

**Agencies Requesting
Town Funds
From Greensboro, VT
Greensboro Town Meeting
March 5, 2014.**

**Supplement to the
Fiscal Year 2013
Greensboro Town Report**

Agencies Requesting Town Funds

Please Note: Agencies within Greensboro are included in the FY2013 Greensboro Town Report

- American Red Cross, Northern Vermont Chapter** provides support to victims of fires, floods, and other disasters as well as CPR classes and youth leadership and swimming programs. 1-802-660-9130 www.nvtredcross.org
- Area Agency on Aging** provides services to senior citizens, such as caregiver support, health insurance help, and casework services. 1-802-748-5182 www.nevaaa.org
- AWARE, Aid to Women, Men and Children in Abuse and Rape Emergencies**, provides services to victims of sexual and domestic violence. 472-6463
- Caledonia Home Health Care** provides home care and hospice services regardless of ability to pay. 748-8116
- Clarina Howard Nichols Center** is a shelter for battered women and their children. 888-2584 www.clarina.org
- Craftsbury Community Care Center** is a non-profit full-care nursing facility. www.craftsburycommunitycarecenter.org.
- Green Up Vermont** sponsors Green Up Day. 1-800-974-3259 www.greenupvermont.org.
- Hardwick Area Community Coalition** focuses on reducing alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use in the Hardwick area. 472-8010 www.haccprevention.com
- Hardwick Area Food Shelf** provides food for low-income individuals and families. 472-5940
- Hardwick Area Community Justice Center** works with offenders in the criminal justice system and their re-entry into the community. 644-1960.
- Lamoille Family Center** provides specialized services to families with children, including programs for pregnant and parenting teens. 888-5229 www.lamoillefamilycenter.org
- North Country Animal League** promotes animal welfare. 888-5065 www.ncal.com
- Northeast Kingdom Learning Services** provides home and learning-center education to persons over 16. 334-6532
- Northeast Kingdom Human Services (NKHS)** provides services related to mental health, developmental disabilities, and alcohol and drug abuse. 1-802-334-6744 www.nkhs.net
- Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA)** is our regional planning and development commission. 748-5181
- Northern Vermont Resource Conservation & Development Council (NVRCDC)** helps communities protect natural resources. This group provides our Better Back Roads Grants. 1-802-828-4595
- Orleans County Citizen Advocacy** brings people with disabilities together with volunteer advocates. 1-802-873-3285 orleanscountycitizenadvocacy.org
- Orleans County Court Diversion** helps first-time juvenile and adult offenders of nonviolent crimes and their victims. 1-802-334-8224
- Orleans County Historical Society** owns and operates the Old Stone House Museum in Brownington. 1-802-754-2022 www.oldstonehousemuseum.org
- Rural Community Transportation (RCT)** provides transportation for many purposes, including transportation for seniors to senior meal sites and for Medicaid beneficiaries to medical appointments. 748-8170 www.rideRCT.org
- Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL)** provides services to Vermonters with disabilities, including information, counseling, training, advocacy, and help with independent living. 1-800-639-1522 www.vcil.org

Article 12: Shall the Town appropriate the following sums for the following uses and agencies?

Use or Agency	Amount
Area Agency on Aging	\$ 1,000
AWARE	1,500
Ballfield	800
Beach	2,450
Caledonia Home Health	1,400
Caspian Milfoil Program	6,000
Cemetery	15,000
Clarina Howard Nichols Center	200
Conservation Commission	2,000
Craftsbury Community Care Center	10,000
Four Seasons of Early Learning	9,500
Green Up	50
Greensboro Free Library	20,000
Greensboro Historical Society	1,500
Greensboro Nursing Home	22,693
Greensboro Recreation	2,000
Hardwick Area Community Coalition	500
Hardwick Area Food Shelf	2,000
Hardwick Area Restorative Justice	1,500
Lamoille Family	500
Memorial Day	250
Northeast Kingdom Learning Services	250
North Country Animal League	600
Northeast Kingdom Human Services	800
NVDA	450
Orleans County Historical Society	400
Orleans County Citizens Advocacy	800
Orleans County Court Diversion	100
Red Cross	250
Rescue squad	4,883
Rural Community Transportation	900
VT Center for Independent Living	210
Wonder & Wisdom/Senor Trotters	3,500
Total	\$ 113,986

