



# Creating Caring Community

## 2015 BI-ANNUAL NEWSLETTER: SUMMER

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### “Making One Necessary Moment at a Time...”

Last year, the Joint Urban Ministry Project (JUMP) experienced a year of funding uncertainty. In order to stay within the operating budget, the JUMP Board found it necessary to make adjustments to ensure sustainable cash flow. These decisions ultimately had the effect of decreasing workforce hours and resulted in JUMP serving 644 fewer families in need of voucher assistance. This represented a 22% decrease in the number of households served. An additional 1,383 individuals/families were turned away due to limited resources; JUMP was only able to serve 11 eligible households per day.

Worthy of attention, hundreds of the most vulnerable in our community continue to visit JUMP for voucher assistance. We always ask “What assistance is most important to you today: transportation, household goods, food, utilities, laundry, finance or healthcare?” Yet, it is the closely listening ear that often provide clients a better sense of choices and what matters most “making one necessary moment at a time”.

Likewise, “making one necessary moment at a time” is the real endgame behind JUMP’s Partner Request Initiative (PRI), a new resource for community partners to advocate for JUMP voucher assistance to help shared clients. Working together, community partners request voucher assistance and provide personal eligibility assurance to promote

client voices and ensure need is met by designated JUMP assistance. Aligned with JUMP’s core value collaboration, PRI is a networking tool which enhances JUMP’s capacity to provide necessary financial and human resources.

This endgame reconfirms strength in community partners. Examples include the Economic Services Department staff advocating for the homeless Milton Dad for resources to feed his daughter; Turning Point, advocating for a food and laundry voucher for the man sleeping outside in cold, wet weather; Commu-

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nity Justice Center advocating for a transportation voucher helping a man buy a bike for work; ResourceVT advocating for JUMP to match their Household Good voucher so a family can to buy a working refrigerator; Committee On Temporary Shelter staff advocating for a transportation voucher for a woman in need.

Certainly, we recognize that JUMP services are not the complete solution to poverty in our community. Until we find that solution, it is



important that we listen and realize “we are not rich by what we possess but by what we can do without.” (Immanuel Kant). We must also listen and keep this quote in mind: “you might be poor, your shoes might be broken, but your mind is a palace” (Frank McCourt, Angela’s Ashes). Again, we must listen, knowing that “loneliness and the feeling of being unwanted is the most terrible poverty” (Mother Teresa).

I remain amazed at how JUMP continues to do so much more... even with less. In truth, while serving JUMP families, I find comfort in knowing that many memorable decisions or actions are not about the money, but rather the journey. Thus, I know I must remember the thoughtful listening ears of our JUMP staff, volunteers and community partners which make possible “one necessary moment at a time”. That moment holds the essence of what JUMP is all about.

- Wanda Hines  
director@jumpvt.org

“Celebrating over 25 years...Joint Urban Ministry Project”

## A Message from the JUMP Board President: Beth Dreibelbis

**JUMP CONTINUES...** JUMP has been busy in the last few months. We continue to serve our neighbors. We continue to reach out into the community making partnerships with others working to fill needs in the community. We continue to grow by reaching out to old and new faith communities, businesses, and new friends.

Just as the needs continue, JUMP continues!

Want to join our JUMP team? We have an amazing, dedicated group of volunteers who come to the drop-in center everyday to serve. We have a hardworking group of committee members making sure everything runs

smoothly. We have a focused group in our board of directors who oversee the business and heart of JUMP making decisions based on real business sense as well as compassion. We have a great team. All of us give our time, energy, and money to JUMP because we know how important the work is to so many. We hope you will join us.

Our challenge is to grow as quickly as the needs grow – but we can't do this important work alone. We are looking for additional volunteers, committee members, board members, and greater numbers of JUMP supporters. Can you help as a volunteer coming to

our center to greet people, to offer coffee, and to help them with their needs?

Or perhaps you could be a committee worker helping with Operations (the daily center), Communication, Finance, Board Development, Fundraising, Special Events, and others. Help us do much needed work, providing important support to people who need us to step up and help. I hope you will step up and join us...you will be so glad you did.

