



Vermont Children's Trust Foundation

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We love our GRANTEES!

We are proud of the work being done at the local level which gives our kids the opportunity to connect with their communities, build self-confidence and find the courage to strive to be their best. This year we are funding over \$423,000 to 43 programs. Here are superb examples of the good work being done all across our state.

Everybody Wins!

Everybody Wins! Vermont is the state's largest mentoring organization, with over 600 adult volunteers reading one-on-one weekly with children in 22 schools statewide. Mentor pairs meet during lunch time at the school to share books and literacy activities and to build positive relationships. The Power Lunch program exposes children to topics and discussions they might not have otherwise, enhances children's self-esteem, and expands their possibilities for academic and life success. Research shows that children who enjoy reading and are surrounded by books at a young age gain an edge in school and life. Everybody Wins! Mentors help make sure that more children have that opportunity.

Camp Daybreak

Children with social or mental health needs have unique challenges. Camp Daybreak

is a proven residential program to help these beautiful yet vulnerable kids. Each child is provided with a nearly 2:1 support ratio of energetic and encouraging staff and volunteers. This nationally renowned program based on evidence-based mentoring allows our passionate volunteer group to cater the experience to the individual mental, behavioral, social and financial needs of each child. Camp Daybreak is often cited by campers and their caregivers as "the most important time of their life." For the first-time, Camp Daybreak kids are afforded an environment where they can be themselves. The outcomes are life-changing and the feeling of success lasts forever.

Winooski Above the Influence

The Winooski Above the Influence (ATI) group helps youth to live above the negative influences in their life. ATI supports youth in making healthy choices and empowers them to make a difference in their community. Our hope with this program is for youth to not only make their own well-informed decisions, but to have them help change norms and policies around substance use in the greater community. To accomplish this, students



Everybody Wins! Power Lunch program makes reading an adventure.

learn science based facts about substances and substance use, as well as practice public-speaking, leadership, and advocacy skills in a weekly after school group for 5-8th grade students. ATI students also use these skills and engage in outreach events to help address substance abuse within Winooski.

See Polar Express info inside ➡

THE POLAR EXPRESS

The Polar Express exemplifies
what the Vermont Children's Trust Foundation stands for:
community coming together to benefit children.



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The Vermont Children's Trust Foundation and National Life Group



DECEMBER 14 AND 15, 2019

We are grateful for the hundreds of volunteers and many, many generous sponsors who help us create this enchanting experience of boarding a train in Burlington and arriving at the North Pole.

Thank you to our **2019 SPONSORS** for being the engine in front of the Vermont Children's Trust Foundation's POLAR EXPRESS.

In our 18th year of the Polar Express, the love continues. While bringing holiday joy to thousands, we hope to raise \$180,000 for children's prevention programs in Vermont. If you are interested in sponsoring The Polar Express, please call 802.951.8604.

Thank you for keeping the magic alive!



We love our VOLUNTEERS!

If you have taken a ride on the Polar Express over the past 17 years, chances are you have had your spirits lifted by a member of the Genzlinger Family. Hundreds of volunteers donate their time and good cheer for one joy filled weekend and no family is more devoted than the Genzlinger Family.

Each December, as children and families have boarded the Polar Express in

Burlington, the Genzlinger Family has been preparing behind the scenes for the train's magical arrival to the North Pole. Three generations of the family volunteer as elves, our storyteller and Mrs. Claus. The event would not be the same without their compassion and devotion.

On behalf of the nearly 55,000 children who have experienced the magic of the



Polar Express, we tip our elf hats and offer a jolly and heartfelt thank you to the magnificent Genzlinger Family!!

2020 Grantees by County

Addison

Addison Central Teens & Friends
Boys and Girls Club
of Greater Vergennes
Everybody Wins! Vermont
Lincoln Cooperative Preschool
Mary Johnson Children's Center
Outright Vermont

Bennington

Sunrise Family Resource Center, Inc.

Caledonia

DREAM Program
Everybody Wins! Vermont
Northeast Kingdom Preschool
and Daycare

Chittenden

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Vermont
Committee on Temporary
Shelter (COTS)
Connecting Youth/Champlain
Valley School District
Everybody Wins! Vermont
Lund
Outright Vermont
Pine Forest Children's Center

Steps to End Domestic Violence, Inc.
UVM - Camel's Hump Middle School
Very Merry Theatre
Winooski Coalition for a Safe
and Peaceful Community
Winooski Family Center/Howard Center

Franklin

Franklin Grand Isle Bookmobile
Richford Health Center Inc.

Lamoille

Healthy Lamoille Valley

Orange

Everybody Wins! Vermont

Orleans

Everybody Wins! Vermont
Outright Vermont

Rutland

Everybody Wins! Vermont
Outright Vermont
Rutland County Parent Child Center
The Mentor Connector

Statewide
Camp Daybreak
Changing Perspectives
Girls on the Run Vermont
Inclusive Arts Vermont
Prevent Child Abuse VTSBS Prevention
Safer Society Foundation
Vermont Humanities Council

Washington

Everybody Wins! Vermont
Family Center of Washington County
Good Beginnings of Central Vermont
Twinfield Together Mentoring Program
Windham
New England Youth Theatre (2)
West River Valley Thrives
Winston Prouty Center for Child and
Family Development

Windsor

Everybody Wins! Vermont
Family Place
One Planet Program,
White River Valley SU (2)
Stepping Stones Preschool
Two Rivers Supervisory Union

2019 Awards

The 2019 Sally Fox Award has been awarded to Good Beginnings of Central Vermont, Parent/Caregiver Support Groups

The award is in honor of Sally Fox,
who worked as an attorney and director
of the Vermont Disabilities Law Project of
Vermont Legal Aid before being elected in
1986 to the Vermont House of Representa-
tives from the town of Essex.

Creative Lives Director Maureen Burford Receives the Lynne Von Trapp Award For Exemplary Leadership in a Prevention Program for Children

This award is given annually by the Vermont Children's Trust
Foundation in honor of Lynne von Trapp, founding benefactor,
board member and first Executive Director of the Foundation.
"I am both honored to be this year's recipient of the Lynne von
Trapp Award and privileged to be a grantee of this wonderful
foundation. Thank you, Mrs. von Trapp and Vermont Children's
Trust Foundation, for all you are doing to improve the lives of
children in our State. — **Maureen Burford**

We love our DONORS!

Thank You to All of Our 2019 Donors

The wonderful stories of kindness and compassion that fill these pages would not be possible without the generosity of our donors. We are truly grateful to all who help to make Vermont a better place for our children to live, grow and learn.

Please visit our growing list of big-hearted supporters on our website. Our donors recognize that healthy, educated and nurtured children are more likely to realize their promise as they mature. Join us in thanking them for believing in the work of VCTF.

2020 Grants

Income Sources for Programs

Federal Grant-JJDP*	\$84,653	20%
State Appropriation	\$85,651	20%
Donations from Donors on State Tax Returns - Line 23C	\$65,000	15%
VCT Foundation Contribution	\$187,803	44%
Total Funds for Grants	\$423,107	100%

43 Programs Funded
(see grants list)

*JJDP=Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention



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The Vermont Children's Trust Foundation promotes the well-being of children and families in Vermont by raising funds for community-based prevention programs.