Area Agency on Aging for Northeastern Vermont

Lisa Viles, Executive Director

The Area Agency on Aging is a private, non-profit, organization serving the residents of Caledonia, Essex and Orleans counties. We support people age 60 and older in their efforts to remain active, healthy, financially secure and in control of their lives. The Agency connects older adults and their families with the services they need to live with independence and dignity.

Our staff works closely with seniors and their families offering assistance with Medicare, Social Security, Medicaid, public assistance programs, in-home services, and many other types of help. There is no charge for services provided by the Agency, but many of those we assist donate to help support our work.

During the past year your support allowed us to provide assistance to 33 residents of Greensboro as well as more than a thousand seniors from across the Northeast Kingdom and supported a broad variety of important programs for older adults and their families. These programs include Meals-on-Wheels, supportive services to help seniors continue to live at home, health insurance counseling, transportation for medical and other appointments, legal services and help for family caregivers.

Thank you for your support over the years and for your help in letting people know about the services we provide. Please give your careful consideration to our request this year, and let us know if we can be of assistance to you or someone you know.

AWARE

Anna Pirie, Executive Director

For over 29 years, AWARE, Inc. has been serving victims of domestic and sexual violence in your community.

Last year AWARE served 216 women, men and children, who were directly affected by violence, over 209 children who were exposed to violence, answered over 1061 hotline and in-person assistance requests, and educated over 3,575 community members which includes over 2200 students in our local schools.

Those served by AWARE received services such as crisis intervention, legal support and advocacy, information and referrals, safety planning, emergency provisions, housing assistance, transportation, support groups and education. Educational classes included topics such as public safety, healthy friendships, communication skills, consensual sex, sexual harassment, healthy sexual development in children, sexual abuse prevention and the effects of the media and its relationship to violence in our lives.

AWARE continues to rely on local funding and support from the towns that we serve. With this in mind, AWARE respectfully requests Greensboro's continued support with a \$1500 appropriation this year. Funding our request will help AWARE to continue its important work in your community.

As always, we at AWARE greatly appreciate the continuing community support for our programs.

Caledonia Home Health Care and Hospice

Caledonia Home Health Care & Hospice (CHHC) is Northern Counties Health Care's Medicare and Medicaid certified comprehensive Home Care and Hospice division, proudly serving the residents of Caledonia and southern Essex counties, and the Town of Greensboro since 1968.

Mission, Vision, Values

Our Mission

Is to enhance the quality of life of individuals and families by providing compassionate, accessible and affordable patient-centered health services.

Our Vision

Is to be a premier community healthcare system and a leading model of excellence in health care delivery and outcomes that attract the highest caliber personnel, and is emulated by others.

Our Values

We believe that high quality, comprehensive and culturally sensitive health care is a basic human right.

We believe in treating people at all times with respect and dignity.

We believe in respecting the rights of privacy and confidentiality for all individuals served.

We believe that individuals have an essential right to participate in planning and making decisions about their health care in voluntary cooperation with their family.

We believe that our programs must be coordinated with other community health and human services, planned so that care is continuous throughout the health care system and provided in the most cost-effective way possible.

We believe in promoting independence, health education, empowerment and self-determination to achieve optimal quality of life.

We believe our staff is our most valuable asset; therefore an environment that fosters the well-being, development, and excellence of staff is essential to our mission.

We believe that service delivery should be determined by the individual's need, not by an individual's ability to pay for a service.

Caledonia Home Health Care provides intermittent, medically necessary nursing and rehabilitative therapies to clients in their own homes. Referrals for this service come from a variety of sources; the doctor's office, hospitals, family members, friends and clients themselves.

