



# Mad River Valley Health Center

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Town of Waitsfield Selectboard  
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To the Members of the Waitsfield Selectboard:

Thank you for your support of the MRVHC, Inc. Last year you generously allocated \$5,000 to help fund our operations. We are writing to formally request that Waitsfield again allocate \$5,000 in support of the Health Center in 2010. Please make the check out to the Mad River Valley Health Center, Inc. and send it to the address listed on our letterhead.

The MRVHC Board's main focus, in addition to operating the Health Center building, is on coordinating health education programs and outreach on topics of interest to the community. We are currently working with the in place medical provider to increase health coverage in the valley through the addition of an additional nurse practitioner and a second doctor. We have sponsored or co-sponsored workshops on healthy living, exercise, weight control, and the like. We have also worked with existing groups in the Valley, including Valley Moves and the Mad Dash, to promote health-related activities.

We thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or comments, please call me at 583-5621 to discuss.

Sincerely,

Dave Ellison, Treasurer  
MRVHC Board of Directors

*The mission of the Mad River Valley Health Center is to provide a quality facility to ensure the availability of local health care to residents of the Mad River Valley, neighboring communities and visitors*

**Meeting of Valley Select Boards  
Thursday, October 29, 2009**



The Mad River Valley Health Center, Inc. is committed to promoting and improving access to health services to meet the needs of the community. We wish to thank the community towns for their financial support to the MRVHC, Inc. in the past and look forward to your continued support. The Health Center provides numerous benefits to all area residents.

The 'new' Health Center has now been open since December 2005. Key accomplishments by the volunteer board over the past year include:

- Collaborated with several Valley organizations, to bring health related programs to our Community, including the second annual Valley Walk & Roll Festival, Safe Routes to School (Waitsfield, Warren and Moretown), and the Kids' Fun Run at the Mad Dash. Organized the first annual Bike Swap, enabling 32 community residents to enjoy 'new' bicycles. Hosting and participating in launch of Mad River Cancer Support Group.
- Promoted long-term financial stability through debt management and completed the collection of the fourth of five year pledges.
- Completed a landscaping project to enhance the outdoor environment, including the new South entrance seating area, while maximizing the value of donations by the Valley Rotary Club and others.
- Developed agreements for off-site parking to accommodate parking during snow emergencies.

At this time, we are actively working with CVMC on the recruitment of a physician and nurse practitioner to increase the amount of primary care available within the community, including an expansion plan for the first floor of the health center and a new community meeting space on the second floor. We are also working to ensure that available space is fully leased in the near future.

The Health Center operating budget includes contributions from the Valley towns. We respectfully request the following amounts, determined based on number of residents using the facility:

Waitsfield	\$5000
Warren	\$5000
Fayston	\$5000

We are also requesting a \$3000 contribution from Moretown.

Financial support from Valley towns enables the MRVHC, Inc. to achieve its mission and best serve the community. Specifically, the Health Center is:

- A modern, community owned health center in keeping with the character of the Valley
- A custom designed medical office space leased to a variety of healthcare providers including family practice, mental health services, and physical therapy. The building provides improved privacy and confidentiality and is fully accessible by the disabled and Mad River Valley Ambulance
- An active and growing resource for a wide variety of Community Health Education services and workshops

Together, MRVHC, Inc and the Valley Towns will continue our partnership to provide the Mad River Community with excellent health care services for all residents and visitors. The Mad River Valley Health Center is committed to serving all residents, regardless of their ability to pay.

Thank you.

Sue Frechette, President, Warren  
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