



COTS to create permanent homes for 16 families

The Main Street Family Housing project set for construction in Spring 2022

The Committee on Temporary Shelter (COTS) is thrilled to announce a construction timeline for the Main Street Family Housing project, which will create 16 new units of deeply affordable housing targeted specifically to families moving from shelter or motels.

COTS plans to break ground on the Main Street Family Housing project in Spring 2022, with an expected completion in Spring 2023. This means 16 families will have a new, affordable home by June 2023.

The new building will be located on our existing property at 278 Main Street, to the rear of our Main Street Family Shelter. It will provide a lifeline for homeless families who otherwise would struggle to get a foothold in Burlington's expensive and extremely tight rental market. COTS' housing is

targeted to the most vulnerable, families and children who are homeless, or people facing eviction and at eminent risk of homelessness. The new affordable housing units will allow 16 families to access deeply affordable permanent housing as they continue to receive COTS support services.

This project has been in the works for several years, yet like many service agencies, long term plans were temporarily put on hold at the onset of the pandemic in order to meet the most urgent needs first. However, while we were hyper-focused on emergency shelter and services and implementing new safety measures, we never lost sight of our long-term goal of creating new affordable housing for families. At COTS, we work toward permanent solutions to end homelessness, and this project brings us one step closer to our ultimate goal.

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COTS has an award-winning track record of creating permanent housing that enhances the local community

We continue to build on past success to create permanent solutions for the future.

1 Just one year after COTS first opened the doors of its emergency shelter in 1982, we purchased the former **Wilson Hotel** to create **permanent affordable housing** options in downtown Burlington.

2 In 1992, COTS received the **Maxwell Award of Excellence** from Fannie Mae for converting **St. John's Hall**, a blighted bingo hall, into **22 units of permanent supportive housing** for formerly homeless residents.

3 In 2011, COTS welcomed its first residents to the **Canal Street Veterans Housing**, a newly constructed facility in Winooski. The first four floors of this **award-winning building (2011 Vermont AIA People's Choice Award)** provided two-year transitional units for formerly homeless veterans and their families. The building now serves a broad range of individuals and families as permanent, affordable housing for those who have experienced homelessness.

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We are all in this together

In January 2020, the New England Federal Credit Union gave COTS an extraordinary \$1 million grant to support the creation of new housing for families experiencing homelessness. This generous gift laid the foundation to get the Main Street Family Housing project off the ground.

Stay tuned for an announcement in the Spring of 2022 as we launch a campaign to ask our incredible supporters to help make this project a reality.

Utilizing existing property, building on past success

In 2002, COTS purchased and renovated a 200-year-old brick building on Main Street in Burlington with the goal of providing emergency housing to homeless families with children. Since the original renovation, COTS has completed additional upgrades to the facilities. In 2015, the building was brought up to current insulation standards through air sealing, insulation, and historically sensitive re-siding. In 2019, the guest entrance was reoriented, and a trauma-informed design renovation of the halls, kitchen, and dining spaces, was undertaken, and in 2020 a new slate roof was installed.

The shelter can accommodate up to 10 families with children at a time, which at the time it opened, tripled COTS' capacity to shelter families who are homeless. COTS onsite staff offer housing referrals, case management and ongoing support to help families get back on their feet.

The Main Street Family Housing building will be situated on the existing property, adjoining the Main Street Family Shelter. The attractive location in downtown Burlington is within safe walking distance of an elementary school, grocery store, parks, and near public transportation.

Getting at the root cause

A lack of affordable housing is a pervasive problem in Vermont. According to the National Low Income Housing Coalition's 2021 Out of Reach report, it is clear that there are no states within the US where an individual can work 40 hours per week at the minimum wage and afford a modest 1-bedroom apartment. Chittenden County renters must work an



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

- We will create 16 units of new permanent affordable housing targeted to families moving from shelter or motel programs.
- Unit Mix: 7 two bedroom, 6 studio, 3 one bedroom units
- All 16 units will meet Burlington's Inclusionary Zoning law.
- The building will be an urban infill project, replacing an existing underutilized lot.
- The building will be well-insulated, utilizing efficient electric heating and cooling with cold climate heat pumps, meeting and exceeding Burlington's goals to meet emissions standards for new construction.

average of 64 hours per week at Vermont's current minimum wage to afford a one-bedroom apartment.

