



Creating Caring Community

2017 Faith Community Newsletter

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"Thank you for your Faith and Support!"



Year 2016 proved very rewarding on many levels. Most notable was the JUMP Drop

In Center which implemented firmer guidelines as well as the

mutual supportive working relationship between staff and volunteers to better serve clients. Side by side, staff and volunteers along with faith based and community partners served clients with a broad range of need.

Committed, we achieved our goals and remained a dependable resource for neighbors

in need while providing immediate solutions in the form of voucher assistance, comfort, empathy and thoughtfulness.

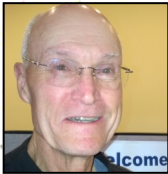
Well done everyone!



- Wanda Hines
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JUMP President's Report: Ron Pynn

This past year has been a satisfying one at JUMP. Clients continue to come in need but also with gratitude for the hospitality and assistance provided to them.



JUMP's staff and volunteers continue to be dedicated and passionate supporters of JUMP. Without the selfless commitment of

JUMP volunteers the program could not function! The time and concern spent with clients remains an inspiration to our entire community.

I am personally forever grateful for our volunteers and staff for their dedicated work on behalf of JUMP and JUMP's clients.

I look forward to 2017 and the future of

JUMP. There is work to be done but JUMP remains healthy and on solid foundation.

The community can rest assured that its citizens in need can walk through the doors at JUMP, be treated with dignity and respect, and find JUMP ready and able to provide clients with assistance, support, and referrals in 2017.

Operations Committee "HEROES and so much more..."



In 2016 Volunteers remained the back bone of JUMP. Meaning, there is hope and that hope is JUMP Volunteers. As such one should ask who coordinated

all that hope to make JUMP's drop in Center a success. Well...that would be the Operations Committee whose purpose is "to oversee the Operations of the JUMP Walk-in Center..."

Who are these Operations Committee Heroes? Paige Corologos, Volunteer Coordinator, Betsy Emerson, Food Bag Coordinator, Rebecca MacDonald,

Supplies Coordinator, Bronwyn Rider, Member and Newly elected Board Member and now Liaison.

The Committees success and team spirit was measured by increase volunteer participation from our supporting faith communities. Each new volunteer is given 1 ½ hours of orientation and 2 days of shadowing experienced volunteers to prepare for being on the floor with clients.

A dedicated team effort, they organized and held the annual Planning Retreat for the Operations Committee in early September as well as two in-services for volunteers during 2016. In-service programs included; in March, Guest Lucy Samara; 1st Congregational Church, Director of Outreach Ministries presented information regarding the recently established warming shelter for the homeless.

And, in September, the Operations Committee presented an information update on all aspects of the Committee's work;

JUMP STATISTICS
68 Faith Community
Volunteers contributed
2935 hours to support JUMP's mission

42% of households requested
Transportation Gas Vouchers to
eliminate multiple barriers

"Nuts and Bolts of Volunteering at JUMP"

To that end, I've long believed JUMP volunteers have the power and hope in their hearts to alleviate despair which can excessively consume our neighbors. Thank you JUMP Volunteer Committee and Volunteers for kindness. "

"You are our Heroes!!!"

"Celebrating over 27 years...Joint Urban Ministry Project"

Charlotte Congregational Church: "Improving the Environment and the People who Live In It!"

To Charlotte Congregational Church:

What a creative way to actively work toward improving the environment and the people who live within it!

Your check for \$476.46, representing the extra solar generated by Charlotte Congregational Church's solar arrays in 2016, will benefit a number of JUMP families who can't fully pay their electric bills. This is an excellent example of "Doing good by doing good". You improve not only your own energy use and benefit the environment, but also help those less fortunate as well.

We are so grateful that you chose to benefit JUMP clients with this project. You have been strong supporters of JUMP for many years, through your volunteers, financial support, and supplies. We couldn't do what we do without this unwavering commitment.

Thankfully,
Ann Owen--on behalf of the JUMP Board



THE GIFT OF SPACE & FUNDS!

First Congregational Church UCC of Burlington provides foundational support for JUMP. Since 1990, the church has donated the space for our JUMP Drop-In Center, Offices and parking for volunteers, staff and JUMP clients.



In addition to this empowering donation, that we value at more than \$30,000 annually, First Congregational is one of the faith communities that supports JUMP with an annual budgeted allocation, giving \$8,000 or more for many years.

Our close, positive relationship with our host congregation helps keep JUMP fulfilling our vital mission throughout the year. We are grateful for the tremendous support we receive from First Congregational Church UCC of Burlington.

NEIGHBORLY NEWS---"Client Gratitude"

Thought we would share some feedback we received from JUMP clients:

Jane: "You are all doing a good job. Thank you for treating the people that come here with kindness and respect. I was greeted with a smile and listened to and left with a little hope. Thank you! When my family is back on their feet we will be donating."

John: "I wanted to say thank you for helping us all when we need it the most and life seems hopeless. Without places like this to assist I first hand would have nobody. So thank you very much for all of your help. From everyone, I'm sure. :) "

2016 STATS:

Households:

- served 2070
- 1145 "more than once"
- 45% duplicated

Head of HH's

- 58% Female
- 42% Male
- 22% Single family HH's

Clients served

- 5413 community neighbors received assistance in 2016, duplicated
- 18yrs of age or younger: 2201, %40
- Seniors 65+= 213, .04%

In-Kind Donations

Total--17,983 items valued at \$46,562
Faith Community donated 15,716 food/supply items valued at \$38,710
Secular Community donated 2267 food/supply items valued at \$7,852

JUMP Board Update: "Next stop and All Aboard!"

Next Stop "exiting": Join us as we say good bye to Board Members who stepped down: Andy Farrington; First Baptist, David Clark; First United Methodist Church Burl., Carolyn Rushford; First Congregational Church Essex and Lise Bornstein-Malter; Ohavi Zedek Synagogue. "Over the years, we asked a lot from you and you gave wholeheartedly. Please know we are very grateful."

All Aboard "arriving": Please welcome newly elected 2017 Board Members: Bronwyn Rider; Christ Church Presbyterian, Nancy Wright; Ascension Lutheran, Randy Ferguson; Shambhala Meditation Center, Burl. And Stephanie Struble; Opportunities Credit Union. "We look forward to achieving so much more with your continued faith and support."

2017 JUMP Board of Directors

- ◆ Ron Pynn: President, College Street Congregational
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- ◆ Woody Fulton: Unitarian Universalist
- ◆ Ann Owen: Christ Church Presbyterian
- ◆ Keith Pillsbury: Cathedral Church of St. Paul
- ◆ Bronwyn Rider: Christ Church Presbyterian
- ◆ Nancy Wright: Ascension Lutheran
- ◆ Randy Ferguson: Shambhala Meditation Center, Burl.



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