**"See you at JUMP!"**



Beth Dreibelbis

## Under the Spotlight: Winooski United Methodist Church by Linda Gross

Winooski United Methodist Church (WUMC), one of the new sponsoring faith communities supporting JUMP, has a rich tradition of caring for community members. Located at 24 West Allen Street, they are uniquely placed to respond to many who are in need.

The WUMC has the only Food Shelf called "the Little Green Pantry" in the Winooski area. It is kept sufficiently stocked by donations from their parishioners, local community members, businesses as well generous healthy food donations from a wonderful man, Dick Manchester, who picks up food at surrounding Hannaford Supermarkets.



Next, early morning on the second and fourth Saturday of the month, volunteers arrive to sort and stock the food that has been gathered in the last two weeks. Then from 9:30 AM to noon, doors are opened wide. Coffee and baked goods are shared; conversation is rich with stories. Anyone in need is welcome to take a bagful of groceries home.



Pastor Bonnie Hoovermann

Winooski United is small enough to have a family atmosphere and they have come up with a unique way to celebrate milestones in parishioner's lives. On the first Sunday of every month there is a potluck lunch and a birthday cake celebration for those who are celebrating a birthday that month. Pastor Bonnie Hoovermann has been the spiritual leader of Winooski United Methodist Church, since 2008 and can't believe it is going on 7 years.

### SPRING CAMPAIGN RESULTS: JUMP falls short by \$7000

to raise \$30,000 goal during largest annual fundraising event.

#### 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](http://www.jumpvt.org)

### Spring Campaign goal \$30,000



### WHO WE HELP

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.



## Riverside Beverage & Deli; A Welcoming Environment by Wanda Hines

As you can imagine, our most vulnerable neighbors express much gratitude when they receive their Riverside Beverage & Deli (RBD) gas vouchers. Not surprising, in 2014, RBD vouchers were the most requested of any other transportation voucher; 1,130 were requested with a value of \$26,940. Second, most requested transportation vouchers were 437 CCTA bus passes, valued at \$5,326.

For nearly 20 years, Riverside Beverage has served as a valuable community resource for affordable gas. During this time around 15,000 clients have requested Riverside Beverage gas voucher assistance totaling over \$350,000.

These vouchers are especially helpful when one considers the discrepancy between where clients live and where the jobs and other services offered to them are located. Without gas to get to an interview, a doctor's appointment, school or the grocery store, life can be exceedingly challenging. RBD Owner and Operation Manager Dan Chevalier shared "not only, do we offer affordable gas and shorter lines, we offer a welcoming environment." **Thank you, Riverside Beverage!**



## SUCCESSFUL...Silent Auction to benefit JUMP & VIA by Wanda Hines



Photo Courtesy: Rose Bacon

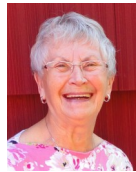
Celebrating 10 years, the Silent Auction, a wonderful event to help the Joint Urban Ministry Project (JUMP) and Vermont Interfaith Action (VIA) was presented May 1st by the Cathedral Church of St. Paul's and Christ Church Presbyterian. Raising over \$10,000, there were many supporters present and ready to bid on donated items for the silent auction.

141 tickets were sold to bid and buy from the a variety of 233 items, ranging from Limoges/Haviland hand-painted china, Catamount Cleaning Company services, and a hand-crafted porch swing. Restaurants, theaters and inns generously donated meals, tickets and overnight stays as bid items.

A lot of hard work went into the event, and the excellent attendance was a genuine testament to these efforts. On behalf of JUMP, thank you Cathedral Church of St. Paul's, Christ Church Presbyterian, auction committee and staff. A special note of gratitude is due Ernie Hathaway as auction committee chairman for his excellent organizational skills

### Thanks for the Memories, a fond farewell

**Shirley Ziemer** began volunteering at JUMP 14 years ago after seeing a request in the St. James Episcopal church bulletin. She volunteered twice a month and served on the Operations Committee for several years. She sums up her time at JUMP as "very rewarding and sometimes heartbreaking when interacting with clients". She leaves a host of JUMP friends who miss her very much.



