

A New Chapter of Shelter and Stability

The New Waystation Opens this November

Imagine stepping from a dim, crowded room with stacked bunk beds into a warm, light-filled space designed with privacy, calming colors, and space to breathe in mind. That's the difference our guests will experience this November when COTS opens the doors to the new Waystation shelter at 58 Pearl Street.

We are thrilled to announce: **We've met our fundraising goal, and we're opening the new Waystation before winter hits.**

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our community, supporters, and partners, the transformation of this long-vacant federal building into a trauma-informed, housing-focused, and welcoming overnight shelter will be complete in early November 2025.



A Vision Realized

For more than 40 years, COTS has operated the Waystation, our adult overnight shelter, in a building with deep limitations: two cramped dorm-style rooms, aging infrastructure, and no room to grow. And yet, thousands of guests found warmth and hope there during some of the most difficult times of their lives. Just last year, 159 people stayed there and received housing navigation services to help them move on to a stable future.

When the opportunity to acquire the former Social Security building at 58 Pearl Street emerged last year, it sparked a bold vision for what could be: a larger, more dignified space built around the needs of our guests. Just over a year later, that vision is becoming a reality.

Opening the Doors

After extensive renovations that began earlier this May, the newly redesigned Waystation will provide:

- **14 flexible-use bedrooms** for up to 56 guests
- **6 single-use bathrooms with showers**
- **A warming kitchen** to improve food access
- **Laundry facilities, a lounge, private meeting space, and staff support areas**
- **ADA-accessibility throughout** and thoughtful, trauma-informed interior design

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Finding Joy in Uncertainty

Celebrating Birthdays at the Family Shelter

Losing housing can mean the loss of stability, routine, and some of the everyday joys we often take for granted. For children, the experience of homelessness can be especially traumatic. Their sense of safety and normalcy is disrupted, and the milestones that shape childhood, like birthdays, can feel lost and forgotten.

For this reason, at the COTS Family Shelters, a team of supportive staff work hard every day to bring a sense of warmth, dignity, and care to families experiencing homelessness. One of the most heartwarming ways they do this is by making sure children can celebrate their milestones while in shelter, just like any other family.

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This space is not just bigger, it's better, offering privacy, safety, and a stabilizing environment that supports each guest's journey toward permanent housing.

What This Means for Our Community

With this expansion, COTS's **year-round adult shelter capacity increases by 55%**. The new location, which is just half a mile from our Daystation drop-in center and 95 North Avenue offices, puts guests closer to services, housing navigation, and daily support.

Every guest at the Waystation is enrolled in **COTS Housing Navigation services**, ensuring this new space remains more than a shelter—it's a launchpad toward lasting stability.

And that's not all. In 2026, COTS plans to renovate the former Waystation site on Church Street to create **new permanently affordable housing**, adding to our housing stock in the adjacent Wilson Hotel property, and further strengthening our housing-focused approach.

Meeting the Moment

As homelessness continues to rise in our region, with growing numbers of people sleeping outside or in unsafe, unstable conditions, the need for responsive, dignified shelter has never been more urgent.

In the last year alone, the number of unique guests at our Daystation program surged by 300%, with nearly 75% of them reporting unsheltered living conditions. The new Waystation is a direct response to this moment, and an investment in our community's shared future.

We Did This Together

This incredible milestone would not be possible without the extraordinary generosity of our community, including bold challenge grants from The Courtney and Victoria Buffum Family Foundation and The Hoehl Family Foundation. Thank you for believing in our mission, standing with our guests, and supporting a project that will serve countless vulnerable Vermonters in the years ahead.

Together, we are investing in dignity, stability, and hope.

Holiday Giving at COTS

The holidays are a particularly stressful time for families in shelter, and one way you can help is by donating gifts or gift cards. Your donations make a huge difference in alleviating the stress of the holiday season, so thank you for making a difference!



Shop online and ship gifts directly to COTS:

We have an Amazon wish list, as well as a Homeport wish list available on our website at cotsonline.org. Our street address for shipping packages: COTS, 95 North Avenue, Burlington, VT 05401.

Drop off donations to COTS:

You can drop off gift donations to COTS at 95 North Avenue, Monday through Friday from 9am-5pm. If you have a larger donation, scheduling a drop-off time is extremely helpful to ensure that we can get gifts into the building in a timely manner. Email romyt@cotsonline.org to schedule a drop off time or call (802) 343-6903.

