RIUFC Nominees for 2027

12 applications received for the Round It Up For Change Program.
* Indicates organization was a RIUFC recipient last year
Member-Owners will vote for six (6)

Clarina Howard Nichols Center*

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Since 1981, the Clarina Howard Nichols Center has been working to end domestic and sexual violence, stalking, and human trafficking in Lamoille County. Our small staff of 7 work tirelessly to support and advocate for survivors as they take steps to achieve lives free from violence. Our services include a 24-hour hotline, emergency shelter, advocacy services related to housing, medical, legal, and social service needs, and outreach and education. Last year Clarina served 380 individuals. Advocates responded to 1,694 hotline calls and provided emergency shelter for 33 adults and 14 children.

Funds from Round It Up For Change will be used to support our shelter program. Clarina's pet friendly shelter provides a physically and emotionally safe environment for survivors to begin healing and take steps toward a life free from violence. Shelter expenses include food, hygiene products, cleaning supplies, internet and phone service, utilities, and building maintenance.

Clubhouse Kids

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Clubhouse Kids is a non-profit childcare & preschool program in Morrisville, VT serving children from Lamoille county and surrounding regions. Clubhouse Kids provides a positive, inclusive, and enriching environment that nurtures kindness and confidence within all children and allows them the freedom to plant their roots as learners.

CHK would use these funds to supplement our food budget, allowing us to continue strengthening our partnerships with local farmers and CSA programs. This support will help us provide nutritious, well-balanced meals made with fresh, locally sourced ingredients and support our financial sustainability as a non-profit business.

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Downstreet Housing & Community Development

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Downstreet Housing & Community Development is a mission-driven, non-profit organization dedicated to creating opportunities for Central Vermonters in Lamoille, Washington, and Orange counties. For nearly four decades, we've used the power of permanently affordable housing as a platform to connect people to the resources they need to thrive and to strengthen the health and future of our local communities.

Downstreet will use these funds to support our permanently affordable housing efforts and operations in Lamoille County. With our most recent project in Morrisville, Muddy Moose Shared-Equity Homes, and our upcoming project in Johnson, McClelland Hall Apartments, Downstreet is working hard to create more opportunities for individuals and families in Lamoille County. Muddy Moose brought eight new single-family homes to the area, and McClelland will create 25 new apartment homes.

The Dream Program

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The DREAM Program is a youth-serving organization working in Lamoille County and beyond, dedicated to closing the opportunity gap through long-term, relationship-based mentoring. By partnering closely with local high schools and communities, DREAM provides consistent support, enrichment, and resources that empower young people to thrive.

The funds would be used to directly support DREAM's Lamoille County programming in local high schools, strengthening our Guided Mentoring Program and ensuring youth have consistent access to mentorship, enrichment activities, and healthy snacks.

The Dream Program is active at Lamoille Union High School. The advisor at LUHS is Brittany Bullard, bbullard@lnsd.org.

Green Mountain Birth Center

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Green Mountain Birth Center is a non-profit, midwife-owned organization that will provide midwifery care and birthing services at Vermont's first free-standing birth center. Before our birth center is up and running (2028) we will provide prenatal, postpartum and gynecologic care in our Morrisville office so that local folks won't have to travel so far for these services. We envision a future where every person has access to safe, equitable, and inclusive birth and reproductive healthcare regardless of geography, income, or background. In Vermont's rural

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communities, we work to overcome barriers by expanding care through home visits, telehealth, and integrated mental health services. We strive to create an environment where people are empowered with information, supported in their choices, and treated with dignity. Through this approach, we aim to strengthen families, nurture wellness across the lifespan, and deepen the roots of community health.

Green Mountain Birth Center is running a midwifery clinic in Morrisville at the Wing Center in advance of building the birth center. (started in July 2026). The round up for change funds would go towards the efforts of actually building Vermont's first birth center.

Lamoille Home Health & Hospice

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Since 1971, Lamoille Home Health & Hospice has been providing high quality home health, rehabilitative therapies, long term care, palliative care, and hospice services to residents of Lamoille County. Our mission is to support health, independence, and dignity by delivering compassionate, skilled, and supportive care that helps individuals remain safe in the comfort of their own home.

Lamoille Home Health & Hospice and the Morrisville Food Co-op share a commitment to supporting the health, well-being, and dignity of community members. Funds received by Lamoille Home Health & Hospice will support patients who need home health and hospice services. The Agency believes that the highest standards of health and end-of-life care are fundamental rights and that our most vulnerable community members deserve compassionate care when and where they need it most -- at home.

North Country Animal League

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North Country Animal League’s mission is to promote compassionate and responsible relationships between humans and animals. Our Vision: We envision a world that is nurturing and compassionate towards all sentient beings.

RIUFC funds will be used for the care and housing of homeless animals.

