

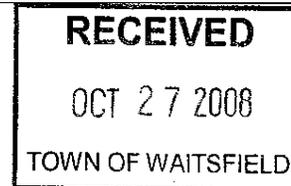
Central Vermont
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October 22, 2008

Jennifer Peterson, Clerk-Treasurer
Waitsfield
9 Bridge Street
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Dear Jennifer:

It is that time of year when we have the opportunity to thank Central Vermont communities for their generous support of the Central Vermont Community Action Council with a town allocation. According to our records, the citizens of Waitsfield voted an allocation of \$300 at your last town meeting. This year all 56 communities we serve made an allocation for which we are truly grateful. Thank you!

Invoice: Many towns ask that we send an invoice to them so we have enclosed one with this letter. (If we have already received payment an invoice should not be enclosed.) If we have sent this invoice to you in error please contact Justine Johnson via e-mail at jjohnson@cvcac.org or by calling (802)479-1053. Sometimes checks and invoices cross in the mail.

Report: We do our best to carefully track the types of services we provide to town residents each year to show how your community investment helps leverage substantial additional resources. I have enclosed a hard copy of our report for Waitsfield. If you have sent instructions for electronic submission, an electronic copy of our report in MS Word will be sent shortly as an attachment to the e-mail address you have indicated.

If you have not yet requested an electronic submission of our report but would like one, please contact Justine at the e-mail address provided above and we will be happy to e-mail it to you. Let us know if you have other report formatting requirements.

Allocation Request: I have also included a letter with our official allocation request of \$300 for the upcoming year. We are not asking for a funding increase this year. If you have already sent additional instructions on how we should make this request we will follow them. If a petition is required we will have those signatures to you in a timely fashion. If you would like a CVCAC representative to come to a community meeting to discuss our organization and our request, we would be happy to do so. Please let me know date, time and place, and I will arrange for a representative to attend.

Every town seems to do things a bit differently, so I thank you again for your support and for processing all of this information! Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the enclosed or require additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin".

Kevin Wiberg, Program Development Director



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**Central Vermont Community Action Council (CVCAC)
Fall 2008 Report to the Citizens of
Waitsfield**

Since 1965, the Central Vermont Community Action Council, Inc. has served low-income residents of Lamoille, Orange, and Washington Counties and nine communities in Windsor, Addison, and Rutland Counties. CVCAC's programs and services assist families working toward creating better lives and to improve the overall quality of community life. This year, CVCAC served 14,923 individuals in 7,801 central Vermont households through Head Start/Early Head Start, Community Economic Development programs, Family & Community Support Services, including emergency food and Crisis Fuel, and home Weatherization assistance.

Program and services accessed by 34 Waitsfield families with 71 residents this past year include:

- 17 households with 34 individuals were provided with emergency services, including food from our food shelves, as well as referrals to other community resources to address critical needs.
- 6 households with 12 family members used our Crisis Fuel program and were able to continue heating their homes.
- 3 households received free assistance with completing and filing taxes with the IRS receiving the full benefit of refunds, credits and rebates which were due.
- 4 children participated in Head Start and Early Head Start programs that supported 5 additional family members.
- 2 Head Start parents participated in Vermont Family Matters to strengthen family relationships.
- 1 home was weatherized benefitting 1 family and 5 individuals. 1 household had a faulty heating system repaired and 1 household had its system replaced altogether at no charge.
- 2 entrepreneurs received counseling and technical assistance on starting or expanding a business.
- 1 individual received training, counseling and technical assistance from the Vermont Women's Business Center to pursue dreams of business ownership.
- 2 individuals learned financial literacy and began accruing assets toward a home purchase, education, or business.

CVCAC thanks the residents of Waitsfield for their generous support this year!

October 23, 2008

CVCAC Allocation Request

The Central Vermont Community Action Council respectfully requests a budget allocation of \$300 from the citizens of Waitsfield to be determined at the next Town Meeting. Our request remains the same as last year; we are not seeking an increase.

The Central Vermont Community Action Council helps Central Vermont residents achieve economic sufficiency and supports individual/family development by alleviating the effects of poverty; assisting people out of poverty, and advocating for economic justice. Each year CVCAC serves more than 15,000 individuals living in 56 Central Vermont communities. In this past year we experienced a 58% increase in the number of families served. We attribute much of this increase to the high costs of fuel and resulting impacts on home heating, housing, food and transportation.

Thank you for your continued support.