This year's report also states that a Vermont worker would need to earn \$23.68 per hour to afford a two-bedroom apartment. In the greater Burlington area, workers would need to earn \$31.31 to afford a 2-bedroom apartment. This figure is known as the Housing Wage, the hourly wage a household must earn while working full time to afford a decent apartment at fair market rent, while spending no more than 30% of their income on housing expenses. This data from 2021 highlights the already challenging environment for low income families trying to maintain safe and affordable housing.

The rise of COVID-19 and its economic instability have only intensified pre-existing financial issues. 54% of the US renter population are employed in the 5 industries hit hardest by COVID-19 – restaurants, retail, personal services, service workers and entertainment. Within the northeast, specifically,

low-income renters have been 15-80% more cost burdened by rent since March 2020.

In addition to the problems surrounding employment or underemployment as a result of the pandemic, the number of new multi-family units scheduled to come online this year and next in the greater Burlington market has been severely impacted.

The lack of supply in our area increases monthly rents, creating a crisis of unsustainability where previously secure renters and homeowners alike teeter on the verge of homelessness.

Increasing Need as a Result of COVID-19 Pandemic

While Vermont, and Chittenden County in particular, has seen a rise in homeless children in recent years, the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated this problem. Due to social distancing needs, many people who lost housing during the crisis moved to motels. While COTS quickly responded to create a brand-new Motel Outreach Team, this population represents a new and significant need in the community.

Right now, there are roughly 100 children staying with their families in local motels throughout Chittenden County and 13 in our family shelters. COTS outreach teams have been providing support services and housing search assistance to these motels since the early months of the pandemic. This volume, this urgency of need, has no precedent in Vermont. The stress of living in cramped settings, not designed for long-term occupancy, has had a damaging impact on children and family cohesion. We are confident that this project will have the greatest public benefit by serving as many families as possible, as quickly as possible.

Creating Cascading Benefits for Communities

Families experiencing homelessness are under considerable stress. Homelessness is a devastating experience that significantly impacts the health and well-being of adults and children. Often, members of homeless families have experienced trauma. These experiences affect how children and adults think, feel, behave, relate, and cope. When basic needs like shelter, food, and safety are not being met due to homelessness, children and their parents cannot focus on other needs such as health and education.

There are significant negative health impacts on children experiencing homelessness, which can have lasting effects. Babies born to mothers experiencing homelessness are likely to have low birth weights. One-third of homeless infants do not receive necessary vaccinations. Homeless children are much more likely to experience chronic health problems such as obesity, asthma, or mental health challenges such as anxiety and depression. Homeless youth are twice as likely than their peers to have suicidal thoughts and attempt suicide.

In addition, children experiencing homelessness suffer academically. They are more likely to perform lower on standardized tests and receive lower grades. They are also more likely to exhibit learning issues due to constant transience that makes it difficult to follow along with curriculum. These children are four times more likely to experience learning delays and

twice as likely to have learning disabilities. Unfortunately, they are also less likely to receive support services to address these needs.

The Main Street Family Housing project will have a cascading benefit for the children who live there. This project will help to alleviate the many social, emotional, and economic tolls homelessness can have on families and the community by creating a new opportunity for 16 families to thrive in their community. Children will now have the chance to participate fully in school, and parents who no longer have to worry about finding stable housing will have the ability focus on their children's education and health. The pressure on school and health systems will be alleviated as they will no longer absorb the strain of serving these families in crisis.

Providing stable housing to 16 families will reverse the cycle of homelessness and have a lasting impact on the health of the community.

Permanent Housing in a Supportive Environment

All of our housing program residents have access to individualized support services to meet tailored goals. The provision of these services is far less costly when we are working with residents in a single location rather than scattered sites throughout the county.