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River Arts*

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River Arts of Morrisville is a community arts center dedicated to enriching lives through the power of creativity. For 26 years, River Arts has provided affordable and accessible arts opportunities for all ages, including classes, camps, exhibitions, performances, and free programs for families. Each year, we serve thousands of people across our region, ensuring that everyone—regardless of income—can experience the joy and connection the arts bring. By rounding up at the Co-op, you help support scholarships, free community programs, and our mission of “Arts for Everyone.”

Funds from “Round It Up for Change” will directly support River Arts’ free programs and classes throughout the community—from our early childhood programs, which provide free, high-quality arts experiences for children ages 0–5 and their caregivers, to our senior programs, which give older adults opportunities to create, connect, and feel less alone. Your spare change helps cover teaching artist salaries, art supplies, and outreach, allowing us to reach more community members and make sure that everyone has the opportunity to experience the joy, connection, and many benefits of the arts.

Salvation Farms*

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Salvation Farms fosters a future where local farms feed local communities. Our organization focuses on supporting farm viability and reducing waste by distributing surplus crops into the community.

These funds will be used to support our gleaning program - This includes volunteers and our staff members going to area farms to harvest local produce that is distributed. In 2025 alone, we harvested 70,000+ pounds of food from 35 farms that was distributed to 60+ food sites including food shelves, afterschool programs, and elderly care facilities.

UnBound Afterschool Program*

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Unbound offers free, year-round afterschool and summer programming for local students in grades 5–12. From cooking and arts to sports, outdoor adventures, and more, Unbound gives young people a place to explore new interests, build friendships, and have fun. Every donation helps us continue providing meaningful opportunities for local youth and families, regardless of their financial circumstances. When you Round It Up for Change, you’re helping local kids learn, grow, and thrive!

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Funds would help support Unbound's summer program, which has become especially important as more local families look for affordable summer options. With Morrisville Recreation currently not funded, we've seen an increased need for our program and are serving more students than we have in the past. This additional support helps cover the costs of providing a fun and enriching summer for local kids, including supplies, activities, staffing, and transportation. The Co-op's support made a real difference this past summer, and as the need continues to grow, additional funding will help us keep our program free and accessible to local families while providing quality experiences for even more students.

Vermont Association for Mental Health & Addiction Recovery

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The Vermont Association for Mental Health and Addiction Recovery (VAMHAR), founded in 1939, is Vermont's statewide nonprofit dedicated to advancing mental health, substance use recovery, and behavioral health equity for all Vermonters. For more than eight decades, VAMHAR has occupied a distinctive position at the intersection of community voice, workforce development, and systems-change advocacy—convening stakeholders, strengthening provider capacity, and ensuring that the experiences of people most affected by mental health and addiction challenges inform policy, practice, and programs.

Support received through Round It Up for Change would go to support our Recovery Friendly Workplace Initiative (https://www.vamhar.org/rfw). A "Recovery Friendly Workplace" (RFW) is a place of work in which the employer, in collaboration with employees, establishes, maintains, and continually enhances policies, practices, and a culture and work environment that are supportive of current and prospective employees in recovery from, or otherwise affected by, substance use disorders. By offering resources such as training, education, and support systems, RFWs create safer and healthier spaces that not only aid individuals in their recovery journey but also contribute positively to the organization's culture and productivity. The significance of RFWs extends beyond individual support; they present substantial benefits to businesses and the broader economy. Incorporating recovery-friendly initiatives is not merely a compassionate choice but a strategic business decision.

Among organizations who have moved forward with their commitment letters and begun the RFWI process in Lamoille County are Jenna's Promise, GW Tatro, Vermont Department of Health, the Department of Labor, HireAbility, High Top Cleaning Services. We have also long been working with NCVRC, MSI, Concept2, Smuggler's Notch, and several other companies/organizations that are statewide and operate in Lamoille and hire people from Lamoille.

Wildwood Forest Academy

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Wildwood Forest Academy is a small, independent, place-based school serving children ages 6–12. Rooted in

our local forests, streams, and community partnerships, we blend strong academics with hands-on outdoor learning. Students cook over fire, study local ecology, build practical skills, and develop confidence through real-world experiences.

Funds raised through Round It Up for Change will directly support access to our Forest Friday Program, a full-day outdoor learning experience open to children from both homeschool and public school communities across Vermont. Forest Fridays are designed to give children meaningful time outside—building shelters, learning fire safety, studying local ecology, practicing teamwork, cooking outdoors, and developing practical land-based skills. In an era when many children spend the majority of their week indoors and on screens, this program creates space for connection to nature, resilience-building, and real-world learning.

Round Up funds will help us: Offer sliding-scale tuition and scholarships for local families; Ensure public school students can participate regardless of financial barriers; Provide materials for hands-on projects (woodworking tools, natural craft supplies, cooking equipment, and safety gear); Support transportation assistance when needed.