Director: “Thank-You!”

In 2017, JUMP distributed 5489 vouchers valued at $97,634. The most requested voucher was for transportation gas assistance as JUMP spent $29,567 plus an additional Bus Passes $5160 and Bikes $737. Combined JUMP spent a needed $35,574 for transportation assistance.

Accessible even from a distance, we provided voucher assistance to families and individuals from over 35 towns representing the following (9) Vermont Counties; Addison, Chittenden, Franklin, Grand Isle, Hillsborough, Lamoille, Rutland County, Washington and Windsor.

Informed by JUMP Core Values, in 2018 our primary goals will include: ensure all economically disadvantaged neighbors have improved access to help met basic needs, and increase transportation assistance to better support the working poor, low wage earners and neighbors with transportation needs.

Grateful, JUMP will continue to look to our untiring supporting Faith Communities and committed volunteers who’ve played a vital role in JUMP distribution of services. JUMP is needed now more than ever, it is important that we communicate regularly, network, share resources and advocate amongst each other to better serve neighbors in need. Wishing you all good things, I look forward to again and again the opportunity to better serve neighbors in need.

Wanda Hines, director@jumpvt.org

Food Bag Drives: “A Success!”

THANK YOU for the wholesome Food Bag donations. Without you, our food pantry could not exist. Because of the food you donated, you were able to fill and deliver to JUMP 572 bags of food valued at $11,268 and provide food relief to neighbors in need.

Together, Faith Community Food Bag Drives provided hope and comfort as well as reliable food access to so many clients. Again...thank you!

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.

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.

2017 Faith Based Grant Awards

SCHIP Awards JUMP Grant

JUMP received a SCHIP $1,300 grant to help provide reliable voucher assistance to neighbors in need. Founded in 2003 by local faith communities; SCHIP stands for Shelburne Charlotte Hinesburg Interfaith Projects. Throughout the years, SCHIP has remained a strong advocate of community volunteering and support to provide donated goods to the SCHIP Treasure Shop.

Wanda Hines, JUMP Director, “We are very grateful to be a recipient of SCHIP grant and heartfelt efforts. The grant helps JUMP leverage additional funding to better support the transportation needs of low income neighbors.”

Adding, “Seeking a higher quality of life, 42% of all JUMP clients’ request gas vouchers; a solely unique service provided by JUMP.

Fanny Allen Foundation awards $10,000 Grant

The Fanny Allen Foundation Board of Directors unanimously awarded $10,000 to support the voucher program which will generously help JUMP to continue their mission.

“Since 1999, the Fanny Allen Foundation has allocated over $4 million in grants to Vermont nonprofit organizations that reflect the compassion of Christ in their service to the poor...” excerpt Fanny Allen Foundation website.

“Because of You...2018 marks the 30th anniversary of JUMP!”

THANK you Supporting FAITH COMMUNITIES: All Saints Episcopal Ch., Ascension Lutheran Ch., Burlington Shambhala Center, Catholic Daughters of America, Calvary Episcopal Church Underhill, Charlotte Congregational church, Christ Church Presbyterian, College Street Congregational Ch., Dormition Greek Orthodox Ch., Essex Center United Methodist Ch., Faith United Methodist Church of So. Burl., First Baptist Church of Burl., First Congregational Church of Burl., First Congregational Church of Essex Jct., First Congregational Church of Shel., First United Methodist Church of Burl., First Unitarian Universalist Society, Grace United Methodist Ch, Malletts Bay Congregational Ch., No. Avenue Alliance Ch., Ohavi Zedek Synagogue, Religious Society of Friends, St. Andrews Episcopal Ch., St. James Episcopal Ch., St. Paul’s Cathedral Church, Shelburne United Methodist Ch., Trinity Episcopal Church Shel., United Church of Underhill, Unity Church of VT, Williston Federated Ch., Winooski United Methodist Ch.
Hair Cut Magic!
With enduring kindness, Volunteers remain the “Back Bone” of our many communities to help neighbors in need as demonstrated at the monthly HERE TO HELP CLINIC.

Ann Owen who cut hair at the clinic expressed, “The folks who come to the HERE TO HELP CLINIC seeking haircuts are so appreciative of this service. It is a delight to provide this boost to their day.”

Thank you, Ann Owen and Paige Corologos, both JUMP Volunteers and Board Members for working your “Hair Cut Magic” with style and grace to help clients regain dignity and self-esteem. In addition, JUMP provided Empathy Pouches with soap and wash clothes. Homeless neighbors receive showers, haircuts, medical service and basic essential support.

Helping people get where they need to be
Late November, with transportation resources depleted, the Charlotte Congregational Church mission committee decided to make a one-time donation. The donation to JUMP of $1000 specifically was to pay for gas cards to help low income families with transportation assistance during the Holiday Season.

Thank you Charlotte Congregational Church mission committee for helping low income families with transportation assistance this Holiday Season.

Grateful for Basic Essential Goods
Thank You Waterville Union Church for your generous donation of basic essential goods.

We especially would like to thank the youth for their untiring energy and commitment under the amazing leadership of Pastor Gary O’Gorman and Wanda Locke. Please know everyone has made a difference.

2017 JUMP STATS:

Households served
◆ 2136
◆ 1138 unduplicated

Head of HH’s
◆ 60% Female
◆ 40% Male
◆ 52% Single family HH’s

People served
◆ 5650 received assistance
◆ 18yrs of age or younger: 2290, 40%
◆ Seniors 65+= 230, 0.4%

Vouchers Requested
◆ 5489 valued at $97,634

Volunteer Hours
◆ 55 Volunteers representing 17 faith based communities contributed 2756 hours

In-Kind Donations
14,950 items valued at $28,751

Thank You St. Paul’s
The 2017 Wreath Project Committee at St Pauls Cathedral worked very hard during their 2017 seasonal fundraiser to support local social justice ministries JUMP and VIA. As a result, the joyous tradition which involved many parishioners once again proved successful.

Also successful was the Silent Auctions an annual fundraising event which the proceeds benefited specified social justice ministries of the Cathedral. Appreciative, JUMP was a 2017 receipt of proceeds along with Vermont Interfaith Action.

Wanda Hines; JUMP Director, “Between being the recipient of the Wreath Project and the Silent Auction...again ST. Pauls Cathedral was an unwavering beacon of hope and voice. Our hearts remain deeply touched. Thank you!”

JUMP Board Update: “Next stop and All Aboard!”
Next Stop “exiting”: Join us as we say good bye to Board Members who stepped down; Ann Owen: Christ Church Presbyterian and Keith Pillsbury: Cathedral Church of St. Paul

All Aboard “arriving”: Please welcome Newly appointed 2018 Board Members Paige Corologos: Trinity Episcopal Church and Grace Oedel; Ohavi Zedek Synagogue . And, please welcome 2017 appointed: Bronwyn Rider: Christ Church Presbyterian and Nancy Wright; Ascension Lutheran, Randy Ferguson; Shambhala Meditation Center Burlington.

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◆ Paige Corologos: Trinity Episcopal Church

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