

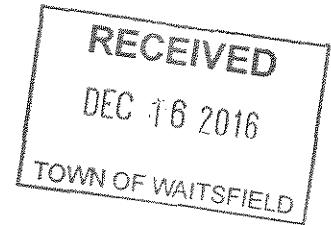


Vermont Center for
Independent Living

People with disabilities working together for dignity, independence, and civil rights

December 16, 2016

Ms. Renee Pierce, Town Clerk
Town of Waitsfield
9 Bridge Street
Waitsfield, VT 05673



Dear Ms. Pierce and voters:

On behalf of the Board and staff of the Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL), we would like to express our appreciation for the Town of Waitsfield's donation of \$620.00 to VCIL for our FY'16. This allocation enables VCIL staff to continue to work to accomplish our mission of supporting and empowering Vermonters with disabilities.

This appropriation will be utilized by VCIL for programs and services in your community. Our services include information, referral and assistance, individual and systems advocacy, peer counseling and independent living resources that include Home Access Modifications, Meals on Wheels (for Vermonters with disabilities under age 60), and the Sue Williams Freedom Fund.

With this allocation we will be able to reach even more Vermont citizens with disabilities. Now in our 37th year of support and advocacy, we are helping to build a society where we can all live with dignity, independence and our full civil rights. We sincerely appreciate the Town of Waitsfield's support.

Sincerely,

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THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING
TOWN OF WAITSFIELD
SUMMARY REPORT

Request Amount: \$620.00

Since 1979, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with disabilities and the Deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees (85% of whom have a disability) conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

In FY'16 (10/2015-9/2016) VCIL responded to over **2,711** requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to **360** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and **24** peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **196** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; **95** of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **92** individuals with information on assistive technology; **35** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **559** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. VCIL is also now home to the Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) which served **35** people and provided **23** peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, hard of hearing and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone.

VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier and we have five branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Lamoille, Rutland and Windham Counties. Our Peer Advocate Counselors and services are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont. Also new this year, our Windham county office now houses the Vermont Interpreter Referral Service (VIRS) (previously under the VT Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing) and provides statewide interpreter referral services for sign language, spoken English and CART services for assignments in medical, legal, mental health, employment, educational, civil and recreational settings.

During FY '16, **3** residents of **Waitsfield** received services from the following programs:

- Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF)
(\$**1,500.00** spent on assistive technology for residents)
- Information Referral and Assistance (I,R&A)

To learn more about VCIL, please call VCIL's toll-free I-Line at:
1-800-639-1522, or, visit our web site at **www.vcil.org**.