



SPRINGFIELD FAMILY CENTER

July 2025 Newsletter



A Heartfelt Thank You for a Remarkably Successful Summer of Love Fundraiser!

All of us at Springfield Family Center and Springfield Supported Housing Program are humbled and deeply moved by the incredible generosity and community spirit that made our Summer of Love Fundraiser a huge success!!!

This event brought our community together to support those facing food insecurity and housing challenges, and the impact was profound. We could not do what we do without the generosity of others, and we are eternally grateful!

To Our Sponsors, your support was the foundation of this event. By believing in our missions, you enable us to reach even more families in need:

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To Our Silent Auction & Hope Grab Board Donors, the thoughtful and creative contributions generated excitement and raised essential funds to support food security and housing programs. Your generosity brings hope and stability to struggling families:

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To Our Food Donors, thank you for nourishing our guests and helping remind everyone that a shared meal builds connection and care. Your contributions made the evening warm and

welcoming:

The Copper Fox
JC's Market and Deli
Shaw's Supermarket
Smithy's Chester Market
Springfield Family Center

To Our Musicians, your music set the evening's rhythm; bringing joy, unity, and celebration to every attendee:

Main Street Sting Arts Band
Bill Brink
Steam Jenny
Matt Meserve

Special thanks to June Brink for her unwavering leadership in coordinating the music, making "Summer of Love" resonate both literally and figuratively throughout the night.

To the Springfield Elks Lodge:

A heartfelt thank you for generously hosting the event, providing bartending services, and lending your beautiful hall on Park Street; I'm sure everyone who attended felt the warmth and elegance of the evening. Your contribution was essential in bringing this vision to life.

To Our Staff, Board Members, and Volunteers:

Your countless hours of planning, decorating, coordinating, and managing every detail made this evening possible. Your dedication brought our shared vision to life. Because of you, Springfield Family Center and Springfield Supported Housing Programs can continue its vital food and housing support services.

To Our Attendees:

Thank you for showing up with open hearts, generous spirits, and joyful energy. Your presence made the evening shine. Whether you bid on a silent auction item, danced to the music, shared a meal, or simply offered a kind word, you were a vital part of this event's success.

You reminded us all of the incredible power of community.

We are so grateful you chose to spend your evening with us in support of neighbors facing food and housing insecurity. We hope you left inspired, connected, and full of love; because that's exactly what you gave us.

We're thrilled to announce that Springfield Family Center and the Springfield Supported Housing Program hope to make this collaborative fundraiser an annual tradition; a beacon of community strength and compassion.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for standing with us, for believing in our missions, and for helping build a stronger, healthier future for everyone in Springfield.





Volunteer Spotlight: Judy Spaulding

Stepping In Where Help Is Needed

The Family Center has been lucky to work with a small group of dedicated volunteers who show up week after week; whether on a regular schedule or



just when needed. Their support makes a real difference in our ability to serve the community. This month, we're highlighting one of those volunteers: Judy Spaulding.

Judy began volunteering in December 2024, helping out in our kitchen. She was looking for a way to fill a gap in her life and schedule, and felt that preparing meals for people in need was a meaningful way to do so. She saw that many families in the community were struggling to feed themselves, and she wanted to be part of the solution.

Since then, Judy has become a consistent and dependable presence in our kitchen. She says her time volunteering has been satisfying and encourages others to look for ways they can get

involved:

"Seek (to help) where you see a need; something that you are passionate about, whether found in what you see in the local newspapers or on the news. Just start somewhere and give it a try!"

We're thankful Judy chose to start here. Her time and effort have been a big help to our team, and we're glad to have her as part of the SFC community.

Submit Your Favorite Recipe!

We're still collecting submissions for the Springfield Family Center: Springfield Eats Cookbook—a fundraiser to support our charitable food programs.

Have a go-to dish your friends and family love? Whether it's a main course, appetizer, salad, dessert, or drink, we want to include it! Help us create a collection of tried-and-true favorites from our community—made by you, for a great cause.

By contributing a recipe, you're helping us feed and support our neighbors. Thank you for being part of this meaningful project!

Submit your recipe today and be part of the Springfield Eats legacy. Submissions can be mailed, emailed or dropped off at the Family Center in person.

Mail: Springfield Family Center, PO Box 20, N. Springfield VT 05150

Email: programsatsfc@gmail.com

In-person: 130 Springfield Plaza, Suite 9, Springfield VT

Got Extra Produce? Help Feed Our Community!

The growing season is in full swing—and as federal cuts to food benefits loom, your fresh produce donations matter more than ever.

If you have surplus from your garden or crops that can't be sold for any reason, please consider donating them. As budgets tighten for many families, food shelves will become an even more critical source of support.

Your extra vegetables, fruits, and herbs can help nourish our neighbors and make a real difference during a time of growing need.

Donate your fresh produce today—because no one should go hungry when good food is growing.



Free Meals for Kids This Summer:

Looking for free meals for your child while school is out? Several locations in Springfield and nearby communities are offering free meals to youth 18 and under throughout the summer.

Springfield

The Commons Recreational Park

64 Summer Hill, Springfield, VT

Pick-Up: Wednesdays 11:25-11:35

- Drive-up/walk-up "grab and go" at the recreational park.
- Each bag contains 7 days' worth of breakfast and lunch for one child.

Springfield Town Library

43 Main Street, Springfield, VT

Days/Times: Monday–Friday, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Congregate meals must be eaten on site at the library.

