



JUMP's MISSION is to promote the physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being of people by providing spiritual care, direct assistance to meet basic needs, and advocacy.

2015: Overview

JUMP, the Joint Urban Ministry Project, has been responding to the challenge of effectively assisting low-income families and individuals in need throughout Chittenden County and Vermont for over 25 years. Founded by five Burlington faith communities in 1988 to address the then growing epidemic of poverty, support for JUMP has grown to include broad interfaith support from 27 area faith communities, key funding from hundreds of individuals, and vital sponsorship and dollars from both businesses and foundations. While the original mission included the hope that we'd be able to solve the circumstances that keep people in poverty, it's clear that the need is here to stay and grows yearly.

JUMP manages a Drop-In Center in donated space at the First Congregational Church of Burlington welcoming anyone in need. Our staff and volunteer team provide hospitality (food, conversation, books for children, etc.), much needed practical resources and informed referrals. Families and individuals receive vouchers for food, laundry, utilities, household goods, transportation, and healthcare every three months, and an emergency fund is available for crisis situations. Between visits for vouchers, we often see people come in for a cup of coffee, a nutritious snack, and someone to talk to. Poverty is just as hard on the spirit as it is the body.

| Clients Served | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|-------------------|------|------|------|------|
| # served | 1867 | 1666 | 1378 | 1174 |
| # of times served | 3032 | 2897 | 2233 | 2116 |

In 2015, Volunteers and Staff distributed 5357 vouchers valued at \$90,004; 36% or \$31,889 was for transportation. Methods of transportation included; gas for vehicles, CCTA bus passes and bikes. The most requested transportation vouchers were gas for vehicles 1278; 29% valued at \$26,308.

Informed by clients, we understand the value of accessible affordable transportation. JUMP will focus on addressing the pressing problem of lack of affordable accessible transportation which ultimately impact families and individuals who unable to get to jobs, school, and doctors...unable to maintain a healthy balanced lively hood and emotional well-being. We look forward to serving as an education resource to heighten awareness about the issues and identify collaborative measures to improve client transportation access.

| Vouchers 2015 | # | amount |
|--------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Transportation | 1688 | 31,889 |
| Food/Grocery | 1362 | 25002 |
| Clothing/Household Goods | 1729 | 23,601 |
| Utilities | 135 | 4,839 |
| Laundry | 228 | 1,919 |
| Identification | 84 | 1,499 |
| Finance | 106 | 1,060 |
| Healthcare | 21 | 143 |
| Basic Essentials | 4 | 52 |
| Total | 5357 | \$9,004 |

| Top 10 Towns & Cities by # of Clients Served | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|--|------------|------|------|------|
| | Burlington | 1111 | 1063 | 855 |
| Winooski | 207 | 203 | 182 | 165 |
| South Burlington | 79 | 122 | 56 | 43 |
| Colchester | 92 | 89 | 76 | 61 |
| Essex/Essex Jct. | 46 | 57 | 35 | 40 |
| Milton | 57 | 43 | 47 | 30 |
| Shelburne | 18 | 19 | 21 | 24 |
| Williston | 18 | 13 | 18 | 0 |
| Hinesburg | 19 | 13 | 13 | 12 |
| Richmond | 7 | 6 | 3 | 0 |

WHAT WE DO

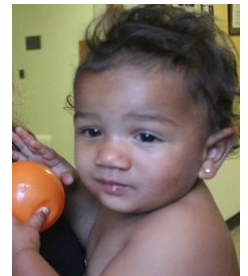
JUMP operates a Drop-In Center for emergency assistance at the First Congregational Church of Burlington, Tuesday through Friday mornings, offering:

- Hospitality and spiritual care - at JUMP this means a cup of coffee, nutritious snacks, friendly, compassionate staff and volunteers who listen and offer specific support, problem-solve and informed referrals to other resources as needed.
- Financial assistance through vouchers used at local businesses for food, gasoline, bus passes, laundromat, identification, utility payments, prescription co-pays, and more.
- Much needed toiletries, diapers, household supplies and non-perishable, nutritious food items.
- Support groups and other programming in collaboration with partner organizations.



WHO WE HELP

"I camp outdoors year round. I use adhesive shoe goo to repair my tent, sleeping bag, clothes and shoes, and get a check usually from you for rite aid. I would like to buy 2 tubes \$12.18."
-JUMP Participant



We welcome you at JUMP no matter who you are or what your life story has been.

Many of our clients are:

- Very low income
- Homeless or nearly homeless
- Living with physical and/or mental disability
- Unemployed or underemployed
- Formerly incarcerated
- In recovery from substance abuse

Service decisions at JUMP are made without regard to race, color, ancestry, religion, sex, gender identity or expression, age, marital or domestic or civil union status, national origin, sexual orientation, place of birth, citizenship, mental or physical ability.

WHAT YOU CAN DO?

- Provide financial donations for JUMP services – your support is needed and appreciated! Online giving is possible, learn more at: www.jumpvt.org
Donations can be made by check to JUMP and sent to: 38 South Winooski Ave., Burlington, VT 05401
- Organize a food, toiletry or household cleaning supply drive for JUMP.
- Volunteer in our Drop-In Center or serve on one of our committees, help with a special event!
- To learn more, please contact JUMP at: director@jumpvt.org or call us at 802.862.4501.

CORE VALUES at JUMP

Every Person:

We respect the value and dignity of every human life, and work to make every interaction at JUMP one that is positive for all.

Interfaith:

As an interfaith organization, we honor the faith journey of all JUMP clients, volunteers, and staff. We value diverse spiritual perspectives and work together to maintain a strong support network for clients.

Collaboration:

JUMP collaborates with many denominations, congregations, and social service agencies to provide necessary financial and human resources.

Advocacy:

We understand the importance of our services to each individual while recognizing that these services are not a solution to poverty in our community. Therefore, we tell JUMP's story in faith communities and in the wider community to encourage advocacy for systemic change.