Our Hospice program offers clients with the highest quality of life possible when they have a life-limiting illness. We offer a comprehensive and coordinated approach to care by utilizing the expertise and services of our Medical Director, Hospice Chaplain, Social Services, Nursing Care, Volunteer services, the client's own physician and paraprofessional services.

Anyone is eligible for Hospice care if they have a life threatening/life limiting illness when the client, family, caregiver and physician agree to this level of care. Hospice care can be provided in a client's own home, a family member's home, a paid caregiver's home or a nursing home.

Testimonials

"In the past 11 years of my care giving, home health has been my support at all times. They are the best! I could not have done it without them... I'm glad to have them on my side. They are a great team. We need more like them."

"My Physical Therapist and Nurse were methodical, practical, and explained things to me in terms I could understand. They were friendly, courteous, good listeners, and punctual as well as professional."

"The staff is very kind and caring. They make you feel good by the way they treat you as a friend and not a patient. They are on time and call 1st to let you us know they are coming. Very knowledgeable in all areas of healthcare. Thank you!"

"People from home health care agency were kind, communicative, thoughtful, and patient. Nothing but good thoughts for those people."

Clarina Howard Nichols Center

For more than five years, Clarina has consistently served at least 400 people. The stabilized increase in services from earlier years indicates that stakeholders throughout the community are aware of our services and able to access them. The survivors' lives impacted by our outreach, hotline, and advocacy services suggests that our work to end domestic and sexual violence will remain a priority in our future. The noticeable increases in service is clearest outside of shelter numbers, which remain limited primarily by housing capacity.

Clarina has continued to build an extensive presence in the community, where 80% of our advocacy, outreach, and community prevention work takes place. Clarina also worked effectively as part of Lamoille County's Special Investigation Unit by supporting victims of criminal sexual and domestic violence investigation and prosecution. Clarina provided more than 1,200 instances of legal advocacy and criminal justice support. More than 200 individuals

requested advocacy related to court cases including issues of protection orders, parentage, custody, visitation, victim notification, and other proceedings.

Clarina's Community and Outreach programs have also continued to assist individual school systems and supervisory unions to implement Act I (which mandates that sexual violence prevention education be implemented into the health education curriculum of all K-12 schools statewide). Additionally, over 50 youth and young adults were also directly educated around issues of consent, rape culture, and sexual violence on campus. Clarina continues to develop new programs to meet community need. Journeys Home, a home visitation program for former shelter guests in transition, was launched this year. The pilot program offers continued assistance as domestic violence survivors transition toward sustainable long-term housing.

Craftsbury Community Care Center

Kimberly Roberge, Executive Director

Craftsbury Community Care Center (aka the 4'C's) is a non-profit Residential Facility offering home like independent living in a safe and friendly environment. We offer services and activities that enhance resident's quality of life and ability to remain as independent as possible.

In 2013 we have served 28 residents who have either lived in or have family in many of our surrounding communities including Greensboro. We have employed 29 staff members consisting of full/part time and per diem who live in Craftsbury and surrounding communities, including Greensboro. Many of our employees have been with us for many years which speaks to the staff's dedication as well as our positive work environment. The high quality of care, activities and support offered to the residents by our compassionate, caring staff is apparent whenever you visit the 4C's. In addition to our staff, we have a very dedicated and active Board of Directors, of which four members come from the Greensboro community. The 4C's continues to expand our involvement in Craftsbury and the surrounding communities of Greensboro, Hardwick, and Albany either by hosting events, involving residents in community events, or by providing meals to seniors. We continue to host monthly Art Receptions and display local artist's work for residents and community members to enjoy. The Bone Builders, an exercise program for prevention of osteoporosis, is a popular twice weekly event and continues to grow in numbers. We continue to collaborate with surrounding community's elementary school programs, Sterling College, and Wonder and Wisdom to provide intergenerational activities. There is on-going communication with the Greensboro Nursing Home to assist in meeting the needs of residents. The Meals on Wheels Program continues to be a vital service we provide to home bound seniors in collaboration with the Area Agency on Aging and many volunteers.

