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# **COTS Grows Innovative Family Supportive Housing Program**

This year, COTS has tripled the capacity of the Family Supportive Housing (FSH) program to add capacity to serve up to 75 families. COTS partners with the Howard Center to administer the program which provides home-based case management and service coordination to help unhoused families with minor children to transition to and sustain stable housing.

In 2014, COTS piloted the Family Supportive Housing program in partnership with the Howard Center. The COTS program became a model throughout the State, but COTS's program is unique due to its innovative partnership with Howard Center, which provides deeper access to mental health resources.

Howard Center is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization serving children, adults, families, and communities. It is the designated provider for mental health and developmental disability services and the preferred provider for substance use services in Chittenden County.



The Family Supportive Housing team recently met off-site for team-building.

# Consider Leaving a Legacy with a Planned Gift

Have you considered how you might leave a legacy with your philanthropy? One important way to create a lasting impact is by strategically arranging your estate and assets to support COTS's mission.

Estate and bequest planning can feel overwhelming and intimidating for many. If you have already decided to include COTS in your will or other estate planning, consider letting us know about your plans so that you can inspire others to start thinking about how they too can make a significant impact on a cause they're passionate about.

Become a part of the COTS Legacy Society and enjoy a membership pin, special mission and program updates, and invitations for all things COTS. We know legacy donors are one of our most loyal supporters and we want to share all the happenings at our organization.

Contact Rebekah Mott at rebekahm@cotsonline.org to learn more!

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Cheryl Corsetti, Family Supportive Housing Program Coordinator, says, "two of our FSH service coordinators are housed at the Howard Center as well as their supervisor who co-leads the FSH team. This partnership opens up agency-specific resources for the families we serve and allows them to quickly connect with mental health, developmental and family supports."

Ruth D'Angelo, Director of Family and Community Programs at Howard Center and co-leader of the COTS FSH team points to the partnership's ability to provide easier access to care coordination by working closely with larger teams who are supporting clients and their family members. This includes offering clinical assessments and interventions when needed. The embedded mental health resources in the FSH program are vital in an environment when such resources are scarce.

All referrals to the FSH program come from the Coordinated Entry system, a statewide process that helps connect people experiencing homelessness with resources and services. To be eligible for the program, the family must have minor children, be experiencing homelessness, and want to participate in the program and be willing to engage with services offered. The FSH program prioritizes families who have at least one child under the age of 6, who have an open case with the Department of Children and Family Services, and who have experienced multiple episodes of homelessness (or are currently experiencing an episode of homelessness that has lasted for one year or more).

According to Cheryl, "as the housing market continues to get tighter and more competitive it's more important than ever that households find stability in the place they call home. The Family Supportive Housing program is unique in that it allows us to provide support to families not only as they transition from homelessness into housing but once they're housed as well."

The FSH program provides a longer-term case management for the most vulnerable families in our community. This allows for ongoing housing retention efforts that continue to support families through inevitable challenges that arise, even once they are housed.

Cheryl says, "this retention support focuses on working with the family to identify the root causes that led to housing instability and coming up with a plan to address these issues in an effort to reduce incidences of homelessness."

#### This past year, COTS Family Supportive Housing served 41 families, including 91 children. 73% of those families have moved from homelessness to housing through their participation in the program.

Many families are able to thrive in the FSH program due to the access to resources and deep support provided. For example, one family who has been in the program for more than three years has found great success since enrollment. The family came to the area as refugees, and experienced homelessness due to many barriers and challenges related to housing and employment. During their time in FSH, the parent has been consistently enrolled in English classes and connected with driving instructors who have prepared her to take her driving test. The family has recently graduated from the State's Temporary Aid to Needy Families program as the parent has found meaningful employment as a paraprofessional in a pre-school classroom for children with Autism and has become proficient at creating and using online accounts to manage her bills. The children are thriving in school and have benefited from enrichment programs such as the DREAM program and the Boys and Girls Club.

As children and family homelessness continues to grow across the State this year, the COTS Family Supportive Housing Program is an essential resource to support the most vulnerable families in the community.

# **COTS Hopes to Run Winter Warming Shelter and Expand Adult Shelter Program**

Homelessness is on the rise across the State of Vermont, and the numbers of people living unsheltered have spiked, creating a dearth of shelter beds. According to the annual Point in Time Count that analyzes the number of people experiencing homelessness on one night in January, there were more than 800 people experiencing homelessness in Chittenden County. According to the Chittenden County Homeless Alliance, 266 people were unsheltered—sleeping outside this summer in cars, tents, or other "rough sleeping" conditions.