Visit cotsonline.org/holiday-giving to learn more!

Spotlight on Smith House: A Quiet Beacon of Hope

At COTS, we believe every person deserves not just shelter, but a path home. While many in our community are familiar with our emergency shelters and broader housing initiatives, one of our lesser-known gems has been quietly changing lives for years: **Smith House**.

Nestled in a residential neighborhood in Burlington, Smith House is more than a building, it's a steppingstone to a stable future. Once a rooming house, the property was generously donated by the First United Methodist Church of Burlington twenty-five years ago. Thanks to this gift and the generosity of our community, it was transformed into **transitional housing** for individuals and families moving from homelessness toward permanent housing.

According to COTS Housing Services Director Sophia Senning, "the Smith House balances guest autonomy with accountability in a way that sets people up for long-term success."

Guests at Smith House have greater independence than at the Waystation shelter, including 24-hour access to their rooms, use of a full kitchen, and more personal control over daily routines. At the same time, they commit to paying a modest program fee, contributing to shared house responsibilities, and participating in regular house meetings. Guests receive ongoing support from both their Housing Navigator and the on-site Resident Manager. Most people stay for about six months, with extensions available if needed. This longer-term stability combined with the ability to cook,

create routines, and take ownership of their living space, offers much-needed breathing room from the urgency and trauma of acute homelessness.

According to Sophia Senning, "during their stay, guests often build supportive relationships with neighbors, increase income, and practice tenant skills, all of which prepare them for long-term stability."

Smith House offers:

- **7 transitional housing units:** private bedrooms where residents can stay for 4 to 6 months as they stabilize and plan their next steps.
- **3 permanent housing units:** including two two-bedroom apartments and a one bedroom apartment for the on-site resident manager, ensuring a supportive and consistent presence in the building.

Sarah Rose, the resident manager at Smith House shared, "The most important role I strive for is to be a safe, on-site point person during someone's difficult transition period. My goal is to keep a warm and positive living environment."

Though it operates quietly, Smith House has helped hundreds of people find stability, regain their footing, and move forward. Residents receive not just a place to stay, but ongoing housing navigation services and the compassionate support COTS is known for, empowering them to find permanent, sustainable housing.



"Jake" is just one of countless guests who found stability at the Smith House. After spending some time sleeping outside, he came to COTS determined to start over. With a bachelor's degree and quiet resilience, he set his sights on two goals: stable housing and meaningful employment.

Jake first came to the Waystation, where he was connected to a Housing Navigator. Within weeks, he secured a full-time job, and after being at the Waystation for 3 months, he was offered a room at the Smith House. At the Smith House, Jake had more autonomy to come and go as he needed, access to a kitchen at all times, and a calm and respectful community where he could begin to rebuild. Around the same time, he accepted a full-time legal assistant position, a position with a higher hourly wage and benefits.

With stability at the Smith House, Jake flourished. He opened a bank account, began saving diligently, and even started exploring homeownership through Champlain Housing Trust. Despite the high costs of living in Burlington, he remained committed to long-term self-sufficiency.

Within 6 months, Jake had saved enough to move into his own market-rate apartment in Burlington, no subsidies needed. He left the Smith House working full-time, studying for the Vermont Bar, and building a future on his own terms.

We're proud of the role Smith House continues to play in our mission, and grateful to our community for making this work possible. Your support ensures that programs like Smith House continue to offer life-changing opportunities for those who need them most.



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"We do what we can to support the families in shelter during important moments of celebration, like birthdays, anniversaries, or other holidays," said Evie Campbell, Family Shelter Children's Education Advocate.

Recently, a young boy staying at the Family Shelter shared a simple wish: he wanted a birthday party. His mom and the shelter staff came together to help make that wish come true. They shared handmade invitations with the other families in shelter, inviting them to a birthday celebration in the shared dining room. When the day arrived, families gathered to sing, laugh, and enjoy cake and decorations, turning the space into something magical.

In another instance, a young girl's family shared that having a piñata was a deeply important tradition in their culture. Understanding the emotional significance, North Wagner, our Children's Mental Health Clinician at Family Shelter took it upon herself to make one by hand. The joy and excitement on the girl's face as she and her siblings took turns with the piñata was a reminder that small acts of care can have a big impact, especially when they help preserve important traditions.