The Craftsbury Community Care Center wishes to thank the Town of Greensboro for the generous support offered to assist us in keeping our facility an affordable home-like residence for individuals residing here. Please come and visit our facility, participate in activities, visit with friends and neighbors, or visit us at www.craftsburycommunitycarecenter.org.

Four Seasons of Early Learning

Statement available in the FY2013 Greensboro Town Report

Green Up

Did not provide a statement with their appropriation request.

Greensboro Free Library

Statement available in the FY2013 Greensboro Town Report

Greensboro Historical Society

Statement available in the FY2013 Greensboro Town Report

Greensboro Nursing Home

Statement available in the FY2013 Greensboro Town Report

Greensboro Recreation Committee

Statement available in the FY2013 Greensboro Town Report

Hardwick Area Community Coalition

Erica Baker, Coordinator

After many years of noticing prescription drug abuse as well as other drug abuse happening in our community, a community member, called a public meeting to address these destructive issues. Over 100 people attended that first meeting, with a core group of community members volunteering to do more.

As a result, the Hardwick Area Community Coalition was created. We were fortunate to get scholarships to allow us to attend various trainings on building an effective drug prevention organization. We developed into a Coalition: a group of individuals and organizations working together in order to achieve a common goal – the Hardwick Area Community Coalition focuses

our mission on reducing alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use by changing the norms within our communities and delaying the onset of first use of these substances by youth. We received a grant from the State of Vermont Department of Health during the summer of 2004. We have continued to receive support from the State as well as the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to further our work until recently when our State Grant ended on June 30, 2011. We currently do not have a grant and rely on fundraising and donations.

Hardwick Area Food Pantry

The Food Pantry serves people in need primarily from Hardwick, Greensboro, Craftsbury, Walden, Stannard, Albany, and Wolcott. We occasionally have clients from Cabot, Calais, Danville, Johnson, Morrisville, and Woodbury. Since 2010 the number of households that come to the pantry for food has more than doubled. That along with the increase of the cost of food has caused a significant rise in our carrying costs. In 2010, we spent \$23,500 and in 2012 we spent \$40,322.

The majority of our clients are from Hardwick, but of all the other towns we serve, Greensboro has the most number of households served. I am hoping that you would consider an appropriation of \$2000 to help with these rising costs.

Hardwick Area Community Justice Center

Carol Plante, Director

In the 2012/13 fiscal year HACJC programs provided restorative practices to community members in the greater Hardwick Area in the Pre-Charge, Reparative Probation, and Direct Court Referral programs. Overall, hundreds of residents are served both directly and peripherally in the pursuit of repairing the harm incurred by offenses against individuals and the community. Additionally, restorative practices were employed in the resolution of neighbor disputes and in the workplace.

The restorative programs work with those who are responsible for an offense and those who have been impacted by the offense to find ways to make amends for the harm. The primary work of HACJC programs is to make amends for the harm caused by crime by holding offenders accountable for their actions and finding appropriate ways for the offender to make amends for the harm. Offenders meet with a panel of community volunteers and those impacted, harmed, and all participate in creating a contract of conditions to be met by the offender that meets the needs of the victim and restores the community.

HACJC receives referrals from local law enforcement before the case is referred to the State's Attorney's office (Pre-Charge), by the Department of Corrections as a condition of probation (Reparative Probation) or directly from community members interested in resolving other conflict or disputes. Town officials, civic group leaders, organization boards, and school administrators also may make other referrals to the program. HACJC provides dispute resolution coaching and conducts educational community events each year. HACJC influences the atmosphere of the community by offering more satisfying resolution to those harmed by crime by allowing victims of crime to have a say in the outcome of the case. Other positive impacts are improved relationships of community members, an enriched learning opportunity focused on making better life choices and a safer place to live.

Typical referrals from the Hardwick Police are for crimes such as Disorderly Conduct, Simple Assault, Unlawful Mischief, Retail Theft, Petit Larceny, Possession of Stolen Property, DUI, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, etc. Eighteen community volunteers who reside in the towns of Hardwick, Greensboro, Greensboro Bend, Craftsbury, East Hardwick, Walden, Woodbury and Cabot contributed nearly 500 hours to the programs. HACJC also provided consultation, mediation and facilitation services to local schools that are using restorative practices as part of or an enhancement to their discipline plans. HACJC continues to provide assistance to the Hazen Union "Justice League" in implementing restorative practices in the high school and middle school.

