter provides a physically and emotionally safe environment for survivors of domestic and sexual violence to begin healing and taking steps toward a life free from violence.

### **Johnson Health Center** Contact: Geoff Butler [thejohnsonhealthcenter.org](http://thejohnsonhealthcenter.org)

The Johnson Health Center is a (nonprofit) low barrier Primary Care Office specializing in addiction medicine and addiction services. We offer a wide variety of services to the entire community.

Project: Funds will be used to support all of the center's ongoing general operating costs. In addition to all of our Medical offerings, the Johnson Health Center offers free Narcan, Overdose Reversal Kits, wound kits, free coats for the colder seasons and many more free resources.

### **Lamoille Family Center (LFC)** \*2019 Contact: Julia Skonicki [lamoillefamilycenter.org](http://lamoillefamilycenter.org)

The Lamoille Family Center affirms the right of all children to grow up in an environment that enables them to become healthy adults by encouraging, educating and celebrating families. LFC is committed to developing a system of care that weaves together the best practices of professionals, the wisdom and experience of families, and the strengths and hopes of the community. We do this by providing more than 14 programs and services including Early Intervention, Prevention Education, Family Specialist Integration in Pediatrics, Child Care Financial Assistance and Referral, Youth Crisis Intervention, and Emergency Needs Family Outreach.

Project: The funds will support the Family Center's ongoing work with vulnerable families in Lamoille Valley.

### **Lamoille Housing Partnership (LHP)** \*2023, 2019 Contact: Kerrie Lohr [lamoillehousing.org](http://lamoillehousing.org)

Lamoille Housing Partnership collaborates with communities to create and preserve quality affordable housing opportunities for lower and moderate income earning households in Hardwick and Lamoille County.

Project: All funds raised through RIUFC will be earmarked and allocated into our Housing Opportunity Fund which LHP draws from to initiate and fund the first phase of a future affordable housing development. The funds will assist future affordable housing developments' such as LHP's upcoming project, the Lamoille Community House homeless shelter in Hyde Park. The annual Housing Opportunity Fund goal is \$100,000.

**Lamoille Neighbors** \*2020 Contact: Joan Greene [lamoilleneighbors.org](http://lamoilleneighbors.org)

Lamoille Neighbors provides educational, social and cultural programs to members through vetted volunteers. We fulfill requests for drivers, friendly visits, handy person home visits, light gardening, IT assistance and more.

Project: Funds will be used for the "Reach Out: Helping Aging Vermonters" program, which supports about 20 of our most vulnerable members. We provide frequent home visits, phone calls & cards, rides, and a monthly "coffee hour".

**Lamoille Restorative Center (LRC)** \*2020 Contact: Kate Ryan <https://lrcvt.org/>

We are a nonprofit organization that upholds the dignity and resilience of individuals and families through Restorative Justice Principles and Programs. LRC staff and volunteers help more than 900 children, youth, and adults each year succeed in three arenas: education, employment, and the legal system. LRC's focus is on improving outcomes, from school engagement and job retention to pretrial services and victim support.

Project: Round It Up For Change funds will primarily be used to help program participants overcome barriers to achieving their goals. For example, teens who are entering the world of work for the first time may not have essential clothing or transportation. These flexible funds will enable these young people to take steps toward their self-defined goals and increase their chances of moving successfully into adulthood.

**Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County** \*2023, 2022 Contact: Nicole Fournier Grisgraber [mowlc.org](http://mowlc.org)

The mission of Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County is to improve health and enhance the quality of life for our community elders by providing nutritious meals and social interaction. Each year over 50,000 meals are prepared for older Vermonters in Lamoille County.

Project: We will apply any funds received directly for food cost to help with home meal delivery.

**North Central Vermont Recovery Center (NCVRC)** \*2021 Contact: Tess Milner [ncvrc.com](http://ncvrc.com)

North Central Vermont Recovery Center is a non-profit corporation dedicated to providing an upbeat, welcoming, safe, and substance-free environment for individuals and families on their paths to lasting recovery from alcohol and drug addiction.

Project: RIUFC funds will support NCVRC's Health & Wellness Program, providing a holistic, whole-body approach to recovery.

**River Arts** \*2021 Contact: Kyle Nuse [www.riverartsvt.org/](http://www.riverartsvt.org/)

River Arts is a community art center located in the heart of downtown Morrisville. It serves over 5,000 people a year of all ages and abilities. Our mission is "Arts for Everyone." We offer year-round enriching art classes, workshops, free events, and summer camps. Additionally, we have clay studio memberships and private lesson opportunities and rent our spaces out at affordable prices.

Project: The monies raised from RIUFC will be used to fund River Arts' scholarship program. In the summer of 2023 alone, we gave out \$21,000 to families in need of tuition assistance.