



SPRINGFIELD FAMILY CENTER

November 2025 Newsletter



From the Executive Director

Over the years, our community has shown incredible compassion and generosity in supporting our mission to serve those facing food insecurity. Together, we've ensured that countless families, seniors, and individuals have access to food and the comfort of knowing they are not alone. Serving our food-insecure neighbors remains at the heart of everything we do, and that commitment is as strong as ever.

As the needs in our community continue to grow, we are seeing an unprecedented increase in demand for our services. To ensure we can continue serving everyone as equitably as possible, we may need to modify our services and the quantity of items distributed.

Please know that these shifts come from a place of care and responsibility, as we work to stretch our resources and make certain no one is left without support. This does not change our dedication to ensuring that no one in our community goes hungry.

Our team is working thoughtfully to adapt while staying true to our mission of feeding and caring for our neighbors with dignity and compassion.

We kindly ask for your flexibility, patience, understanding, and encouragement as we navigate these uncertain times together. Thank you for trusting us; we are honored to stand with you and walk through this journey side by side.

With great care,
The Springfield Family Center Team

P.S. Prefer to give by mail?

Please send your donation to:

Springfield Family Center

130 Springfield Plaza Road

Springfield, VT 05156

Donate Today!

Food Insecurity in Springfield

Currently, 2 out of 5 Vermonters don't have enough to eat...

Springfield faces a poverty rate nearly double the states average.

More than 30% of households in Springfield are cost-burdened, spending so much on rent, it leaves very little for food.



We invite you to stand with us in the fight against hunger. Together, we can ensure that everyone in our community has enough to eat.

How You Can Help

Your donation directly supports programs that feed local families with dignity, compassion, and care.

- \$25 provides a week of groceries for a family of 2.
- \$100 provides 30-hot, nutritious, in-house made meals.
- \$250 provides two weeks of groceries for a family of 4.
- \$500 helps keep our in-school food pantry stocked.



Scan the QR Code and make a donation today!

We could not do what we do without caring partners like you!



By The Numbers

In Fiscal Year 2024-2025, with your support
Springfield Family Center Distributed...

61,936 lbs.
of food
through the food shelf
reaching
2,155
individuals throughout
the year.

25,523
In-House Made
Free Meals.

14,912
Loaves of bread

Holiday Themed Food
Boxes, Feeding 275 people

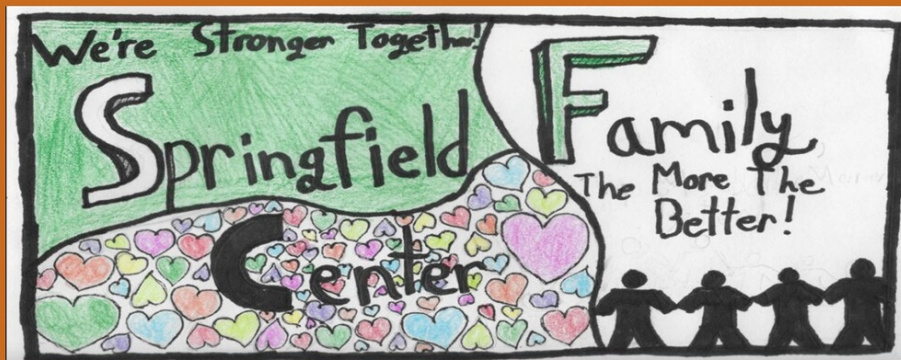
1,483 lbs.
of shelf stable food to a
Springfield Elementary school
serving
141 households.

18,964 lbs.
of fresh
produce to
5,650
individuals throughout
the year.

1,913
individuals received either
eggs/milk over the course
of the year.

155
Fully prepared recipe kits distributed to
encourage the use of diverse fresh foods.

To ensure no one in our community goes hungry, especially outside regular business hours, the Springfield Family Center has expanded its reach by placing ready-to-eat meals at key locations, including the town library, the Community Health Team, and other essential community partners. Since launching this initiative in late July 2025, we've already distributed over 600 meals through these extended access points, providing critical nourishment when and where it's needed most.



Drawing provided by youth community member

Our 6th Annual Basket Raffle Fundraiser Is LIVE!

The wait is over! The Springfield Family Center's 6th Annual Basket Raffle Fundraiser has officially launched, and tickets are on sale now!

This year's lineup is incredible, featuring baskets packed with local goodies, gift cards, and fun surprises, all generously donated by community members and local businesses. Every ticket you purchase directly supports the vital programs that help local families facing adversity.

Still Accepting Basket Donations!

Want to contribute? We're accepting basket donations through December 5th. As new baskets come in, they'll be added to the online raffle, keeping things exciting and fresh! Be sure to check back often to see what's new (and grab a few more tickets while you're there!).

Get Your Tickets Today!