In many cases, residents are more comfortable working with COTS support services since they have formed relationships while in shelter or at the motels.

YOU CAN HELP!

COTS programs and services are made possible by generous donations from supporters like you! Visit www.cotsonline.org/give to support the Main Street Family Housing project.

Award-winning track record *continued from page 1*

4 We completed an extensive **\$7.6 million renovation** and addition to our building at **COTS 95 North Avenue**, located in the Old North End of Burlington to create **14 new units of permanently affordable housing** in addition to the **renovation of a 126-year-old historic building** to accommodate multiple COTS programs. This building was the 2018 recipient of the **Preservation Trust of Vermont's Preservation Award**.

5 Our new **Main Street Family housing** will add **16 units of permanent affordable housing** to our portfolio of deeply affordable housing for those who have experienced homelessness.

Altogether, COTS now operates 98 units of permanent housing (not shelter), all of those units targeted to people who have experienced homelessness.

Thank You for Making the COTS Walk 2021 a Success!

We are happy to share that thanks to your support, the 2021 COTS Walk surpassed our goal of raising \$205,000!

More than a thousand people walked, donated, and fundraised to make this year's event a success. This is a wonderful example of how our community takes flight together.

The COTS Walk is one of our oldest and most important fundraisers, and every year thousands of walkers of all ages, from businesses, schools, social and religious organizations, and neighborhoods come together from all over the region to participate.

Typically, the COTS Walk consists of a 3.6-mile trek that our guests commonly take to the different COTS locations. In 2020, the walk went virtual for the first time due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2021, the 32nd Annual COTS Walk was also virtual, and it included elements and resources that are valuable all year round.

The 2021 interactive walk included different elements to make it engaging and educational to a wide range of participants. Throughout the month of April, there were interactive daily walk activities that folks could do virtually from home. This included things like a kite building activity, recipes to make at home, and other games, experiments, and activities. Each activity was designed to relate to the work and mission of COTS, making it fun and educational.

New this year to the COTS Walk is a virtual tour that provides a close look at COTS shelters, housing, and program

spaces. It includes 360° panoramas, photos, narrated videos, and more of the different spaces. This virtual version of the COTS Walk was released at the beginning of May 2021, after activities in April that led up to the event. It is a useful tool not only to make the COTS Walk more accessible, but also serves as a year-round resource for the community at large who want to see COTS spaces. This is especially important in giving COTS guests or folks who may want to utilize COTS resources a look at what to expect before visiting in person.

The Virtual COTS Walk is something you can do all year-round. Whether it's completing the daily activities with your family to teach younger kiddos about homelessness or exploring the COTS spaces and learning about their history and uses. We hope these resources will be helpful throughout the year and for the many COTS Walks to come!

Although we don't know quite yet what next year's walk will look like, one thing is certain: **the COTS Walk will take place on the first Sunday in May, so mark your calendars for May 1, 2022!**



COTS Walk 2021 Sponsor List

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With Nora's Help, COTS is Not in a Pickle

Nora, a 7-and $\frac{3}{4}$ -year-old COTS supporter, donates half of her pickle stand sales to COTS. Nora captured the heart of our followers when they read about her efforts to donate to those in need. Romy, COTS Communications and Outreach Specialist, interviewed Nora to see what sparked this fantastic idea.

Romy: "Why did you want to support COTS?"

Nora: "I chose to support COTS because you help people find homes. I like helping other people. During homeschool last year, we worked on learning about helping other people, and we learned about homelessness in Vermont. I think having a home is important for kids so they stay warm and dry."

Romy: "How did you come up with the idea of a pickle stand?"

Nora: "We had a looooooot of cucumbers in our garden, and I like pickles. My grandma helped make the pickles. This is the second year I have been doing pickle stands at my driveway, and this year I wanted to share the money with you. I went to the farmers market kids day and sold pickles there too. I like having a pickle stand."

