



SPRINGFIELD FAMILY CENTER

August 2026 Newsletter

A Note from the SFC Staff

Dear Greater Springfield Community,

We sincerely appreciate your ongoing support of our organization. Despite our Executive Director's departure, we have maintained our commitment to providing essential services and care for our clients.

As many community members face rising costs for daily needs, we have noticed an increase in visits, including many new faces. The SFC team continues to be dedicated to serving everyone who comes to us with the care and dignity they deserve.

We are grateful to our friends and community partners for standing by us as we continue to support those in need. Thank you for being with us on this journey.

Warm regards,
The SFC Operations Team

Garden Bounties

For the second year in a row, SFC has supported its Grow-A-Row initiative by distributing dozens of seed packets to community gardeners in the spring to help kick off the growing season. Those efforts are now bearing fruit, with our office receiving bushels of fresh produce and fragrant herbs from generous local growers.

Their generosity has been truly inspiring, and with Vermont's growing season only just reaching its peak, there's even more to look forward to. We are grateful for the opportunity to share this abundance with our friends and neighbors, helping ensure that fresh, locally grown food reaches those who can benefit from it most.



Back to School Backpack Drive

For many families, the beginning of August isn't just the continuation of summer vacation—it's the start of the countdown to a new school year. Along with that comes the annual task of shopping for school supplies. While many families are able to prepare, for others the cost of these essentials can put an added strain on already tight budgets.

For many years, the Springfield Family Center's Backpack Drive has helped ensure local students have the supplies they need to start the school year with confidence. Each year, the generosity of our community continues to amaze us!

We will be collecting donations of school supplies through the end of August. Donations will be distributed just before the start of the school year to students at three Springfield schools: Elm Hill Elementary, Union Street Elementary, and Riverside Middle School.

Please note: Donations will be distributed to students through school staff, not directly through the Family Center.

School supplies needed:

Backpacks (small and large sizes)

Lunch bags

Reusable water bottles

Pens and pencils

Rulers

Markers

Crayons (both large crayons for younger children and regular crayons)

1-subject spiral notebooks

Pocket folders

Glue (sticks and liquid)

Highlighters

Calculators

Pencil boxes or pencil pouches

Scissors (for both younger and older children)

Every donation, no matter the size, helps ensure that students in our community have the tools they need for a successful start to the academic year. Thank you for helping make a difference!

Springfield Family Center's Annual

Back to School BACKPACK DRIVE

We are looking for school supplies such as:

- *Backpacks
- *Calculators
- *Lunch Boxes
- *Rulers
- *Notebooks
- *Scissors
- *Markers
- *Pens
- *Boxes of Tissues
- *Reusable Water bottles



Times are challenging for many; together we can make sure our youngest community members have the supplies needed to learn and grow!

Donations can be brought to:
Springfield Family Center
130 Springfield Plaza Rd, Suite #9
Springfield, VT

(located in the Shaw's Shopping plaza in space the formerly known as Precision Pools or Aubuchon's),

**Donations will be brought to local schools for distribution at the beginning of the school year.*

www.springfieldfamilycenter.com

School Pantry Drive

Along with our Backpack Drive, the Springfield Family Center is preparing for another school year by stocking the food pantries at our elementary and middle schools. These school-based pantries provide students and their families with access to food and other essentials throughout the year, and we'd love your help filling the shelves before school begins.

SFC's pantry wishlist is available on our website under the Ways to Give tab, or you can shop directly through our Amazon Wishlist:

<https://a.co/0gvvykh5>

or click on the button below!

For those who prefer to shop locally, the following items are especially needed.

School Pantry Wish List:

Cereal

Microwavable macaroni & cheese

Canned pasta

Spaghetti sauce

Canned soup

Canned fruit

Applesauce

Assorted pasta

Canned tuna

Canned vegetables

Oatmeal

Peanut butter

Jelly

Manual can openers

Please note: If you are donating specifically for the school pantries, kindly indicate that your donation is intended for the schools.

Thank you for helping us ensure our school pantries are stocked and ready to support students and families throughout the school year. Your generosity helps make a successful school year possible for our community!



School Pantry Drive Amazon Wishlist

Community Partner Events

North Star Health 2026 Community Health and Fun Fair!

When: Thursday, August 13th

Time: 4–7pm

Where: 100 River Street, Springfield VT

Fun, family-friendly event is open to all ages and will have a wide range of FUN, health and wellness activities!

- Backpack and tote bag giveaway (while supplies last)
- Free health screenings
- Sports Paperwork Clinic
- Community resource tables
- Wellness activities
- Massages from Shiatsu School of Vermont
- Obstacle Course and Bounce House from Bounce Above the Rest
- Photobooth from VT NH Photobooth
- Face Painting by Blossom Winks Face Painting
- Bubble Station
- FREE Snow Cones

–Food Vendors

Thrive Thrift Store & Community Resource Center

What: Food collection throughout the month of August to benefit the Springfield Family Center

Where: 5087 Route 5, Ascutney VT

Times: Tuesdays–Saturdays, 10am–5pm

For more information about their organization, you can visit their website: thrivethrift.org

Kids Night–Out Movie Night at Edgar May Health & Recreation Center

When: August 29th

Time: 5–8pm

Required: Register online, call 802–885–2568, or stop by the Front Desk.

For more information, contact Zoe Lirakis at zlirakis@edgarmay.org

Cost: EdgarMay Member: FREE

Community Member: \$10



Heartfelt Thanks to Our July Donors

To everyone who donated food, contributed financially, or gave their time to support Springfield Family Center's food programs in July, we are deeply grateful.

Because of your generosity:

Families in our community have nourishing meals.

Seniors can access healthy food.

Neighbors facing challenges feel seen, supported, and cared for.

You are the heart of this work.

Your kindness strengthens our community, making it healthier, more compassionate, and full of hope.

From all of us at Springfield Family Center, thank you for standing with us and with your neighbors.

July Food Donors:

Willing Hands

Plains Brook Farm

Springfield Housing Authority

The Prouty

Springfield Congregational Church

Springfield Methodist Church

Springfield Town Library

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VFW Post 771 Auxiliary

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Jennifer Allen

Gerald & Anne Donatelli

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Thank you to all of our donors; large or small, all efforts contribute to making a difference in so many lives.

With gratitude,

The Springfield Family Center staff

See you in September!

Your Friends at the Springfield Family Center

802 885 3646

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Please note the recent change to Springfield Family Center's mailing address.

New mailing address is: 130 Springfield Plaza Road, Springfield, VT 05156