



RSVP



"Volunteers getting things done in Central Vermont and the Northeast Kingdom"

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Jennifer Peterson
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Dear Jennifer,

RSVP and The Volunteer Center for Central Vermont and Northeast Kingdom would like to request an appropriation of \$300 from Waitsfield at the 2013 March Town Meeting. This request is the same amount as we have asked for in the past. We are continuing our pledge that we made over 10 years ago to not ask for increases. For the second year in a row our Federal funds have been cut by 20%. At the same time, many of the towns in our service area are still recovering from Irene and are looking at increased town expenses.

With that, we know that volunteers, more than ever, are essential to the delivery of services in the area we serve. RSVP has played a serious part in responding to the disasters by mobilizing volunteers and helping staff a flood center. Without the help of RSVP volunteers, many organizations will find it difficult to maintain services needed by our friends and neighbors. Where would hospitals, schools, food pantries and, more recently, emergency response, be without the services of volunteers?

In the past twelve months RSVP involved 993 volunteers at 96 sites in our service area. Those volunteers contributed over 93,245 hours of service. We calculate that those members provided \$1,931,000 worth of services that otherwise would not have been made available.

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

Thank you for your consideration of our request. We have experienced the tough times, and will have to work even harder to survive. Town funds are critical to that survival. Remember, we are not asking to make up the shortfall. We only ask that you continue to be our partner. We will be calling to see if anything else is needed to secure a place on the town ballot. Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


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