Scan the QR Code or click the link below to get your tickets and help make this our best fundraiser yet!

Together, we can make a big difference for our friends and neighbors.

Springfield Family Center's 6th Annual

Basket Raffle

Fundraiser is live



WINNERS
DRAWN ON **DEC 18**

Take a chance on some great holiday prizes for your friends, family — or yourself!

Each ticket you purchase helps us provide a free meal or box of food to a family facing food insecurity.

Join the fun, spread some cheer, and make a difference this holiday season!



Scan the QR code to purchase
your tickets today!

Find Out More At:
www.springfieldfamilycenter.com

Basket Raffle!

Important Update:

SNAP/EBT Update during Government Shutdown: Our Friends from Hunger Free Vermont and DCF Vermont Share an important update regarding November SNAP/EBT benefits.



3SquaresVT Benefits are Delayed for November (SNAP/EBT).

Because of a federal funding pause, benefits are delayed.

The State of Vermont is providing funds for 3SquaresVT households. **You will get half of your total monthly benefit for now, which will be available by November 7.** If you usually get \$200 for the month, you will get \$100 for the first 15 days of November.

If you still have funds on your EBT Card from last month, you can still use them.



Check your EBT card balance online at www.ebtedge.com/gov/portal/PortalHome.do or by calling: 1-800-914-8605



This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

For questions, call
Economic Services at
1-800-479-6151

For more info & updates
on when benefits may
be available: visit
vermontfoodhelp.com



For interpretation call:
1-855-247-3092
For TTY/Relay call: 7-1-1

Looking for supplemental food resources in your community?

Here are a list Food Resources organized by community, including hours of operation and information on who they towns served.

Springfield Family Center:

Food Shelf Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Friday by appt.

9:30am-11:15am and 12:45pm-2:30pm

Location: 130 Springfield Plaza Road, Springfield VT

Phone 802-3646

Towns Served: Springfield, North Springfield, Baltimore

Website: <https://springfieldfamilycenter.com/>

Black River Good Neighbor Services

Hours: Monday-Friday 10am-3pm

Location: 37 B Main Street, Ludlow, VT

Phone: 802-228-3663

Towns served: Ludlow, Cavendish, Proctorsville, Mt. Holly, Belmont, Plymouth

Website: <https://www.brgn.org/>

Our Place Community Food Center

Food Shelf Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9am-11am and 1pm-3pm

Location: 4 Island Street, Bellows Falls, VT

Phone: 802-463-2217

Towns Served: Bellows Falls (call for a complete list)

Website: <https://www.ourplacevermont.org/>

Chester Andover Family Center - Thrift Shop and Food Shelf

Food Shelf Hours: Thursdays 1pm-7pm and Fridays 10am-2pm

Location: 908 Vt Rte 103 Chester, VT

Phone: 802-875-3236

Towns Served: Chester, Andover

Website: <https://www.chester-andoverfamilycenter.org/>

Weathersfield Food Shelf:

Hours: Second and Fourth Thursday of each month 2pm-4pm

Location: 1862 Rte. 106 Perkinsville, VT

Phone: 802-674-2626

Towns Served: Weathersfield

Website: <https://weathersfieldfoodshelf.weebly.com/>

Neighbors Pantry of Londonderry VT

Hours: First and 3rd Friday of each month 1pm-4pm

Location: 2051 North Main Street, Londonderry, VT

Phone: 802-824-6453

Towns Served: Londonderry, South Londonderry, Jamaica, Landgrove, Weston, Winhall

The Moover Is Making Some Big Changes!

Starting November 17th, The Moover will be rolling out an exciting new way to get around! Instead of following set routes, the service will transition to a Microtransit system, an Uber-like model where riders schedule trips ahead of time.

This change will make transportation more flexible and responsive to your needs, but it will also be a little different from what riders are used to.

Want to Learn More?

Check out the flyer for details on upcoming public meetings where you can ask questions and learn how to use the new system.

Can't make it to the public meetings? Stop by the Springfield Family Center on Wednesday, November 12th, from 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM. Representatives from The Moover will be there to answer any questions and help you get ready for the transition.



Microtransit Public Meetings

On November 17, 2025, Springfield's fixed bus route – the Springfield In-Town Route – will be changed to microtransit service.

What is Microtransit?

Microtransit is a FREE Uber-like system of real-time public transit service open to all members of the public anywhere within the Town of Springfield's and North Springfield's boundaries.

Find out how to reserve your rides on this new service at one of two public meetings

November 6 10:00 am

or

November 12 at 6:00 pm

Flinn Room in the Springfield Town Library

45 Mill Street, Wilmington, VT 05363 • TEL: (802) 464-8487 • FAX: (802) 464-0164
706 Rockingham Road, Rockingham, VT 05101 • TEL: (802) 460-7433 • FAX: (802) 460-1004
EMAIL: info@moover.com • www.moover.com

Get Ready for the BATTLE OF THE BADGES!