COTS is fortunate to partner with **Mirabelle's Bakery**, a local business that donates birthday cakes to children in shelter. These cakes are more than just delicious and beautiful, they're a symbol of community and compassion.

"It means a great deal to us to be able to provide birthday cakes for children in partnership with COTS," says Emily Monroe, General Manager at Mirabelle's. "Birthdays are such special milestones, and we believe every child deserves to feel celebrated and cared for on their day—no matter their circumstances. Knowing that our cakes can bring even a little joy and normalcy to a child's life is deeply meaningful to us. We're honored to partner with COTS in supporting families in our community."

At COTS, we believe every child deserves to feel seen, valued, and celebrated. These birthday parties might seem small, but to a child in shelter, they're moments of joy, belonging, and healing. Thanks to the dedication of our staff, the resilience of families, and the generosity of partners like Mirabelle's, we are helping children reclaim moments of childhood, one birthday at a time.

COTS Candlelight Vigil

Join us on December 19th at 5PM for a somber, yet uplifting candlelight vigil in front of City Hall in honor of National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day and the longest night of the year.



It Takes a Village

Back to School Bonanza

Thanks to the generosity of **Katie's Kids Foundation** and **Northfield Savings Bank**, our Back to School Bonanza was a huge success. Thank you to our **60 volunteers**, and our **countless supporters** for making this event possible. Together, we welcomed **434 family members** and provided hundreds of students with new backpacks and a wide variety of school supplies, all in a fun and uplifting atmosphere.



Beyond the backpacks and supplies, we also distributed first day of school outfits, offered bounce house fun, served ice cream and blue snow cones, provided free haircuts, hosted family portrait sessions, served tacos, and delivered a variety of other services and experiences for families.

Concessions were provided by **The Scoop Ice Cream** and **Emily's Home Cooking**, with rolls from **Texas Roadhouse**. Haircuts by **Hirka Haircraft** and **Rosemary. Leonardo's Pizza** kindly donated pizzas for our volunteers, and **Stephen Mease** graciously contributed his time and expertise by capturing beautiful photographs.

We also fostered valuable connections with community partners including **Fern Lab**, **Girls on the Run**, **Girl Scouts**, **Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity**, **Howard Center**, **Lund, NAMI**, **Office of Child Support**, and **STEPS**. **Feeding Champlain Valley** generously provided bagged lunches, while **Fletcher Free Library** and **CLiF** gifted books to young readers.

Donations

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 bookstore**. This is Jacqueline and Jessica's 31st year doing it!

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

Thank you, **Gotta Have Sole Foundation**, for supplying 26 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.

Fourbital Factory donated beautiful beanies.



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.

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

Donations, Drives, & Wish List

A big thank you to those who have donated from our wish list or set up donations drives. Thank you **Allen Pools & Spas**; **Angela Kirouac**; **Anna Gizzi**; **Anne Crowley** and **Alan Lampson**; **Andrew** and **Leslie Griffiths**; **Betty** and **Marvin Libson**; **Bethany Johnson**; **Champlain Valley Swim League BCC**; **Claire's**; **Daniel Weiss**; **David** and **Margaret Gelinis**; **Donna** and **John Burnett**; **Duncan** and **Lorri Love**; **ECHO at the Leahy Center**; **Elijah Werth**; **Elizabeth**; **Emilie Rasmussen** and **Faith Parkins**; **Emily DiGiulio**; **Emily Sleeper**; **Emily** and **Greg Abrami**; **Emily** and **Zack Clark**; **Fourbital Factory**; **Gabby Makatura**; **George** and **Betsi White**; **Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains**; **Ian Speers** and **Deanna Hartog**; **James Cohen**; **Jane Crowley** and **Alan Lampson**; **John** and **Rebecca Grimm**; **Julian Barritt**; **Julie Roick**; **Karen Allen**; **Kate Yarbrough**; **Kathy** and **Jerry Wood**; **Kimberly Gammon**; **Lake Champlain Chocolates**; **Lillian** and **Bruce Venner**; **Linda Verchereau**; **Linda Weber-Rohde**; **Lori Giannuzzi**; **Mallory Root**; **Mark Porter**; **Mary Ann Burlingame**; **McSoley McCoy & Co**; **Mellisa Cain**; **Melissa Gebhardt**; **Melissa Hall**; **Monica Raymond**; **Molly Hodgdon**; **Nixie Raymond**; **Orlando Pacheco**; **Paul** and **Karen Reardon**; **Peter** and **Lisa Dwyer**; **Rep. Barbara Rachelson** and **Mr. Don Loeb**; **Rosella Duarte**; **Ruth** and **Anthony Julianelle**; **Sarah Cross**; **Shelburne Community School**; **Shelburne United Methodist Church**; **State of Vermont Department for Children and Families**; **Susan Marius**; **SWAE Skin Dermatology**; **Tracy Benedict**; **United Way of Northwest Vermont**; **Vermont Foodbank**; **Wendy**