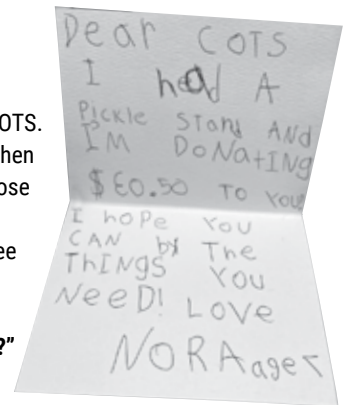
Romy: "What do you think makes a good pickle?"

Nora: "The salt! If there is no salt, it is bitter. Well, I think so. It has to be crunchy, and cold. We used the cucumbers and onions from our garden to make it taste better! Without the cucumbers, you wouldn't have a pickle, that's the key ingredient."

Romy: "What do you think is important for our readers to know?"

Nora: "You should be kind to other people always."

Well said, Nora. Thank you for sharing your wisdom and big heart with COTS.



It Takes a Village

Thanks to the generosity of **KeyBank, Staples, Rhino Cares, Homebridge** and the **Vermont Lake Monsters** our Back to School Supply Drive was a huge success. We kicked off the drive cheering on the Lake Monsters at Centennial Field for “COTS Night” where Rebekah Mott, our Director of Development, threw out the first pitch. Vouchers to a future Lake Monster game were provided to fans who brought in school supplies. Staples helped us collect many donations from their customers, and KeyBank generously donated 240 backpacks. Homebridge donated hundreds of pivotal school supplies and led the backpack stuffing. **Star 92.9** collected items for us on Church Street, while various other groups such as **Orange Theory Fitness** led collection drives. COTS also received many donations from individuals who visited our main office, selected items from our wish list to be mailed directly to us, and purchased Back to School bundles from our website. Throughout the month-long drive, we collected enough supplies from the community to serve all of the children staying with COTS, and with community partners! Notable items were 1,234 boxes of colored pencils, 274 backpacks, 520 Notebooks, 1,304 crayons, and 1,418 folders. With the help of 15 volunteers, we were able to stuff 145 backpacks for children seeking COTS services. Close to 10,000 school supplies were distributed to children helped by our community partners: **Burlington Boys & Girls Club, King Street Center, STEPS to End Domestic Violence, Spectrum Youth & Family Services**, and the **Sara Holbrook Community Center**. **Mercy Connections** also received school supplies for their Curbside Connection program.



Vermont Teddy Bear supplied cozy PajamaGram clothing to our guests. **1**

Gadue's partnership with COTS provides dry cleaning of winter coats donated by the community to help keep our guests warm through their **Coats for Kids and Families** program.

As part of their “Project Warmth,” **Turtle Fur** provided three large boxes of hats, blankets, and gloves as the weather starts to get colder.

The **22nd annual Homeschoolers of Chittenden County Bake Sale** donated proceeds (and tasty treats) from their sale held outside the Fletcher Free Library in October.

The **Rock Point School** hosted their annual **Ooky Spooky 5K** to help raise money to support COTS.

Skida Headwear & Accessories donated hundreds of cloth masks “to help keep us safe.”

Burlington Furniture Company donated 1% of their sales in the month of September to COTS.

Darn Tough Vermont donated socks for guests staying at the Daystation and Waystation.

Thank you **Goodwill** for supporting our clients by donating 500 Goodwill vouchers.

Hanes for Good donated 500 pairs of men's socks and 3500 masks.

Sherpa Foods donated items from the COTS wish list in honor of their son Aiden's birthday, served lunch at the Daystation, and donated a portion of their weekly sales at the Burlington Farmers Market. **2**



Main Street Family Shelter's garden provided fresh vegetables to families thanks to volunteers and local businesses. **Gardener's Supply** donated a variety of robust plants. **Food not Bombs** supplied tomato plants. As part of **VHCB AmeriCorps** "Volunteer Service Day," a group of volunteers tamed and planted our garden beds. **Ryan Barland** volunteered to care for the garden throughout the coming months. **3**

Jacqueline and **Jessica Bolster** as well as **Ron** and **Laura Sheehan** donated spring baskets and gift cards for children in shelter. **4**

CVOEO donated 40 art kits for Fair Housing Month's "HeART & Home" community art project.