Our Friends at the Springfield Police Department and Springfield Probation and Parole will be going head to head in support of the Springfield Family Center...

SPD and Springfield P&P, both active partners in Project ACTION, have launched a friendly competition to collect much-needed donations for Springfield Family Center just in time for the holiday season.

This friendly and meaningful competition will run from:

November 3, 2025, through November 14, 2025.

The Springfield Police Department will be collecting: boxed stuffing,

The Springfield Probation and Parole will be collecting: boxed potatoes.

Both items are in high demand and will help create warm, meaningful holiday meals for local families.

All collected food will be delivered to Springfield Family Center on November 17, 2025.

This is just one of the many ways that local agencies and community partners are coming together through Project ACTION to support the greater Springfield community.

Will the Springfield Police Department or Springfield Probation and Parole collect more?

BATTLE OF THE BADGES

**PROBATION vs.
POLICE!**



Join us for a fun and friendly community challenge as **PROBATION** and **POLICE** go head-to-head to see who can collect the most food donations for our local food shelf!

THE CHALLENGE:



PROBATION —
Collecting **BOXED**
POTATOES



POLICE —
Collecting **BOXED**
STUFFING

HOW TO HELP:

- Drop off your donations at either the Probation Office or the Police Department.
- Clearly label your donation with your team; "PROBATION" or "POLICE"!
- Donations accepted through **NOVEMBER 3-14, 2025**

BENEFITING:



**SPRINGFIELD
FAMILY CENTER**

Springfield Rotary Club's Annual Food Drive

Our friends with the Springfield Rotary Club will be hosting their annual food drive to benefit the Springfield Family Center!

When: Saturday, November 22, 2025

Where: Springfield Shaw's Plaza

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Please consider stopping by with an in-date, shelf-stable food item to help us continue supporting our neighbors in need. Every donation makes a difference. Together, we can help ensure that no one in our community goes hungry. See attached wishlist for much needed items.

Springfield Family Center Wish List

Holiday Meals

Turkeys
Hams
Stuffing
Canned Veggies
Crispy Fried Onions
Boxed Mashed Potatoes
Mac and Cheese
Gravy
Broth
Cream of Mushroom soup
Spices/Seasonings
Cranberry Sauce
Frozen Pies

Food Shelf

Canned Meats
Canned tomato products
Tomato Sauce
Spaghetti Sauce
Assorted Pastas
Canned Pasta
Rice
Cereal
Oatmeal
Pancake mix
Canned Soups
Canned Beans
Canned Fruits
Canned Veggies
Shelf Stable Milk
Condiments
Seasonings
Mac & Cheese
Peanut Butter
Jelly
Halal, Kosher and Gluten Free Foods

School Pantry's

Cereal
Mac & Cheese (microwavable is great)
Canned Pastas
Spaghetti Sauce
Canned Soups
Canned Fruit
Applesauce
Assorted Pasta
Canned Tuna fish
Canned Veggies
Oatmeal
Peanut Butter
Jelly

Want to help but don't have time to shop or drop off items? Scan the QR code to make your donation today!

Donation to Springfield Family Center, Inc.



Springfield Family Center, Inc.

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



November Buy a Day; Make a Difference!

November 4th Buy a Day, Make a Difference Honoree:

Jack Daniels of Springfield, VT

Jack's family, led by Tessa Daniels, graciously purchased this day in loving memory of Jack on his birthday. Their love and remembrance are being shared with others in a beautiful way, because of their generosity, 30 of our neighbors who might otherwise have had to skip a meal will have something to eat.

Thank you, Tessa and family, for supporting the Springfield Family Center in such a meaningful way and for turning love and remembrance into action that nourishes our community.

Happy Heavenly Birthday, Jack-with you, from your family!

Would you like to join the Daniels family in honoring Jack on his birthday?
All donations made on November 4th in Jack's memory will be matched, up to \$100!

November 10th Buy a Day, Make a Difference Honoree:

James Harris

On the eve of Veterans Day, we are proud to honor our very own James Harris.

This "Buy a Day, Make a Difference" was generously purchased by Pat Townsend in recognition of James' hard work and dedication, not only as a vital member of the Springfield Family Center team, but also as an active community member who cares deeply about those we serve and about his fellow veterans. As a Navy veteran himself, James continues to embody service, compassion, and commitment every day.

We couldn't think of a more deserving person to honor.
Thank you, Pat! Because of your generosity, 30 of our food-insecure neighbors will receive a hot meal November 10th.

Would you like to join Pat in honoring James? All donations made November 10th in his honor will be matched, up to \$100!



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!



