

YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU

The Washington County Youth Service Bureau/Boys & Girls Club

October 29, 2013

Town of Waitsfield
9 Bridge Street
Waitsfield, VT 05673

Attention: Valerie Capels, Town Administrator

Dear Select Board:

On behalf of the young people and families we serve, the Board and staff of the Washington County Youth Service Bureau/Boys & Girls Club thank the citizens of Waitsfield for their continuing support over the years.

Once again this year, the Bureau requests that the Town allocate \$750 to support our services. The Bureau is proud that we have been able to hold this request level for more than 15 years. In the year ahead our agency will continue to strive to provide a strong array of services, and I respectfully request that the Town Select Board vote to place our request for continued funding on the warning for the 2014 annual Town Meeting.

Enclosed is an informational flyer that details the numbers of young people and families our agency assisted last year. This flyer is designed to keep residents informed about our services, and we ask that you include it in the annual Town Report. If you need any changes in the flyer to make it work well in your report, please call Nicole Bachand here at 229-9151 or email nbachand@wcysb.org. For your convenience, we will also send you an electronic copy of the information.

All funds received from Waitsfield are used to support direct youth programming. No town allocations are used to support our agency's administrative expenses.

Local dollars are a critical financial resource for our agency. In addition to providing direct support for program operation, local dollars speak very loudly in convincing other funding sources that the Bureau meets a real need in the local community, and is viewed by local citizens as an important resource.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Kreig Pinkham
Executive Director



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The Washington County Youth Service Bureau/Boys & Girls Club Is An Important Resource To The Residents Of Waitsfield

During the past service year The Washington County Youth Service Bureau/Boys & Girls Club provided the following services to young people and families in Waitsfield:

- **4 Young people and their Families** were assisted by the **Country Roads Runaway Program** that provides crisis intervention, individual and family counseling, and emergency temporary shelter for youth.
- **13 Teens** were provided with information about the challenges and realities of teen parenting through presentations of the Bureau's **Teen Parent Panel**.
- **3 Teens** were provided with **Substance Abuse Treatment**. This service includes substance abuse education, intervention, assessments, treatment and positive life skills coaching, and support for families.

The Bureau has, for at least the past 20 years, requested \$750 from the Town of Waitsfield. This year's funding request represents only a small fraction of the cost of the services provided by the Bureau. Most services provided have involved multiple sessions, counseling services were provided by certified or licensed counselors, and emergency temporary shelter included 24-hour supervision, meals, and transportation.

Referrals to the Washington County Youth Service Bureau/Boys & Girls Club come from parents, teachers and other school personnel, other area organizations, the Vermont Department of Children and Families, the Vermont Department of Corrections, churches, police officers, and young people themselves. Many referrals are received through the agency's **24-Hour Crisis Response Service**.

The Bureau is a private, non-profit, social service agency. All programs and services are funded by foundations, state government, federal government, Medicaid and other insurance, private donations, Washington county towns, and fundraising activities.

For Information and Assistance Call

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