The Vermont Children's Trust Foundation is proud to support 58 targeted prevention programs across Vermont this year. Over $506,000 will be granted to the community-based organizations who identify need within their populations and collaboratively determine the most effective ways to address those needs within their communities. We appreciate that our Vermont communities are diverse and unique. We have confidence in those with boots on the ground and ties to the children and families they serve to identify solutions that will work. The results are undeniable and their stories are inspiring.

COMMON ROOTS
For 12 years, Common Roots has been growing organic food and providing farm fresh food to families experiencing food insecurity during stressful situations. Located in South Burlington, Vermont, Common Roots uses best organic farming practices on a total of 5 acres of urban farming to grow nutrient-dense foods with regenerative soil practices.

Food insecurity and poverty are realities throughout our state and in the South Burlington and Burlington areas. Currently, 27.6% of students in South Burlington are eligible for free lunch. This number is growing. Food insecurity in our community has been greatly exacerbated by COVID-19. Households experiencing food insecurity generally consume less than the daily adequate nutrition requirements.

Common Roots understands that it takes more than just (Continued back cover)
WINTERFEST
AT MAPLE STREET PARK

December 11, 2021

We are EXCITED to announce that we are moving forward with a FREE, community appreciation event on December 11, 2021 at the magical Maple Street Park in Essex. WINTERFEST will include complimentary cocoa and cookies, beautifully lit trees, a tree ornament scavenger hunt, snowman building, bonfires, a sing-along and more. We hope that you will join us. Look for more details in the weeks to come!

THANK YOU to all the generous corporations and companies who invest in our programs throughout the year.

2021 Awards

The Arts Bus Executive Director, Genny Albert, 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.

"Thank you so much for the years of pioneering you've done for the children of Vermont, because it truly has paved the way for The Arts Bus. You all make a brighter future for every child, a future we will share together, so let's fill it with the joy of art!" – Genny Albert

The 2021 Sally Fox Award has been awarded to Sara Holbrook Community Center. 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 Representatives from the town of Essex. The Sara Holbrook Community Center was created to support the needs of local children, youth and families. High-quality out-of-school programs enable family members to be employed, create a safe space for young people, allow academic support, limit high-risk behaviors and promote positive social-emotional and physical health all of which are essential for those they serve.
2021 Grantees by County

Addison
Addison Central Teens & Friends Inc
Boys & Girls Club of Greater Vergennes
Everybody Wins! Vermont
Future Genius Inc
Lawrence Memorial Library
MINT
Outright Vermont
Very Merry Theatre

Bennington
Future Genius Inc
MINT
Mountain Communities Supporting Education - The Collaborative
NFI Vermont, Inc.
Paran Recreations
Southwestern Vermont Medical Center
Sunrise Family Resource Center

Caledonia
DREAM Program
Northeast Kingdom Preschool and Childcare
Everybody Wins! Vermont
Future Genius Inc
St. Johnsbury School District
Cabot Public Library
Lamoille Family Center
Rural ARTS Collaborative dba WonderArts
Northeast Kingdom Community Action

Chittenden
Connecting Youth/Champlain Valley School District
Everybody Wins! Vermont
Future Genius Inc
Janet S. Munt Family Room
King Street Center
Milton After School Kids (MASK)
Milton Community Youth Coalition
Outright Vermont
Sara Holbrook Community Center
Steps to End Domestic Violence

Very Merry Theatre
Winooski Family Center
Franklin
Franklin Grand Isle Bookmobile
Future Genius Inc
Highgate Library and Community Center
Richford Health Center Inc.

Grand Isle
Very Merry Theatre.

Lamoille
Future Genius Inc
Lamoille Family Center

Orange
Arts Bus
Everybody Wins! Vermont
Future Genius Inc
Upper Valley Haven

Orleans
DREAM Program
Encore After School and Summer Program
Everybody Wins! Vermont
Lamoille Family Center
Outright Vermont
Rural ARTS Collaborative dba WonderArts
University of Vermont Extension 4-H

Rutland
Everybody Wins! Vermont
Fletcher Memorial Library
Future Genius Inc
Mentor Connector
MINT
Outright Vermont
Rutland County Parent Child Center
Vermont Farmers Food Center

Washington
Arts Bus
Cabot Public Library
Capstone Community Action
Everybody Wins! Vermont
Future Genius Inc
Good Beginnings of Central Vermont
Moretown Memorial Library
NFI Vermont, Inc.
Upper Valley Haven
Waitsfield Children’s Center
Waterbury Public Library

Windham
Boys & Girls Club of Brattleboro
Family Place
Future Genius Inc
Mountain Communities Supporting Education - The Collaborative
New England Youth Theatre
NFI Vermont, Inc.
River Gallery School of Art

Windsor
Arts Bus
Everybody Wins! Vermont
Fletcher Memorial Library
Future Genius Inc
MINT
MoonRise Therapeutics
Mountain Communities Supporting Education - The Collaborative
NFI Vermont, Inc.
One Planet Program, White River Valley SU
Upper Valley Haven

Statewide
Changing Perspectives
Girls on the Run Vermont
Kingdom County Productions
Prevent Child Abuse Vermont
Safer Society Foundation
Vermont Family Network

VCTF Celebrates
30 years of Making an Impact

VCTF is celebrating our 30th birthday this year- a milestone that invites reflection and gratitude. To reach a milestone such as this, there first must be a beginning. At the beginning, our founding benefactors and visionaries—Lynne von Trapp, Mary Jane Gentry and Brenda Bean understood the value of prevention. The programs that they funded thirty years ago—and those we fund now—help produce better functioning families, so that children can thrive in supportive, healthy environments and grow to be responsible and productive citizens. We have much to be thankful for. The hundreds of community-based grantees we've funded over the past three decades for their outstanding work on behalf of our children; our many donors who have generously supported us from the beginning; and all of the volunteers who come back year after year to help us with our events. There is a reason Vermont is continually recognized as a great place to raise children. It is because our community comes together to ensure our youngest members have a fair chance for success. Thank you.
(Continued from front cover) providing food to make change. While the organization provides fresh vegetables and food starts at the food shelves in Burlington and South Burlington, they also understand that education is a key factor in successfully reducing food insecurity. Common Roots' programs serve several refugee families in our community. Their food education programs work directly with entire classes of children from the Dreamers Programs in both Winooski and Burlington by bringing these children to the farm.

With funding from VCTF, Common Roots supports and educates children and families by promoting healthy food choices with taste tests and recipes and by including tips on shopping smart on limited budgets. The farm offers vegetable and herb plant starts to families in order to promote food independence and enables families to visit the farm on a mini-bus so they may learn to grow nourishing food.

We are grateful for organizations like Common Roots who work hard every day to care for our children and our community.

ThankYou to All of Our 2021 DONORS!
Our children are more resilient, connected and confident because of the people and programs who prioritize their well-being. 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. Please visit our growing list of big-hearted supporters on our website.

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