For more than 40 years, COTS has provided overnight shelter to adults at the Waystation program. The Waystation provides 36 beds and enrollment in Housing Navigation services to support people with a housing plan as they address barriers and challenges. The Waystation shelter is typically full, and in an aging building with limitations due to the physical footprint, yet COTS had limited options to expand based on the cost and timeline to build a new facility or acquire new property.

However, a glimmer of hope sparked this summer when the COTS senior leadership team became aware that a federally-owned property had been identified as a surplus property through the Government Services Agency Asset Disposition program. This program allows for the transfer of property to eligible agencies to serve the homeless population. The building, located at 58 Pearl Street, formerly served as the Social Security Administration offices, but has been vacant for four years.

Upon learning of this opportunity, COTS formed a plan to meet both the urgent immediate needs in our community, as well as plan for the future of our flagship adult shelter program. COTS is proposing to operate a temporary 30-bed Winter Warming Shelter at the site to add capacity throughout the winter months to prevent unsheltered people from freezing outside. In the spring, COTS plans to undergo extensive renovations to create an enhanced version of the Waystation program, expanding capacity by 55% and greatly improving the program space through trauma-informed design and a less congregate model. This plan would allow COTS to move from a cramped space with dozens of bunk beds split between two "dormitories," to a flexible configuration of private or semi-private rooms that can be quickly adapted to meet the needs of our quests.

"We have long identified the need for a reimagined Waystation space that is more dignified and trauma-informed than what the current footprint allows," said COTS Executive Director Jonathan Farrell. "This opportunity would allow us to build for the future of COTS, with direct input from staff and guests."

In order to acquire the building, COTS submitted a two-part application to the federal government, which at the time of publication is still under review. COTS hopes to receive a decision as soon as possible in order to move forward immediately with the Winter Warming Shelter as December looms.

As part of the application process, COTS gathered letters of support from Burlington's Mayor Emma Mulvaney-Stanak, as well as State assembly members and our federal delegation. COTS is grateful for the support of Senator Peter Welch, who has continued to advocate for a swift process at the federal level.

"The onset of cold weather can make finding shelter even harder in Vermont, which faces one of the highest rates of homelessness in the country. COTS's plan to open and operate a new warming shelter would **bolster Burlington's emergency** housing resources and reduce barriers for those seeking safety during Vermont's cold winters. I'm urging the GSA to quickly approve COTS's application and help ensure Vermonters who need shelter are protected against the cold."

SENATOR PETER WELCH

COTS is hoping to raise around \$2 million to help fund the larger renovation costs.

Please contact Rebekah Mott at rebekahm@ cotsonline.org if you are interested in learning more about this campaign.

#### **COTS Candlelight Vigil**

#### Remember Those Lost To Homelessness

The COTS annual candlelight vigil will take place in front of Burlington City Hall on December 20, 2024 at 5PM. This is the same night as the winter solstice, the longest night of the year, and also National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day. The candlelight vigil is held on this day to honor those who have died while homeless.

This is a somber event, but also an uplifting one as we reflect on the hope we have for those still experiencing homelessness. We hope that you'll join us this year to remember those that were lost in the past year and to honor those still experiencing homelessness in our community.



## **COTS Walk 2024 Sponsor List**

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Volunteers lead the way during the 2024 COTS Walk.



## Save the Date for the 2024 COTS Phonathon

The 2024 Phonathon will take place from December 2–5. The COTS Phonathon is our oldest fundraiser. Each year, the week after Thanksgiving, staff and volunteers call past COTS supporters and ask them to consider a gift to COTS again this year. The Phonathon is one of our most important fundraisers and is vital to the services COTS provides.

With the support of the community and our amazing sponsors, we hope to reach this year's fundraising goal of \$275,000. This year, we have received a generous challenge grant from EastRise Credit Union. Thanks to the challenge grant, if you did not give to the Phonathon last year, your gift will be matched this year. If you did give to the Phonathon last year, any gift above and beyond your previous gift will also be matched.

Volunteers can sign up to call past donors at our in-person event at 95 North Avenue on December 2nd, or virtually from anywhere from December 2–5. Volunteers can also take the Phone-a-Friend pledge and reach out to family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors to ask them to support COTS this year.

Tune in to WOKO during the month of November and the week of the Phonathon to hear COTS clients talk about the impact of our services in their own words. Many thanks to WOKO and Wild Bill Seargent for you incredible support in helping us share our client's stories with our community.

Visit cotsonline.org to sign up to volunteer at the Phonathon this year or make your donation now.