Hardwick Area Community Justice Center has expanded its services by implementing Offender Reentry Services and "Circles of Support and Accountability" (CoSA). Reentry services provide supports for people in the criminal justice system who are returning to the Hardwick Area to help them meet conditions of release and become engaged and responsible members of the community. These services contribute to public safety by taking into consideration the needs of those who may have been victims of the offender's crime. Please contact the Director for more information about CoSA or to become a volunteer.

Lamoille Family Center

Scott Johnson, Executive Director

The Lamoille Family Center is in its 38 year of service to children, youth and families! During this time, thousands of individuals throughout the Lamoille Valley have received our services, including home visiting, parent education, playgroups, child-care resource and referral, youth services, and emergency assistance. The families we serve face the overwhelming challenges of isolation, poverty, substance abuse, violence, and much more. Our staff works with families to set realistic goals and celebrate together as each step is achieved.

In fiscal year 2013, more than 1,600 children, youth, parents and caregivers throughout the Lamoille Valley received home visits, participated in playgroups, attended parent education classes, received Reach Up services and engaged in monitored parent-child contact. Hundreds more families and child care providers received child care support services including assistance with applying for Child Care Financial Assistance, referral to regulated programs, professional development for child care staff, and participation in the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

Countless children are stronger, safer and more confident as a result of their involvement with the Family Center. Together, step by step, we will reach the day when all children are safe, healthy, and loved.

Support through volunteer time, donation of goods and services, and financial contributions remain vital to the sustainability of the Lamoille Family Center. We cannot do this work without you. We invite you to stop by for a visit, meet some of our staff, and see a glimpse of what happens each day at the Family Center.

Northeast Kingdom Learning Services

Michelle Tarryk, Executive Director

Northeast Kingdom Learning Services (NEKLS) is requesting town funds to help support the programs that NEKLS delivers in your area. Adult educational services, job skills, transitional support and family services are some of the many programs that are available to the residents of the area. NEKLS also has Community Education Centers in Newport, Hardwick, and Canaan, with part-time centers in Island Pond and Gilman.

For over 40 years, NEKLS has been serving residents of Orleans, Essex, and Caledonia counties. Services are provided to people of all ages wanting to earn a high school diploma or GED, to learn basic computer skills, or to improve college and career readiness skills. Our Adult Education program provides a wide variety of free services.

In 2013, NEKLS introduced the NEKLS Mobile Lab to the Northeast Kingdom. The Mobile Lab was funded by a grant from FairPoint Communications and the vehicle to transport the Mobile Lab was generously donated by North Point and the Auto Saver Group. We now have one more way to bring services to the most rural areas of the Northeast Kingdom.

Partnering with local schools, the NEKLS Tutorial program provides academic support to students of all grade levels who may be struggling in school. While parents with children ages 0 to 6 are able to access help through our Children's Integrated Services program which

promotes a child's growth and development and supports families during pregnancy/postpartum and their child's early years.

State and federal budget challenges continue to impact the funding of community non-profit organizations such as NEKLS. As a result, town funds are vital to our efforts to introduce new instructional options and maintain the same level of high program quality. We hope you will continue to support NEKLS as we look forward to another year of being a supportive partner in the community.

We respectfully request an appropriation of \$250.00 for the coming year. Thank you for your consideration.

North Country Animal League

Sallie Scott, Executive Director

There are many occasions on which to show gratitude, but none as special as when we receive a gift that will help the homeless-for-awhile animals in our care. On behalf of the Board, the staff, the volunteers, and, of course, the dogs, puppies, cats, and kittens, thank you for your past financial support.

At this time North Country Animal League (NCAL) respectfully submits a request for \$600 in town allocation appropriation funds for the year 2014. These funds help us fulfill our mission of promoting compassionate and responsible relationship between animals and humans through education and adoptions, spay/neuter programs, support of cruelty prevention and the sheltering of homeless animals. This past year NCAL accepted 3 stray or surrendered animals into our adoption/shelter program from Greensboro.