PAINT NIGHT
LED BY CORIN BEDNAR
*Paint & Sip fundraiser
to benefit the
Springfield Family Center*
AT THE COPPER FOX RESTAURANT
56 MAIN ST., SPRINGFIELD, VT 05156

DECEMBER 2, 5:30-7:30PM

\$45 PER PERSON

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\$15 FROM EACH
TICKET
PURCHASE WILL
GO TOWARD THE
SPRINGFIELD
FAMILY CENTER

All necessary supplies included.
Enjoy light refreshments and a cash bar!

Scan the QR Code
to reserve your
spot today!



Save the Date!

Back by Popular Demand!

Paint & Sip Fundraiser to benefit the Springfield Family Center!

We had such a great turnout at our first Paint and Sip Fundraiser that we've decided to do it again!

This time, our friends at The Copper Fox here in Springfield have generously agreed to host us.

Save the Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2025

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: The Copper Fox, 56 Main Street, Springfield, VT

Your ticket price includes all painting supplies and light refreshments. A cash bar will also be available.

All proceeds will support the Springfield Family Center's food programs, helping us provide nutritious meals and groceries to individuals and families in need.

Join us for an evening of creativity, community, and compassion in support of a great cause!

Click the button below to reserve your spot today!

Paint and Sip!

Upcoming Community Events and Updates:

A complete list of Thanksgiving resources will be provided by SFC as they become available.

Stay tuned!

Open House

1-4pm November 5th
100 Mineral St., Suite 308
Springfield, VT 05156

You're invited to an informal meet and greet with the staff at the Springfield HireAbility Vermont office.

Please join us for introductions to our newly reminted team, light refreshments, and a tour of our space.

Welcome to HireAbility, we're glad you're here!

100 Mineral St, Suite 308, Springfield, VT 05156



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PRESENTS



VETERANS DAY LUNCHEON

SATURDAY

8 NOV 2025

NOON - 2PM

FREE To All Veterans
and their spouse



\$15.00 (non-Veterans)

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Dine-in or Pick up

Delivery Available (within 20 Miles)



Option 1: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes

Option 2: Baked Ziti

Each meal includes garden salad, roll and cookies

STOP BY OR CALL TO SIGN UP
OR REGISTER WITH THE QR CODE

R.S.V.P. BY NOV 4TH



49 PARK STREET, SPRINGFIELD VT
802.885.3100



Free HEP C and HIV Testing



Get a \$25 gift card*
for testing!

**if you haven't been tested by To The Point in the last 3 months (either at TLC or a Pop-Up Clinic)*

Mon, Nov 17th

11:00am-2:00pm

(Please arrive before 1:00pm.)

at the

**Springfield Town
Library**

**43 Main St.
Springfield, VT**

20-minute rapid tests

*Already know you have Hep C or HIV?
Healthcare providers will be on-site, come
talk about starting treatment (for free).*

**Connect with us!
Call or Text
802-526-9141**



Free Food & Drinks





Gratitude's: A Heartfelt Thank You

As we wrap up the month of October, we want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude to everyone who supported the Springfield Family Center in so many ways.

To those who donated food, contributed financially, supported our annual campaign, volunteered your time, or simply shared words of encouragement — thank you. Your generosity and kindness make a lasting impact on the families and individuals we serve every day.

Without you, our work would not be possible.

Because of your continued support, we're able to provide essential services, hope, and nourishment to those in need throughout our community.

From all of us at the Springfield Family Center, thank you for standing with us.

Food Donors:

Donna Builder

Kristies

Willing Hands

Ivan and Roger Osinchuk

Methodist Church

Daryl

Skye

Natalie Cheney

Judt Sterns

Joyce

Barb Keller

Ashley Maragh

August and Andrea Murray/Plainbrook farm

Springfield Town Library

VFW Post 771 Aucxillary

UU Church

Springfield Hospital

Willing Hands

Felicia

Tara Anderson

Okemo Mountain Resort

American Legion Post 18

St. Mary's Church

Springfield Co-op

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North Springfield Baptist Church

Black River Produce

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Boris

Sharon Tucker

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Another Special thank you to our sustaining donors who send a check every month to help feed our neighbors:

Chris Pudjak

Pat Hill and Angela Trauth

Jeannine and Richard Hughes

Paul and Angel Cioffi

Tessa Daniels

Kathryn Waters

Jenna Marton

Caroline Comely

Rachel Fontana

Ian Speers

We would also like to recognize another special young man, Ivan Osinchuck.

In pursuit of his community service hours, Ivan created and organized a food drive and collection at two separate high school rodeos in which he participated. He was dedicated to supporting the Springfield Family Center's charitable food programs, and through his efforts, he was able to donate 178 pounds of food — amazing!

Thank you, Ivan, for the great care and commitment you showed in supporting your community!

See you in December!

Your Friends at the Springfield Family Center

802 885 3646

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