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## It Takes a Village

#### **BACK TO SCHOOL BONANZA**

Thanks to the generosity of **Oh My Dog, Dairy Farmers of America, PC Construction, Acrisure, J.A. Morrissey, Inc.**, and **Northfield Savings Bank**, our
Back to School Bonanza was a huge
success. Thank you to our **93 volunteers**,
and our **countless supporters** for making
this event possible. With your help we
were able to provide 241 students with
new backpacks and tons of school
supplies in a fun environment.

The Back to School Bonanza was a Blast, thanks to our outstanding community! With **Katie's Kids** helping at the backpack station, each student received a backpack and an abundance of school supplies to help them feel set for the school year, but that's not all! They were able to bounce on the bouncy house, get their face painted, snack on snow cones, enjoy tacos from the taco truck, and pick out articles of clothing for a first day of school outfit. We

were able to offer some amazing services. Professional hairdressers **Anna Izzo** and **Rosemary** gave haircuts on site, **Feeding Champlain Valley** provided takeaway groceries, **Emily Eden** handed out her home-made cookies and lemonade, **CliF** and **Fletcher Free Library** supplied each child with free books, and **Lund** shared information with families in our community.

A big part of this event is helping maintain dignity. We want students to be able to choose their own school supplies, in colors that they like, pick out some clothing that start them off on the right foot, and get haircuts that alleviate some of those first day jitters. In addition to the 241 students we helped day of, we were also able to provide supplies to 36 students who work with COTS case workers, 25 students in our doors the following days, and hundreds of students through partner agencies that received remaining school supplies.

**Leonardo's Pizza** fueled our volunteers and staff.

Jacqueline and Jessica Bolster donated spring baskets for children in shelter with help from Saint Michael's worshipping community, Saint Michael's student athletic teams, and Phoenix Books.

This is Jacqueline and Jessica's 30th year doing it!

**Red Wagon Plants** donated seeds, and plant starts for our guests to enjoy!



Thank you, **Gotta Have Sole Foundation**, for supplying 30 pairs of shoes for children in shelter.

**ECHO at the Leahy Center**, thank you for adding some fun to life at Family Shelter.

**Gadue's** partners with COTS to dry clean winter coats donated by the community to help keep our guests warm through their **Coats for Kids and Families** program.

The **Rock Point School** hosted their annual **Ooky Spooky 5K** to help raise money to support COTS.

**Burlington Furniture Co.** donated 1% of their sales in the month of September to support COTS.

We received hundreds of pairs of **Bombas**, **Darn Tough Vermont**, and **Hanes** socks! These are pivotal for the health of our guests, thank you.

**Fourbital Factory** donated beautiful beanies.

### DONATIONS, DRIVES, & COTS WISH LIST

A big thank you to those who have donated from our wish list or set up donations drives. Thank you Alexandra Weinstock; Allison Curran; Barbara Sirvis; Betty and Marvin Libson; Bradley Malouin; Chris and Leslie Capano; Darn Tough Vermont: Essex Junction Lions Club; Fourbital Factory; Francesca **Dupuis**; Gotta Have Sole Foundation, Inc.; Integrated Health; Jacqueline and Glen Bolster; Jennie Sloan; Joan Pelky; Julian Barritt; Kate Collen; Kathy Simoneau; **Kimberly Rockwood; Lawrence Levitt;** Linda and John Lane; Martha Goodsell; Mellisa Cain; Molly McKenna; MSK **Engineers**; National Life Group; Nicole Santeiro; Oak Maple Finance; Oscar Castro: Patrick and Lenore Noble: Paul and Barb Macuga; Red Wagon Plants; Saint Michael's College - MOVE Office; Sandy Hanley; Vermont Foodbank for donating necessary hygiene products and other needed items.

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#### Q & A with Nora

We last interviewed Nora in 2021 about her incredible pickle stand that benefits COTS. She was 7¾ then. During that interview, Nora said that she chose to support COTS because we help people find homes. "I think having a home is important for kids so they stay warm and dry." She also talked about what makes the perfect pickle: "the salt!" she said. "If there is no salt, it is bitter. Well, I think so. It has to be crunchy, and cold." We couldn't agree more! We got to catch up with Nora to check in on how her pickle stand went this year.

FPICKLES Under Hill
V.T.

**Romy:** Hi Nora! Can you tell us a little bit about yourself? How old are you, what's your favorite color, and anything else you'd like to share?

**Nora:** I am 10, but I am turning 11 in November. I am in 5th grade. My favorite color is aqua. I love hanging out with my friends, playing chess and doing math.

**Romy:** Last time we talked was over two years ago, has anything changed with your process of making pickles?

**Nora:** I have always made the same pickle recipe. I have started selling pickles at my dad's work (the National Guard) last year and this year. I grew all of the cucumbers and onions last year, but this year I got some from our community sharing shed because my cucumber harvest wasn't very good.