These 3 strays or surrenders amount to an approximate expense to NCAL of \$2,250 when using a minimum expense of \$750 per animal for care, feeding, and medical needs before adoption. Our adoption fees of \$150 per dog and \$90 per cat pay only a small amount of the expenses incurred: spay/neuter, de-worming, vaccines, food and care. To ensure the adoption of homeless animals, we must keep our adoption fees affordable. Since our adoption fees cover only the minimum of expense, we need community support for our humanitarian work.

Daily boarding fees at private kennels range from \$25 to \$30 per day. To board animals with an average stay of 21 days before adoption, your town would have spent as much as \$1,260 and as little as \$1,050 just to house these strays, not including medical, advertising for adoption, and overhead. NCAL is still the best financial solution for Greensboro's stray and homeless animal problem.

In addition to taking Greensboro's strays and surrenders, we are involved in the community with our education programs. Qualified staff members and volunteers go into the schools, nursing homes and get in front of community groups like the Scouts to teach humane and kind treatment of animals. Many of the county's social service groups use us as a place to teach responsibility and caring, and our volunteer program offers opportunities for people who want to serve their community for the greater good of society.

Northeast Kingdom Human Services

Eric Grims, Executive Director

Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc. is a private not-for-profit organization serving Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans Counties. It is organized and directed by local citizens who believe that human services should be cost effective and responsive to the needs of our local communities. **The mission of NKHS is to enrich communities and enhance the ability of individuals and families to improve their lives.**

NKHS serves residents who are challenged by conditions that affect the mind, body, and spirit. Services are provided to individuals with severe and persistent mental illness, individuals with alcohol and drug problems, children with severe emotional disturbances and their families, individuals with developmental disabilities such as mental retardation and autism, and a 24-hour crisis intervention program for anyone in need. Fees are charged based on the person's ability to pay. No one is refused services for lack of ability to pay.

We have offices in Derby, Hardwick, and St. Johnsbury and reach out to other communities in the schools, homes, and other locations.

We greatly appreciate your interest, your help in letting people know about the services we provide, and your financial support.

FY 2013 SUMMARY OF SERVICES FOR THE TOWN OF Town of Greensboro

2010 Census Count for your town: **762** Persons served in your town: **29**

Our 2014 request for support is calculated on \$1.05 per person based on the last census.

NKHS employs **4** citizens from your community.

Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA)

David Snedeker

The Northeastern Vermont Development Association – the state’s only regional planning commission and economic development corporation – has been serving your community and the Northeast Kingdom for more than 60 years. We continue to assist local officials with land use, transportation, and emergency planning, and we serve the businesses of the Kingdom, promoting sustainable economic growth.

Understanding that many of our communities have limited resources to deal with increasingly complex issues and state and federal requirements we work to ensure that our planning, technical assistance, and business services help to address important local needs. This year our staff met with every community to review existing plans and recommend strategies for updating and implementing them. Training programs that we offered covered a variety of topics, including disaster planning and flood resilience, due process in planning and zoning, and foreign trade benefits. Also, nearly every community in our region has participated in our well-attended local road foreman trainings.

In 2013, NVDA was at work in your community. Our staff reviewed your recently readopted Town Plan, and the plan received regional approval from our full board. We also conducted a training on the Emergency Relief and Assistance Fund and prepared a Hazard Mitigation Planning Grant on the town’s behalf. Our transportation planning staff completed traffic counts in Greensboro.

Most of us are aware that an infusion of EB-5 investment funds will bring substantial and positive developments to communities in the Northeast Kingdom, particularly in the manufacturing, hospitality, and tourism sectors. These developments are attracting other developments and NVDA has responded by hiring an additional economic development specialist for the region and by marshalling resources to identify the impacts on our region’s services, infrastructure, and housing stock so that our communities can prepare. Earlier this year NVDA established a Foreign Trade Zone that will increase the competitiveness of our region’s businesses and facilitate trade.