The Junior Service League of the Champlain Valley donated 50 packages of baby wipes for families in shelter.



Thank you **Gotta Have Soul Foundation** for supplying 40 pairs of shoes for children in shelter.

The Fraternal Order of Eagles donated grocery store gift cards for families moving into shelter. **5**



Donations, Drives, and COTS Wish List

Special thanks to those who have donated from our wish list or set up donations drives. Thank you **Julie Olin** and **Christopher Grace**, **Dara Chira**, **William Hickson**, **Faith United Methodist Church**, **Best Western**, **Jennifer Kadilak**, **Erin and Paul Spinner**, **Chris Thompson**, **Alex Howe**, **Jane Hakins**, **Lena Estabrook**, **Rachel and George Shelley**, **Susan Laughlin**, **Jason Lorber** and **Nathaniel Lew**, **Bruce and Michelle Bouchard**, **Karen Franko**, **Allison M. Barlow**, **Alycia Burton**, **Allison Curran**, **April Scafe**, **Jacqueline Boudreau**, **Leslie Butler**, **John C. Woolley, Jr.**, **Melissa Sweet**, **Jed Harris**, **Susan** and **Robert Mohr**, **Kirk Rankin**, **Desautels & Micciche** for donating necessary hygiene products such as toothpastes, shampoos, toothbrushes, soaps, sanitizers, masks, and more.

Thank you **Diane Haddock**, **Stephanie Noakes**, **Julian Barritt**, **Jason Fiedinger**, **Dana** and **Jared LeBlanc**, **Alicia Fligg**, **Nancy Beck**, **Ruth Bombardier**, **Minner Hobbs Conroy** and **Rob Conroy**, **R Linnea** and **Harlan Lachman**, **Christine Cramer**, **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**, **Charles and Jean Rookhot**, **Champlain College**, **Rhino Foods**, **Healthy Living Market & Café**, **Westview Investments**, **Betsy Magee**, **Robert** and **Leslie Desrosiers** for donating move-in-kit supplies such as pillows, sheets, towels, detergents, blankets, kitchen supplies, and other miscellaneous items.

Daystation Lunch

Love and Blessings, **Richmond Congregational Church**, **The Mountain Mamas**, **Colchester-Milton Rotary Club**, **All Souls Interfaith Gathering**, **College Street Congregational UCC**, **Mansfield Hall**, **Heritage Aviation**, **Michael Mellott**, **Gwendolyn Eagan**, **Ridgeline Real Estate Company**, plus *many, many more* individual supporters, provided healthy lunches for about 25 people daily. The Daystation serves a noontime meal 365 days a year, thanks to the support of volunteers.

Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream donated bulk containers of ice cream which was surely enjoyed by guests of the Daystation.

Thanks to **COSTCO** for donating a gift card each month to help support the COTS Daystation meal program.



Cookies for Good: Locally baked treats now taking orders

Sugarsnap Catering's freshly made **Cookies for Good** are a "bake sale every day" for COTS. 35% of all cookie sales are donated to COTS, which adds up to make a BIG IMPACT. Over the past decade, nearly \$120,000 has been raised in support of COTS' shelters, services, and homeless prevention, one cookie at a time.

Cookies for Good are perfect to serve at your holiday parties and business lunches or to share with friends, family, co-workers, and customers.

New this year: Order online and share a taste of Vermont with faraway loved ones. Choose from nine different flavors – all locally sourced and delicious! To order, visit www.thesnapvt.com, call (802) 861-2951, or email catering@thesnapvt.com.



Answer the Call!

COTS Volunteers to Dial for Dollars November 29–December 2.

This year, during our 2nd virtual event, our dedicated volunteers will call past COTS supporters on these four evenings to thank them for their help and ask them to consider a gift again this year. Be sure to "answer the call," or go online to donate at cotsonline.org.

Volunteers make the COTS Phonathon possible. Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to participate this year! More than half of COTS' annual budget comes from community donations and events such as the Phonathon.