Q & A with Scarlett & Lydia

Romy: Thank you so much for benefiting COTS at your lemonade stand! What inspired you to run a lemonade stand?

Scarlett: I wanted to help people.

Lydia: I wanted to help.

Romy: Why do you think it is important to help people in need?

Scarlett: Everybody should have a home.

Lydia: Because little things can turn out to be big things, like making someone smile.

Romy: What do you think makes a successful lemonade stand?

Scarlett: My mom also made chocolate chip banana bread for us to sell. It was really good.

Lydia: You have to use your voice. Plus, we had banana bread and snacks, and dog treats!

Romy: What are you looking forward to most as we get into fall?

Scarlett: Halloween! I love dressing up and getting candy.

Lydia: Playing soccer and Halloween

Romy: Is there anything else you'd like our readers to know?

Scarlett: I will be doing many more lemonade stands next year to raise money for COTS!

Lydia: I couldn't do it without my friend, Scarlett.



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Watson; Wendy de Forest and Thomas Butler; Wyatt Nelson for donating necessary hygiene products and other needed items.

Thank you to those who supported our Back to School Bonanza. **Acrisure; Amy and George Simone; Amy McKinney; Andrew and Janet Watts; Angela Naydihor; Angela Zaikowski; Ann Joppe-Mercure; Ann Marie Bonanno; Ann Pond; Ann and Barry Cousins; Anna Romagnoli; Bob Duncan**

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Thank you for Walking with Us to Build a Better Future!

Founded in 1988, the COTS Walk remains one of our most important community fundraisers. This family-friendly event brings together people of all ages from across the region to walk a 3.6-mile route through downtown Burlington, passing by COTS shelters and housing sites. Along the way, walkers gain insight into the journey someone facing homelessness may take when turning to COTS for help.

This year, more than 1,000 walkers and 100 volunteers came together to raise over \$240,000.

Walkers got a first look at 58 Pearl Street, the future home of an expanded and reimagined Waystation program. This new space increases shelter capacity by 55% and features trauma-informed design to better serve adults experiencing homelessness.

From live music and Ben & Jerry's ice cream at Battery Park to the heartfelt moments experienced along the route, the Walk was a joyful and powerful celebration of our community's united efforts to support neighbors in need.

To all our walkers, donors, sponsors, volunteers, and staff, thank you. You make our mission possible and help ensure everyone in our community has a safe place to call home. **The 2026 COTS Walk will take place on Sunday, May 3rd.**

Walk

Thank you for supporting our COTS Walk; Ali McGuirk; Alison Redlich Photography; Andrew Cate; Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream; Cabot Creamery Co-operative; Casella Waste Systems, Inc.; David and Judy Wright; Eileen and Matt DeLuca; Hannaford Supermarkets; Jenni Johnson & the Jazz Junketeers; Joseph Cribari; Lake Champlain Chocolates; Leonardo's Pizza; NU Chocolat; P & P Septic; Place Creative Company; Queen City Printers; Saint Michael's College - MOVE Office; Sambatucada; Sisters of Anarchy Ice Cream; Starbucks; Steve Goldman and Heidi Klein; Sugar Snap; Switchback Brewing Co.; The Dixie Six; The Farmhouse Group; UVM Athletics; Vermont Lake Monsters; Vermont Smoke & Cure; WEZF 92.9 FM.



Daystation Lunch

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

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Save the Date: 2025 Phonathon

The COTS Phonathon is a cherished tradition and a vital source of support for our work. Since the 1980s, it has brought our community together each year in the week after Thanksgiving to help fund our mission.