For communities and businesses in the region, NVDA is the first contact for information and technical support on land use planning, project development, permitting, financing, and grant assistance. We maintain staff in Newport and St. Johnsbury, which allows us to better meet the needs of our vast region. You can visit our website www.nvda.net and follow us on Facebook for latest news and events, and planning resources.

Thank you for all of your efforts in your community. We truly value your continued support and look forward to serving you in 2014.

The Orleans County Historical Society

The Orleans County Historical Society owns and operates the Old Stone House Museum in Brownington and organizes programs and events that celebrate the history and cultural heritage of the area. At annual town meetings we ask residents of the towns in Orleans County for appropriations to help maintain the museum and fund our operations, as well as demonstrate support for the work that we do.

The four story granite block Old Stone House, built by Alexander Twilight in 1836 to serve as the dormitory of the first secondary school in the county, opened as the historical museum of Orleans County in 1925, with exhibits of furniture, textiles, paintings, folk art, tools, toys, and town histories. The barn rebuilt beside the Old Stone House in 2012 and the Lawrence Barn across the road house equipment used in farming, logging, and transportation, with a new exhibit on the History of Farming in Orleans County. Those buildings are open to the public from May 15 to October 15. The library in the Cyrus Eaton House is open by appointment, and the visitors' center and office, located in the Alexander Twilight House, is open year-round.

The museum sponsors educational programs for children and adults throughout the year, including the Collectors Fair, the Antique Engine Show, spring and fall field days for elementary students, Time Travelers Day Camp for children 8-12, the NEK History Fair every other year, classes in traditional crafts and small-scale agriculture for adults, and special programs focusing on history and historical preservation. Our special events include Old Stone House Day, the Cheese and Apple Tasting, and the Fall Foliage Run. We thank you for your support in the past, and we promise to continue to work hard to preserve the history of Orleans County and to enrich the culture of our communities.

Orleans County Citizen Advocacy

Ann Stannard, Board Chair

Orleans County Citizen Advocacy's mission is to build and support one-to-one long term, independent relationships between unpaid community members (called advocates) and individuals with developmental disabilities so that all are heard, respected, included and empowered. OCCA's goal is for people with developmental disabilities to be valued and accepted in their communities. The mutually beneficial relationships created by Citizen Advocacy, grow to be enriching and important friendships, not only for the person with disabilities but also for the advocate. In turn, these deep personal commitments between neighbors result in strong vibrant communities from which we all benefit.

Our non-profit organization operates with money raised at annual fundraisers as well as from individuals and business donations. **OCCA does not receive any federal or state funding or**

United Way monies. Town Meeting Day appropriations from towns across Orleans County are one of our largest sources of revenue, and are very much needed for the viability and sustainability of our program.

Since our program began in 1989 over 90 matches have been made, thanks to the support from large-hearted people in our communities. Orleans County Citizen Advocacy facilitates community connection, friendship, support and advocacy between those with developmental disabilities who may be isolated from the greater community, and unpaid community members. We are currently supporting 20 such relationships to re-create a sense of healthy interdependence among community members. We would appreciate your support in continuing to connect people from Greensboro with others, preferably in the same area, that would benefit from an OCCA friendship.

We, at OCCA, are very proud to have celebrated our 25th anniversary in 2013, and to have been, for several years now the ONLY Association of our type left in Vermont among the many that used to match disabled people with local volunteers in a one-to-one friendly relation. Orleans County Towns have played a major role, through their unfailing support, in assuring such long life, regardless of better and worse times. The people of each and every of those Towns have great reasons to be proud of such a unique heartwarming record. Thank you for being that kind of better place, with such kindhearted people.

Orleans County Citizen Advocacy Board of Directors looks forward to your assistance again this year. Anyone interested in learning more about Citizen Advocacy, please call Ann Stannard, Board Chair, at 802-723-4425.

