



## SPRINGFIELD FAMILY CENTER

### January 2026 Newsletter

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#### From the Desk of the Executive Director

As one year comes to a close and a new one begins, we want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who makes our work in the community possible.

2025 was a challenging year. Cuts to vital safety-net programs placed increased strain on families and individuals who were already struggling. Yet throughout the year, we worked together with you, our partners, supporters, and advocates, to ensure that some of our most vulnerable community members had enough to eat.

Because of your generosity and commitment, our mission remains possible. Together, we continue the essential work of making sure no one in our community goes hungry.

Thank you for standing with us. Your support makes a real and meaningful difference, and we are deeply grateful to move forward into the new year alongside you. Your commitment inspires our work!



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## Acts Of Kindness

Meet **Ivan Osinchuk**, a remarkable young man whose dedication, creativity, and heart for giving back are truly inspiring.

We wanted to share an uplifting story about a young leader making a big difference in our community. Not once, not twice, but three times, Ivan organized food drives at events he was already attending, transforming everyday opportunities into meaningful acts of service.

Through his efforts, Ivan collected over 200 pounds of food and more than \$100 in donations to help support neighbors in need. His passion and leadership remind us that compassion has no age limit and that even small actions can create a powerful ripple effect.

Thank you, Ivan, for showing us what it truly means to make a difference.



## Springfield Family Center's 6th Annual Basket Raffle: A Huge Success!

Springfield Family Center's 6th Annual Basket Raffle was a tremendous success, and we are deeply grateful to everyone who helped make this event so special. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our community, we received 43 beautifully curated baskets and sold nearly 3,000 tickets, raising over \$5,000 to support our charitable food programs.

This event would not have been possible without the support of our donors, volunteers, and everyone who purchased tickets and spread the word. Your generosity directly helps ensure that individuals and families in our community have access to nutritious food when they need it most.

A very special thank you to our amazing basket donors, whose creativity and kindness made this raffle such a highlight of the year:

Tina's Hallmark-Springfield, VT

Carol Knight

Salon 2000-Chester, VT

Springfield Supported Housing Program

Jane Mallon-Czajka

Smitty's Chester Market-Chester, VT

Springfield Town Library-Springfield, VT

Green Mountain Lavender-Springfield, VT

Samuel Paradis

JC's Market and Deli, North Springfield, VT

MKT Grafton-Grafton, VT

The Edgar May Health and Recreation Center, Springfield, VT

Birchbark Bodyworks-Chester, VT

Steffanie Baker

Tree Farm Campground, Springfield, VT

Gladys's Kitchen at the Hub at Weston, Weston, VT

Weston Theatre Company, Weston, VT

Jeanne Neal

Building Bright Futures

Chris Meyer

Nick Baker

HMS Electric-Claremont, NH

Plainsbrook Farm, Weathersfield, VT

Economic Services-Springfield, VT Division

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Kathy Jo Merlau

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HCRS, Springfield, VT

Department for Children's and Family Services, Springfield, VT Division

Springfield Democrats Committee

Viking Nordic Center, Londonderry, VT

Willow Farm Pet Services, North Springfield, VT

From all of us at Springfield Family Center, thank you for standing with us and helping make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve.

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## Holiday Meal Boxes: Bringing Comfort and Nourishment\*\*

Once again, the Springfield Family Center joined hands with the Santa Claus Club to bring holiday cheer to our community. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our donors, whether through contributing fixings or making monetary donations to purchase ingredients, we were able to provide Holiday Meal Boxes to 72 families, nourishing a total of 228 individuals.

But the giving didn't stop there! For those who didn't need a full meal kit, we were able to share an additional 10 turkeys/roaster chickens, ensuring that every family felt cared for this holiday season.

Your kindness made more than just meals possible, it brought joy, comfort, and a sense of togetherness to families in our community.

From all of us at SFC, thank you for making the holidays brighter for so many.

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## A Heartfelt Thank You for Supporting “Buy a Day, Make a Difference”

On December 10, we had the honor of celebrating our Buy a Day, Make a Difference Honoree, **Steffanie Baker**.

In recognition of her birthday and her incredible dedication to our food-insecure neighbors, Steffanie's husband, Nick Baker, purchased the day in her honor. It was a meaningful tribute to someone who gives so much to our community.

From preparing meals and creating menus to organizing food drives and ensuring every detail is thoughtfully planned, Steffanie's impact is felt every day. Because of her, 30 meals were provided to neighbors in need.

Steffanie, thank you for your compassion, commitment, and heart for service.

Looking to honor that special person in your life in a meaningful way? Our 2026 Buy a Day calendar is open and ready! Each honoree will be publicly recognized and will receive a personalized e-card created just for them.



# ***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](mailto:SFCbuyaday@gmail.com)



**Buy A Day, Make A Difference!**



## **Paint Night Fundraiser Postponed...**

Our Paint Night Fundraiser at The Copper Fox, benefiting the Springfield Family Center, has been postponed until spring.

Anyone who signed up will receive a full refund.

We apologize for any inconvenience. With unpredictable weather in January and February, we felt it would be better to host the event as the weather improves and folks are looking for something fun to do.

We'll share the new date closer to the event!

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## Gratitude's: A Heartfelt Thank You

All of us at SFC want to take a moment to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported the Springfield Family Center through the month of December. Whether you donated food, contributed financially, volunteered your time, or shared words of encouragement, your generosity made a real difference in the lives of the families we serve.

Because of your support, we were able to provide essential services, nourishment, and hope to our community members when they needed it most.

### **Food Donors:**

Springfield Co-op

Lily Garceu

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Springfield Town Library

Department of Children's and Family Services

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North Springfield Baptist Church

Springfield Housing Authority

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Ginny Thulen

Kinney Drugs

Upper Valley Haven

Springfield Humane Society

Another Special Thank you to the Springfield Democrats Committee who hosted a food drive benefiting the Springfield Family Center that brought in an AMAZING 842# of food and over \$1000 in monetary donations!

**Annual Campaign Donors:**

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Renee Warren

Carlos Escobar

Regina Graessle

**A Special Thank You to Our Supporting Foundations**

We are deeply grateful to the foundations whose generous support makes our work possible. Your contributions provide essential services, nourishment, and hope to the families we serve, and help us respond to urgent needs in our community.

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See you in February!

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