

# RSVP



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September 27, 2008

Sandra Gallup  
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Waitsfield, VT 05673

Dear Sandra,

RSVP and The Volunteer Center for Central Vermont and Northeast Kingdom would like to request an appropriation of \$300 from Waitsfield at the 2009 March Town Meeting. This request is the same amount that we have asked for in the past, and we are continuing our pledge to not ask for an increase. We established this policy a few years ago and know that it is even more important this year.

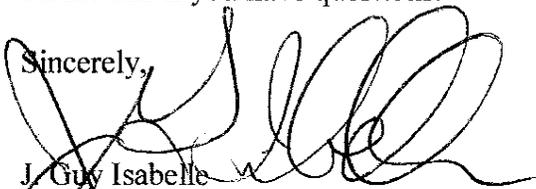
Volunteers are essential to the delivery of services in the area we serve. Vermont citizens, of all ages, are crucial to helping meet community needs. Without RSVP volunteers, many organizations would find it difficult to maintain the services needed by our friends and neighbors. Where would the hospitals, schools, food pantries and many other organizations be without the services of volunteers?

In the past 12 months, 1,040 RSVP volunteers have donated over 94,000 hours of their time to 120 organizations. We calculate that RSVP volunteers have provided an extra \$1,858,380 of services that otherwise would not have been available.

The money collected from towns is used to help offset the cost of supporting a volunteer. These costs are: travel expenses, insurance, training, recognition and coordination time.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. We know that times are tough, but I hope we can count on you this year. Again, we will be contacting you to ensure that this letter will place us on the ballot. Please call if you have questions.

Sincerely,

  
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