

2024 Round It Up for Change Applicants

Clubhouse Kids Early Education & Preschool

CHK is a VT State Licensed Childcare Center for children ages 0-5. We are a high-quality childcare program that utilizes evidence-based, trauma-informed practices in the field of early childhood education. We have earned 5 STARS in the VT Step Ahead Recognition System and are an Early Head Start partner for infants and toddlers that are found eligible. CHK is a Specialized Child Care Provider, which means that our program has made a commitment to providing the best quality care to vulnerable at-risk children in the community. CHK is also a contracted Act 166 public preschool partner site that allows children to access a high-quality preschool education.

CHK participates in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and provides breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack to all children. This year the Board of Directors has set a goal of improving our food program by gradually incorporating more local and organic products and reducing waste through fewer individually packaged goods. We have recently drafted a Phased Improvement Plan with 11 phases. For phases 1 and 2 alone, which include alternate cracker products, cereal products and switching to organic dairy, the total annual financial impact is estimated to be around \$6,500. While we are committed to these improvements, the reality of the expenses does not escape us. A fundraising opportunity such as Round It Up for Change seems to be an appropriate avenue to securing more funds for this initiative.

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Lamoille Community Food Share

We are a nonprofit food pantry that provides for members of Lamoille County that are experiencing food insecurity. Funds will go directly towards providing food items for our community.

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Lamoille Community House

The Lamoille Community House is a year-around shelter located in Hyde Park, Vermont. We create a secure space for our neighbors to realize their own potential and discover their path toward stable housing by offering:

Safe sanctuary and warm meals to adults experiencing homelessness.

Paths to possibility in collaboration with community partners.

Community connections to a wide range of social services, and Dignity and hope for our guests

Funds will be directed towards the operating costs of our new, 21 bed facility in Hyde Park. We will be able to maintain a year-around place for those in our community with nowhere else to turn for shelter. We will be able to provide them a private room and communal kitchen in addition to transportation options for basic needs. It will be a place to begin again for those who have fallen on hard times.

Lamoille Community House received RIUFC donations in FY22 and FY21.

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Lamoille County Mental Health Services

Lamoille County Mental Health Services is a community mental health agency providing comprehensive mental health, developmental, behavioral, and family support services to the Lamoille Valley. Much of our work happens right in the communities where our consumers live - homes, schools and places of employment. The best path to health and wellness is the one that ensures a full, meaningful life. A steady job, success in school, a solid support system with strong relationships and good friends, good nutrition and healthy lifestyle.

One of our fund-raising goals over the past year or so is to increase access to telehealth. We received a grant to cover the technological equipment, but it did not cover modifications to the building to add private spaces to better host appointments. We are also considering modifying some of our other spaces throughout the county to be used for telehealth appointments so people can reduce their travel time and combat some of the internet connectivity issues in the more rural areas of the county. Additionally, our children's programs have had items for a sensory room on their wish list for a while.

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Lamoille County Players

The Lamoille County Players is dedicated to promoting the arts by providing high quality and affordable theater experiences for Lamoille County residents and visitors, and facilitating the use and maintenance of the historic Hyde Park Opera House as a vibrant space for LCP productions and other performing arts events.

The funds received from Round it up for change will be used for both show production expenses, and opera house maintenance. Maintenance costs include utility bills, building insurance, and everyday supplies; show expenses include show royalties, set building supplies, and various costume/prop/makeup expenses.

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Lamoille Neighbors

Our non-profit organization is made up of members and volunteers dedicated to enhancing the well-being of older adults by helping them continue to live in their own homes and stay in the community they choose.

Funds will support our third annual Arts Program, this year titled "What's Your Story? Write it! Shoot it! Print it! Build it!" an Arts Program for members, volunteers and guests taught by local artists.

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Lamoille Restorative Center

We are a nonprofit organization that upholds the dignity and resilience of individuals and families through restorative justice principles and programs for children, youth, and adults. Our youth programs focus on school attendance and engagement; employment readiness and experiences; youth aging out of foster care; and those at risk of involvement with the legal system. Additionally, we support adults who are involved in the legal system (from pre-trial services to post-incarceration reentry services) and support victims of crime or harm in our community. Lastly, we provide training and consultation for schools and local organizations.

These funds will be used for our concrete support fund, which is primarily used to support youth and families in the community. In the last year, most of these funds have been used to help young people meet basic needs, by providing items such as grocery cards, gas cards, clothing, and other transportation and communication related items. Providing concrete support often plays an essential role in participants being able to meet their program goal, and/or to reengage with school or work.

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Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County

Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County provides nutritious meals, well checks, and socialization to community elders who have difficulty leaving their home or preparing their meals. Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County is constantly growing.

Donated funds will support our continued effort to provide nutritious daily meals made with fresh, local ingredients, to promote a healthy lifestyle for older members of our community.

Meals on Wheels has received RIUFC support for the past 3 fiscal years.

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Morrisville Soccer Club

Morrisville Soccer Club is a 100% volunteer-run non-profit organization connecting youth of all ages to the sport of soccer with a commitment to teaching the principles of teamwork, good sportsmanship, and positive citizenship. Since 2005 the Morrisville Soccer Club has sponsored an annual Eurotrip for a high school team to a destination outside of the continental United States allowing our local youth to participate in an international youth soccer experience. Players spend the week exploring cultural and historical sites in the area. For many players it is a trip of a lifetime; exposing them to eye-opening cultural diversity that they may otherwise never experience. Eurotrip actively works to ensure that players of all means can participate through extensive annual community fundraising and wage-earning opportunities. Eurotrip partners with Premier International Tours, the international travel partner of US Club Soccer, to offer this opportunity to our local players.

Funds will help support the 2025 Eurotrip.

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Morristown Centennial Library

Morristown Centennial Library is the "living room" of this community. We provide a safe place for all- cool in the summer, warm in the winter- and resources to learn, entertain and share. Like the Co-op, Morristown Centennial Library also believes in being socially responsible through eating local, reusing and sharing materials with the community.

Funds will help support after school programs at MES as there is no funding for them this year.

The Library received RIFUC donations in FY23 and FY22.

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River Arts

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. A new initiative we started this year is a Youth Workforce Development Program for youth and young adults ages 10-20. In 2024 we offered over 20 kids ambassadorship and internship opportunities that built their resumes and gave them real time work experience. We also collaborated with the Morristown Centennial Library to put on Morristown Free University for the month of April. During that time, 33 free classes and workshops were offered to the community. Over 300 people of all ages participated!

The monies raised from this program will be used to fund our scholarship program. In the summer of 2024 alone, we gave out \$26,000 to families in need of tuition assistance.

River Arts received RIUFC funding in FY24 and FY21.

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Vermont Studio Center

Vermont Studio Center is an international creative community for artists and writers. We support intensive disciplined studio work. VSC provides an optimal creative atmosphere for two-week to three-week residencies. We welcome writers and artists for residencies in Johnson, Vermont and host online programs and events. Our buildings, many of them historic Vermont Landmarks, overlook the Gihon River in northern Green Mountains.

Funds will support Vermont Week, a one week residency program open only to Vermont residents. Each of the 30 residents attend tuition free. A one-week residency costs \$1,750 per resident. Artists and writers are selected via a jury process and each resident gets a private studio, lodging on our campus, and meals. Vermont Week concludes with an open studio that is open to the public as well as visiting artists and writers talks also free to the public.

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