Orleans County Court Diversion Program

Court Diversion is a community response to juvenile and adult offenders. A Review Board comprised of community residents reviews cases after the offender has met certain program criteria. The Review Board designs a contract which specifies the conditions of the offender's participation. If the offender satisfactorily completes the contract, the State's Attorney dismisses the charges. The contract typically includes an apology and restitution to the victim, community service and other remedial, educational, or corrective services. Approximately 87% of those referred to Court Diversion successfully complete their contracts. In addition, Diversion is cost effective; it takes far less money to process a case through Diversion than through Court, and the Diversion process is controlled by community people with vested interest in making sure there are not repeat offenses.

Your support at Town Meeting is vital to the continuation of the program.

Red Cross

Tamira Martel, Chief Development Officer of Vermont & the Upper Valley Region of NH

The American Red Cross Mission is to lend a helping hand whenever and wherever we are needed. The network of nearly 600 chapters of the Red Cross further our mandate in neighborhoods across the country by helping people prepare for, prevent and respond to emergencies. Chapter workers are on the ground in your community, thanks to the generosity of donors such as YOU.

Your town appropriation gift of \$250.00 ensures a local Red Cross presence ready to offer a wide range of services in your area. The Vermont and New Hampshire Upper Valley Red Cross responds to house fires and other local emergencies, providing food, shelter and comfort to those in need. Health and safety courses in CPR, babysitting and water safety are offered – helping teach more than 9 million people each year to make communities safer. We educate people in crucial disaster preparedness tactics to bolster their readiness should emergency strike in their region. Our chapters serve military members and their families before, during and after deployment, and support wounded veterans throughout rehabilitation and return to civilian life. And vital blood donations are collected at chapter-hosted blood drives, supplying approximately 3,000 hospitals and transfusion centers across the country.

Your gift empowers the American Red Cross to provide these crucial, lifesaving services quickly and compassionately. Thank you for supporting your local Red Cross chapter. To learn more about your gift at work, please visit redcross.org/Vermont or call 1-800-660-9130.

Rescue Squad

Statement available in the FY 2013 Greensboro Town Report

Rural Community Transportation

Mary Grant, Executive Director

Rural Community Transportation, Inc. (RCT) is requesting to be placed on the Town Warning for March 2014 for an appropriation in the amount of \$900.00. This is the same amount that was requested and appropriated last year.

RCT has been providing service in your community for over twenty years and must reach out again for community support in order to maintain the quality of service that is needed for the members of our community.

RCT is a nonprofit corporation to the elderly and disabled, Medicaid and general public through a van/bus and volunteer service. Between all of our programs, RCT provided over 194,600 rides last year.

RCT transports people to, adult-day service facilities, senior meal sites and necessary medical treatments such as dialysis, radiation therapy, chemotherapy, physical therapy, special medical needs and other appointments.

Last fiscal year RCT provided 21 Greensboro residents with 1,597 trips travelling 50,797 miles.

We hope you will be able to assist us with this request and we look forward to continuing our service that is needed by the members in your community. Thank you for your time and consideration.

The Vermont Center for Independent Living

Sarah Wendell Launderville, Executive Director

On behalf of the Board and staff of the Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL), we would like to express our appreciation for the Town of Greensboro's donation of \$210.00 to VCIL for our Fiscal Year 2013. This generous allocation enables VCIL staff to continue to work to accomplish our mission of supporting and empowering Vermonters with disabilities

This appropriation will be utilized by VCIL for programs and services in your community. Our services include information, referral and assistance, individual and systems advocacy, peer counseling and independent living resources that include Home Access Modifications, Meals on Wheels (for Vermonters with disabilities under age 60), the Sue Williams Freedom Fund and the Youth Leadership Program.

With this allocation we will be able to reach even more Vermont citizens with disabilities. With over 33 years of support and advocacy, we are helping to build a society where we can all live with dignity, independence, and our full civil rights. We sincerely appreciate the Town of Greensboro's continued support.

To learn more about VCIL, please call VCIL's toll-free I-Line at: 1-800-639-1522, or, visit our web site at www.vcil.org.

Wonder and Wisdom/Senior Trotters
Statement available in the FY2013 Greensboro Town Report.