During the Phonathon, volunteers reach out to COTS donors to ask for their annual gift. This effort plays a key role in funding our programs throughout the year.

This year's Phonathon runs December 1st-4th, from 5:30–8 PM, and is fully virtual, with an optional in-person kick-off event on Monday at the COTS offices. Volunteers are invited to join on any day that works for you.

You can get involved in four ways:

1. **Host an offsite calling party** at your workplace, church, school, or neighborhood—we can help you organize it!
2. **Join the virtual COTS Phonathon** to call donors from the comfort of your home.
3. **Phone-A-Friend** – reach out to your own friends and family and ask them to support COTS this year.
4. **Make a donation** to the Phonathon yourself at cotsonline.org!

Your support makes a difference. Thank you for helping to make this year's Phonathon a success!



Growing Compassion with the City Market Tree Sale

Every December since 1998, City Market Onion River Co-op has sourced fresh trees from local farms and sold them to raise funds for COTS programs and services. This year, the sale kicks off at the downtown store on December 3rd and at the South End store on December 5th. Five hundred trees from Moffat's Tree Farm will be available for purchase and all proceeds benefit COTS. Visit www.citymarket.coop to sign up to volunteer at the tree sale this year.



Thank YOU!

These generous businesses and organizations provided in-kind and financial support to COTS during our fiscal year 2025 (October 1, 2024–September 30, 2025). 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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		Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains	Keen's Crossing
		Girlington Garage	Kelsey Trust
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Lakewood Estates	Northgate Residents' Ownership Corp	Shelburne United Methodist Church	The University of Vermont
Larkin Realty	Novartis	Sherpa Foods	Athletics
Laura Kate Winterbottom Memorial Fund	NRG Energy	SHR Law	FERN Lab
Lawson's Finest Liquids	NU Chocolat	Sisters of Anarchy Ice Cream	Foundation & Alumni Association
Legal & General America	O'Briens Aveda Institute	Sisters of Mercy	Fraternity & Sorority Life
Leonardo's Pizza	Oh My Dog VT	SMC Edmundite Community	Microbiology and Molecular Genetics Department
LGBTQ+ Fund of Vermont	Ohavi Zedek Synagogue	South Burlington Rotary Club	TREK
Little Caesar's Pizza	Order of the Eastern Star	St. Andrew's Episcopal Church	UVM Rescue
Living Well Center for Integrative Health	P&P Septic	St. Catherine of Siena Church	The University of Vermont Health Network
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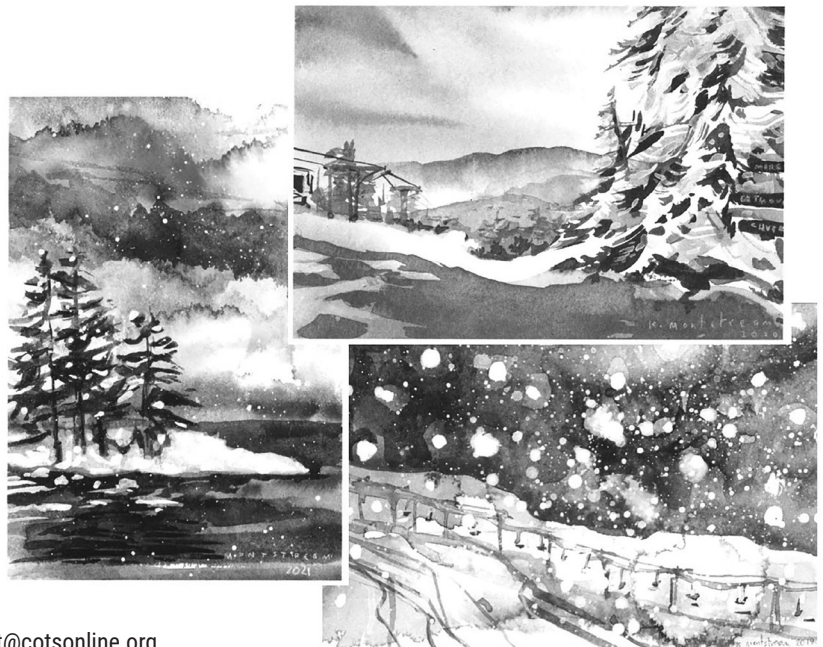
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