**Brenda Black** has been an important face at JUMP since 2008. Over the years, she served as a walk-in center volunteer, volunteer team leader, Chair of Operations, substitute staff person and Board member. Brenda particularly loved one-on-one time spent with clients; she was a model for creating an environment of respect and dignity for every client. Brenda and her family are leaving the area to return to their western roots.

### VALUED VOLUNTEER HOURS

*IN 2014, 84 Volunteers contributed 2602 hours to support JUMP's mission "to promote the physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being of people by providing spiritual care, direct assistance to meet basic needs, and advocacy." If you are interested Volunteers are needed to assist with special events, to coordinate food and toiletry drives, and for committee and direct service work in JUMP's Drop-In Center.*

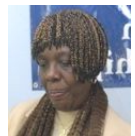
### IN-KIND DONATIONS: "Imagine Going Without..."

*IN 2014 supporters from more than 26 area faith communities, individuals, community organizations, and businesses donated 16801 needed items valued at \$37,127.*

- ◆ 74% were for supplies such as; essential toiletries and household items. Most important at times are PERSONAL HYGIENE items. Imagine going without them. Good hygiene helps our most vulnerable community members stay healthy and maintain dignity.

### In Like a Lion: Three new Members-at-Large

**Margaret Burgess**...with a background in management, administration, budgetary operations, marketing, public relations and staff supervision, brings a wealth of skills to her role as Member-at-Large on the JUMP Board.



Affiliation/activities; correctional institutes in NY & VT, Staten Island Children's Council, Civil Service Employees Association, Local Union VP, over 25 years a professional singer, and foster parent. She serves as the youth mentoring coordinator at the IMANI Health Center. Margaret is a member of Alpha Baptist Church.

**Keith Pillsbury**, a member of the Cathedral of St. Paul's, has strong memories of growing up through hard times on a farm in Shelburne. The generosity of others was an inspiration to Keith as he began working as a direct service volunteer with JUMP three years ago.



Now that he has retired from teaching, Keith has also found time to expand his role at JUMP on the Board and we are grateful to have him!



**Ron Pynn**, after moving to Burlington 10 years ago, he began volunteering at JUMP and has never looked back. Ron has served as the Chair of Finance, on the Board, as a substitute director and has now begun his second tour of Board duty! He states "in all these activities I have found immense satisfaction and completely enjoyed my interactions with JUMP's clients. "We fulfill such an important mission and I am pleased to be but a small part of such a group of dedicated men and women!"



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**JUMP Board of Directors**

- Beth Dreibelbis, President
- Rick Robinson, V-President
- Woody Fulton, Treasurer
- Linda Gross, Secretary
- Lise Bornstein-Malter
- Margaret Burgess
- David Clark
- Andy Farrington
- Ginger Hobbs
- Keith Pillsbury
- Ron Pynn

...a proven, consistent resource for Vermont households facing the challenges of poverty.

**JUMP Staff**

- Wanda Hines; Director
- Gary O'Gorman; Direct Service/Bookkeeping
- Mary Stannard Carter
- Wendy Pelkey; "Intern" Data Entry/Office Assistant

**Charlotte Congregational Church "overbuilds" project by 10% to give "XTRA Energy" to JUMP**

Earlier this year, the Charlotte Congregational Church (CCC) received a \$20,000 Green Mountain Power grant to build a solar energy installation to heat three buildings. It is estimated that this project will save the church approximately \$105,700 over a 25-year period of time as well as reduce their carbon footprint. CCC realized that the Solar Project will generate enough energy that they will be able to tithe ten percent of their savings to JUMP!



Over the span of 25 years, they would save roughly \$10,550 which will allow them to donate \$422 each year to JUMP. JUMP plans to use this money for voucher assistance.

With gratitude, JUMP wishes to thank CCC for the environmentally friendly gift that keeps on giving!

For more detail: please visit CCC website: <http://www.charlotteucc.org/#!/spp/ci75>

Save the date...



Run or walk!  
**Saturday, September 26, 2015**  
 starts from North Beach @10am

**JUMP VOUCHER ASSISTANCE: Dollar Cost**