COTS has partnered with WOKO-FM 98.9 again this year to encourage listeners to call in a donation to the Phonathon. The radio station will air stories of people served by COTS, in their own voice and words, as well as share information about COTS programs, outcomes, and results

If you would like to make a donation to the COTS Phonathon, go online or mail your gift to: COTS Phonathon, PO Box 1616, Burlington, VT 05402.

Holiday Gifting at COTS

Thank you for making the holidays so special for people, especially children, experiencing homelessness. We appreciate your generosity immensely. People in our shelters are so happy when they receive your gifts. For any other questions, or to organize a drive, email RomyT@Cotsonline.org.

Here are a couple of things to keep in mind when purchasing gifts for people in shelter:

Donate gift cards. Gift cards are an amazing way to allow parents to purchase gifts for their children. Gift cards give parents the autonomy to choose a gift they know their child needs or will love. They are especially helpful when families move into shelter late in the season. Gift cards are necessary for these families who may not have any gifts waiting for them. Gift cards also are important in limiting exposure of germs, keeping staff extra safe this holiday season.

Shop online and have donations shipped directly to COTS. Due to the pandemic, we work to limit people with items entering COTS. We have an Amazon wish list, and other ways to shop for children online. These wish lists will be curated with specific children in mind. (Our street address for shipping packages: COTS, 95 North Avenue, Burlington, VT 05401.)

Schedule a delivery time to drop off donations to COTS. Many of us are working remotely. 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 time or call 802-864-7402.)

We only accept new and unused items. Our policy is to accept new and unused items only. This is to maintain dignity regardless of what people are experiencing in life.

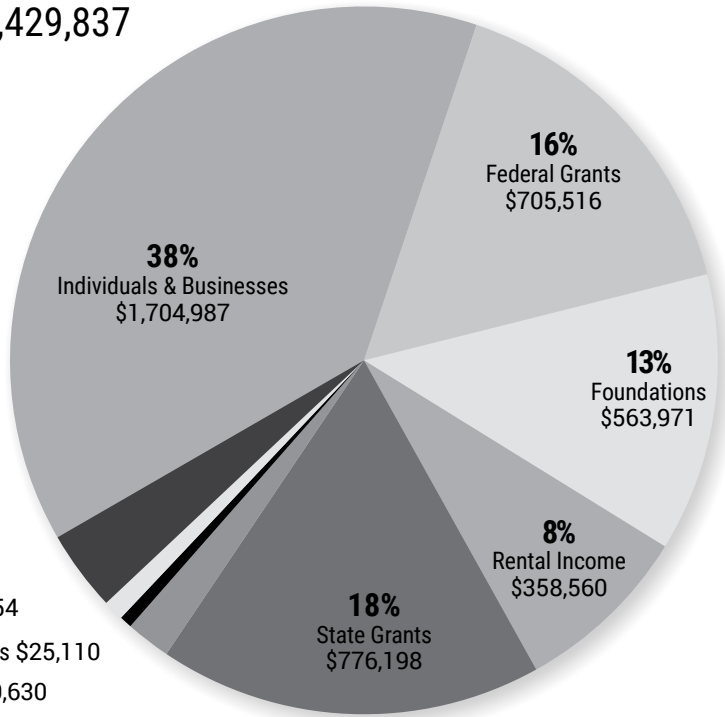
We do not accept plush toys. Unfortunately, to help stop the spread of germs, we do not accept plush toys at this time. Thank you for understanding.

Keep gifts purchased to under \$50 each. In order to keep equity in shelter, we limit gift cost to ensure that each child will get something similar in cost to another child.

We try to give each child three gifts, and we have children from babies to teens. Something they need, something they want, and an educational material. We often do not receive many gifts for older teens, so we especially appreciate gifts for them too.

