

Director's Report

Slate Valley Cares

May 1st-31st, 2024

Monthly Overview

This month, we have several exciting updates to share, reflecting our ongoing efforts to support our community and enhance our services. From a successful fundraising event to new grant submissions and partnerships, our activities in May have set a strong foundation for the future.

Plant Swap and Sale Success

Our recent Plant Swap and Sale was a tremendous success, raising over \$610 for Slate Valley Cares. The event was not only a financial success but also a wonderful social experience for all involved. Community members came together to exchange plants, gardening tips, and enjoy each other's company. The turnout and enthusiasm from participants underscore the strength and solidarity within our community.

Grant Applications

Bo and I have been diligently working on grant applications this month. We have submitted several significant grant proposals, including:

- Vermont Food Bank Capacity Grant: \$20,000
- United Way Community Building Grant: \$10,000
- Ben & Jerry's Foundation Grant: \$3,500
- CHEF Grant: \$9,000

Anyone interested in reviewing the full grant applications can reach out to us. We will keep everyone updated as we receive responses from the grantors.

Rutland County Free Clinic Partnership

We are thrilled to announce a new partnership with the Rutland County Free Clinic (RCFC). Starting this month, RCFC will be hosting free health screenings at Slate Valley Cares. Additionally, RCFC will establish a permanent self-check station at our facility, enabling members to monitor their blood pressure, glucose levels, and blood oxygen levels. RCFC will also join us at our food-related events whenever possible, reinforcing the vital connection between nutrition and health.

Hunger Action Conference

Our entire team attended the Hunger Action Conference this month. The event was a fantastic opportunity for us to connect with inspiring individuals and organizations, participate in insightful workshops, and gather new ideas. We left the conference feeling motivated to deepen and broaden our work, armed with fresh perspectives and strategies to better serve our community.

Conclusion

May has been a month of significant achievements and inspiring new beginnings. From the success of our Plant Swap and Sale to the promising grant applications and the exciting new partnership with the Rutland County Free Clinic, we are moving forward with renewed energy and focus. Our participation in the Hunger Action Conference has also provided us with valuable insights to enhance our efforts. As we

look ahead, we remain committed to leveraging these opportunities to better serve and support our community.

Quick Stats

May 2024

Households Served: 927 (Up 85 Households)

New Household Applications: 41 (Up 10 Households)

Finances *as of May 29th, 2024*

- Operating Account: \$89,053.68
 - Emergency Fund: \$2,136.28
 - Right to Food Center Account: \$3,714.87
 - Online Account: \$147.00
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Submitted by: Jeffrey Jackson, Executive Director—June 1st, 2024