Romy: What have you learned about our community through your pickle stand?

**Nora:** I have learned that people like that I am donating to COTS. I don't think that I have had a single customer that didn't like my pickles! I learned how to do more of the process of growing the cucumbers by myself this year, without as much help from my grandmother. I have learned that people who give to our sharing shed are very generous!

**Romy:** What are you looking forward to next pickle season?

**Nora:** My goal is to sell 100 pickle jars next year! I am looking forward to selling them at the Jericho Farmer's Market Kids Day, hopefully with my friends!







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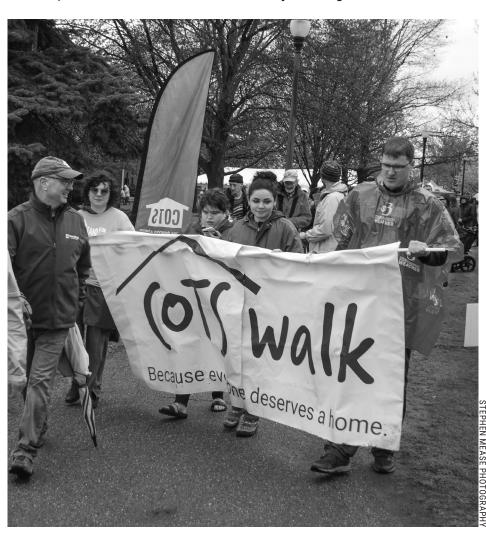
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Thank you, **Wild Bill Sargent** and **WOKO**, for on air promotions.

#### DAYSTATION LUNCH

A big thanks to COSTCO for donating a gift card each month to help support COTS Daystation lunch program.

Acrisure; Andrew and Deborah Rosenfeld; Carol and Scott Boardman; Champlain Valley Union High School; COTS Board;



### 2024 in review

#### **Family Shelter**

**36 families**, including **65 children**, stayed in a COTS family shelter and received housing and supportive services. Specialized programs were also offered for children.

#### **The Waystation**

**159 individuals** stayed at the Waystation, COTS' year-round overnight shelter, and received housing and supportive services.

#### **Family Supportive Housing**

**41 families**, including **91 children** experiencing homelessness received intensive case management and housing retention services.

Elaine Ittleman and Frank Ittleman. M.D.; Goodwater Brewery; Halle Sobel and Mark Kautzman; Ian Campbell; Kurt Reichelt; Lake Champlain Chocolates; Lauren Prinzing; Lynne and Scott Jaunich: Mansfield Hall: Open Approach; Peg and Paul Gagne; Price **Chopper Foods; Reformed University** Fellowship; Saint Michael's College -MOVE Office: Sean Collins and Courtney Cahill; St. James Episcopal Church; Susan Littlefield: The Mountain Mamas: Tim and Ellen Kane; TLC Nursing; University of Vermont - College of Arts & Sciences; UVM - National Society of Leadership; UVM Outdoor Experience; **UVM Student Government Association: UVM TREK; Vermont Agency of Human** Services - Children and Families: Vince and Tracie Carlos plus many, many more individual supporters, provided healthy lunches or food for about 55 people daily. The Daystation serves lunch 365 days a year, thanks to the support of volunteers.

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## Food is Love—Sign Up to Provide Daystation Guests with Lunch

Our largest ongoing need is for volunteers to provide lunch for our Daystation guests. We serve lunch 365 days a year, seven days a week. Volunteers provide ingredients, prepare, and serve meals.

- Volunteers must be 18 years old to serve lunch. Families or groups with children can prepare the meal offsite and drop it off for our staff to serve.
- Volunteers older than age 18 may use our kitchen to heat up or assemble meals to serve to Daystation guests. We recommend bringing no more than 8 people from your group because of limitations with space.

If you have any questions about volunteering, organizing a drive, or putting on your own event for COTS, email our Communication & Events Manager at romyt@cotsonline.org.



#### **The Daystation**

**1,784 individuals** visited the Daystation, COTS' daytime drop-in center for lunch, showers, laundry, and services.

#### **Financial Assistance**

**130 households**, including **102 children**, received financial assistance and services to avert homelessness.

#### **Housing Navigation**

252 households, including 293 adults and 132 children, received housing and services through the COTS Housing Resource Center.

### Thank YOU!

These generous businesses and organizations provided in-kind and financial support to COTS during our fiscal year 2024 (October 1, 2023—September 30, 2024). In addition to the names here, hundreds of individuals and foundations have made financial and/or in-kind gifts in support of COTS programs and services this past year. The foundations listed below have requested inclusion in our newsletter.

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