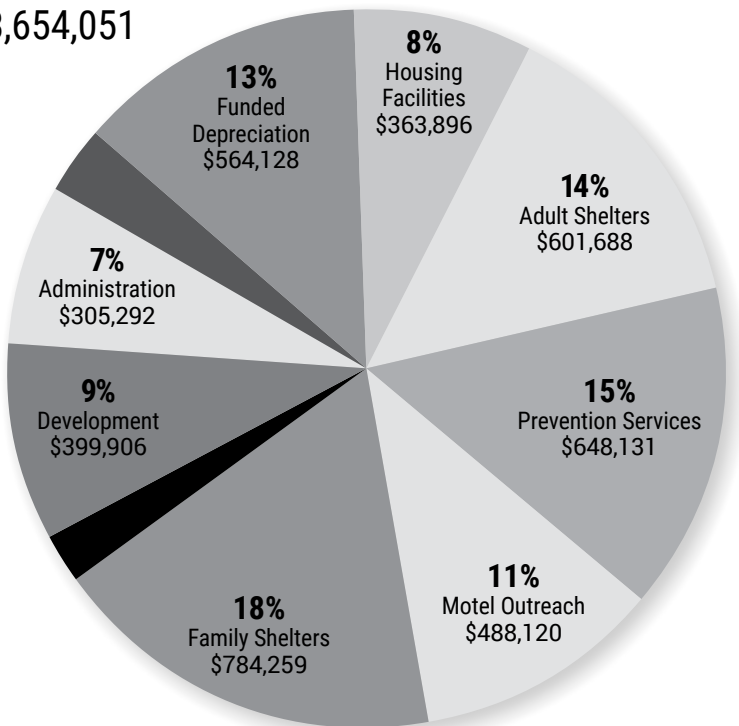
2021 in review

Revenues: \$4,429,837



- 4% Other \$163,111
- 1% United Way \$41,754
- 1% Local Municipalities \$25,110
- 2% Project Grants \$90,630

Expenses: \$3,654,051



- 3% Building Projects \$145,130
- 7% Administration \$305,292
- 9% Development \$399,906
- 2% Public Education \$95,045

COTS Shelters

Please note that capacity in our shelters was reduced this year to maintain COVID-19 health and safety measures.

FAMILY SHELTERS:

22 families (including **40 children**) stayed in a COTS family shelter. We have two family shelters in our community: the Main Street Family Shelter and the Firehouse Family Shelter.

ADULT OVERNIGHT SHELTER:

78 individuals stayed at the COTS Waystation, our year-round program shelter for single adults.

ADULT DAYTIME CENTER: 179 individuals visited the COTS Daystation, a daytime center for adults experiencing homelessness.

Housing Navigation

COTS FAMILY HOUSING SERVICES:

86 children, including those staying in a COTS emergency shelter or the community, received support from COTS staff.

COTS ADULT HOUSING SERVICES:

134 single adults received outreach and support from COTS staff.

Prevention Support

PREVENTION ASSISTANCE:

9 households (including **67 children**) received prevention assistance through the COTS Housing Resource Center.

REHOUSING ASSISTANCE:

83 households (including **60 children**) received rehousing help through the COTS HRC program.

COTS Motel Outreach Team

HOUSING & SUPPORT SERVICES:

1,369 adults and 110 children received rehousing and supportive services at area hotels through the on-site mobile outreach team. These are families and individuals who are experiencing homelessness and are staying in area hotels. **85 households** obtained permanent housing because of COTS services.

COTS Housing

PERMANENT & STEP-UP HOUSING:

98 units of housing were offered by COTS at the **Smith House, The Wilson, St. John's Hall, 95 North Avenue** (with Housing Vermont), and **Canal Street Veterans Housing** (with Housing Vermont).

Thank YOU!

These generous businesses and organizations provided in-kind and financial support to COTS during our fiscal year 2021 (October 1, 2020–September 30, 2021). 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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Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences	Cady's Falls Nursery	CSE, Inc.	GE Foundation
The Alchemist Brewery	Carter's	Cushman Design Group, Inc.	General Dynamics Ordnance and Tactical Systems
All Saints Episcopal Church	Cathedral Church of St. Paul	CVOEO	Gerl Reilly Real Estate
All Souls Interfaith Gathering	Champlain Cable	CVS	Girl Scout Troop 60267
Amalgamated Culture Works	Champlain College	Cx Associates, LLC	Goldman Sachs Philanthropy Fund
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