Mountain View Apartments

90 Mountain View Drive, Springfield, VT

Pick-Up: Wednesdays, 10:50 – 11:00 AM

Walk-up "grab and go" at the turnaround.

Each bag contains 7 days' worth of breakfast and lunch for one child.

Westview Terrace

Community Center Office, Springfield, VT

Pick-Up: Wednesdays, 11:40 – 11:50 AM

Walk-up "grab and go" outside the Housing Authority Office.

Each bag contains 7 days' worth of breakfast and lunch for one child.

Union Street School

43 Union Street, Springfield, VT

Pick-Up: Wednesdays, 10:30 – 10:40 AM

Drive-up/walk-up "grab and go" at the lower school parking lot.

Each bag contains 7 days' worth of breakfast and lunch for one child.

North Springfield

North Springfield Baptist Church

581 Giddings Street, North Springfield, VT

Pick-Up: Wednesdays, 12:00 – 12:30 PM

Drive-up "grab and go" on the side or back of the church.

Each bag contains 7 days' worth of breakfast and lunch for one child.

Chester

Green Mountain Union High School

716 VT-103, Chester, VT

Pick-Up: Thursdays, 1:30 – 4:00 PM

Pick-up location is at the tent on the south entrance of the building.

Pre-registration required.

"Grab and go" bags with 7 days' worth of breakfast and lunch for one child.

Ludlow

Ludlow Elementary School
45 Main Street, Ludlow, VT
Pick-Up: Wednesdays, 1:30 – 3:00 PM

Location is under a tent at the front entrance.

"Grab and go" bags with 7 days' worth of breakfast and lunch for one child.

Weekend Meals

Turning Point Recovery Center
7 Morgan Street, Springfield, VT

Saturdays at 12:00 PM – Hot community lunch

Sundays, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Brown bag lunches available



Lunch

at the center

Join us for a community lunch where you can connect with others and enjoy some free food! Everyone is welcome, so bring your family, friends, or come solo and make new acquaintances.

**Saturdays
12:00 pm**

Turning Point Recovery Center
7 Morgan Street,
Springfield, VT 05156

Questions? Email Megan@spfldtp.org



TPRC BAGGED LUNCHES



We are now offering free bagged lunches on Sundays! Stop in at **7 Morgan Street, Springfield, VT** from 10 am – 4 pm to pick up a meal.

Questions? Email daniel@spfldtp.org

SUNDAYS ONLY

Turning Point Recovery Center of Springfield, VT offers two different meal options on the weekends!

Come sit down and enjoy a free meal on **Saturdays at 12 pm** or stop in on **Sundays from 10 am – 4 pm** to pick up a free bagged lunch!

Center Weekend Hours:

Saturday: 9 am – 5 pm

Sunday: 10 am – 4 pm

Summer Lunches

Mon-Fri 11:00 - 12:00
6/23 - 8/22

Free Summer lunch for youth up to and
including 18 years old.

Lunches have to be eaten inside at the
Springfield Town Library

Springfield Town Library (802) 885 3108



Gratitude Corner:

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone in our community who helps nourish our food-insecure neighbors. Whether through donations, volunteering, or spreading the word, your support makes a lasting impact. Because of you, more families have access to the food and resources they need to thrive.

Food Donors:

Plains Brook Farms

VFW Auxiliary #771

Boris

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North Springfield Baptist Church

UU Church

Donna Builder

Calvary Baptist Church

Paul Borin Kessel

Judy Sterns

Klingers Bread Company

Shaw's Supermarket

Dollar General

Diane Kemble

Courtney Hillhouse

American Legion Post 18

United Methodist Church

Felicia

Amanda French

Black River Produce

Jeri Farrar

Tom Chase

Food Drive Highlights:

The Springfield Democrats collected an incredible 725 lbs of food and \$233 in donations—thank you for supporting our neighbors.

A big thanks to our friends in the HCRS Finance Department for your generous gift card donation, helping us purchase essential groceries.



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Buy a Day, Make a Difference!

Purchase a calendar day in honor of yourself or someone special and gift enough ingredients to make meals for up to 30 food insecure neighbors.

The honoree will be publicly recognized on their chosen day as a partner in the Springfield Family Center's efforts to help reduce hunger in their community!

What a unique way to help someone celebrate a birthday, anniversary, or other special occasion by giving this gift of hope.

Lead the way by buying a day! Spread the word about your special day to friends and family and any donation made on your day will be matched up to \$100.

To secure your day, make a one-time gift to the Springfield Family Center in the amount of \$100 or become a sustaining donor throughout the calendar year \$10/month.

For more information or to purchase your day please email us at SFCbuyaday@gmail.com



Support Springfield Family Center with ~ "Buy a Day; Make a Difference!"

A Gift That Truly Matters – For Any Occasion

Looking for a meaningful gift to celebrate someone special? Whether it's a birthday, anniversary, graduation, or just because — honor your loved one with a gift that gives back.

When you buy a day in their name, you're not just celebrating them — you're also providing 30 meals for neighbors facing food insecurity. It's a beautiful way to share compassion, hope, and nourishment with those who need it most.

No wrapping paper needed. Just a heartfelt gesture that leaves a lasting impact.

Give the gift of kindness, community, and care — for any occasion.

To learn more about how you can also "Buy a Day" and make a difference click the button below.

Together, we TRULY DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Buy A Day, Make A Difference!



Everyone at the Springfield Family Center wishes you a safe and happy 4th of July!

See you in August!

Your Friends at the Springfield Family Center

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