

RACDC is making a home for **community.**



RACDC
Randolph Area Community
Development Corporation

2019 RACDC Year in Review

83

seniors participated in SASH (Support & Services at Home).

21 seniors

benefited from other SASH programs.



Events Hosted:

- MakerFest
- Safe & Seen Halloween
- Downtown Block Party
- Bocce for All!
- Annual Meeting & Speaker
- MLK Day Movie
- Flood Plain Forest cleanup parties
- SASH senior programs
- Joslyn House 25th Anniversary celebration



198

people in housing, including

26 children.

1,600

people attended RACDC events,

FY19 Financials (unaudited):

Net assets:

\$5,354,690

Revenue:

\$1,481,697

Expenses:

\$1,397,943

\$922,000

spent to improve housing and properties

269

students engaged in programs and events.

170

total volunteers.

9

businesses helped, including

\$80,000

in loans awarded.



Taxes paid to the town for RACDC properties:

\$325,000+

(That's roughly 3% of Randolph's total tax collection!)

RACDC is making a home for **families.**

RACDC provided homes for over 170 families and helped Clara Martin to provide homes for four more families through a gap-filling loan to help them complete the renovation of 28 South Main Street.

One Family's Story

When their Bethel home was hit by a tractor trailer truck and rendered uninhabitable, the family was unsure where they would live. They then learned of RACDC thru a co-worker and within the month they were in a newly renovated affordable home that was perfect for them and their infant son.

*"We looked for what seemed like months to no avail until we contacted RACDC. Within the month we had seen and moved into an affordable newly renovated home. **I honestly couldn't imagine what we would have done without the help from RACDC.**"*

—Katelyn



Linda Chambers, Executive Director of the Clara Martin Center, speaks at the grand re-opening of 28 South Main Street. Photo by Dylan Kelly.



RACDC is making a home for **business.**



RACDC helps small businesses find the resources they need to begin and grow. This year, we are pleased to highlight one of those businesses.

Jeremy's Story

Computerized Cutting Solutions opened its doors this year thanks in part to a loan from RACDC's business revolving loan fund. Jeremy Rilling wanted to use skills he had learned at VTC and as an employee in other businesses to start his own firm, providing cutting and kitting services for the medical, industrial, and aerospace industries. In June, he opened shop on Hull Street, and is now already expanding his space to serve new clients. He'll be hiring soon, and we wish him continued success!

"I could not have opened or expanded without the support of RACDC's loan fund for working capital and start-up costs.

They worked with me and my other lender to put together a package that was affordable and responsive to my needs. I could not be happier to be working at something I know and love right here at home!"

—Jeremy Rilling,
Owner, Computerized
Cutting Solutions



RACDC is making a home for **fun.**

Fun is the magic sauce in a successful community development effort, because it brings people together and creates lasting bonds that make us better neighbors. Our events are designed to be enjoyable, but also to stimulate imagination and citizenship. They increase a child's exposure to new things and bring a sense of belonging that no zip code can bestow.



This past year, we collaborated with Randolph Union High School, RASTA, Rotary, the Randolph Recreation Department, the Chamber of Commerce, local businesses and many others to create public events.

RACDC and its Downtown Program, Main Street in Motion, hosted Safe & Seen Halloween, Maker Faire, Downtown Block Party, senior programs, Flood Plain Forest

clean-up days, entrepreneur events, an MLK day movie, and more recently the Illuminated Forest Festival!



RACDC is making a home for **health.**

Joe's Story

When Dede met a man we'll call Joe, he was living by himself in an apartment feeling "helpless and hopeless most of the time" due to loneliness, illness, and alcoholism. With help from SASH, he began receiving Meals on Wheels, food commodities, mobility assistance, home-making services, and encouragement in his recovery. By the following June he was 6 months sober and a regular volunteer for several local organizations, including SASH. SASH helped Joe connect with his family, friends, services and meaningful work. He is now helping others, and we are so very proud of all he has accomplished!

In the past year, RACDC's SASH program has served 83 direct participants with wellness planning and case management services, 48 with monthly delivery of food commodities, and over a dozen others who attended events and programs hosted by SASH.

SASH has been studied by third party, independent researchers, who have found repeatedly that SASH saves money and helps seniors live better lives. This year we bid farewell to our longtime SASH Coordinator, Dede Tracy, who embodies all the good things that SASH and RACDC stand for. We will miss her terribly, and wish her all the best. Our new SASH Coordinator, Josie Newport, will start in November!



Meet the 2019 Hutchinson Award Winners: **Perry & Lynn Armstrong**

Perry and Lynn Armstrong are the 2019 recipients of RACDC's annual Hutchinson Award for Community Service. The award is named in honor of the late Jim Hutchinson, a vibrant leader whose boundless volunteer spirit, tireless work on behalf of adaptive ski and sports programs, and service on the Randolph Selectboard and in the Vermont House set the standard for selfless service to community.



RACDC Board Member Tom Ayres (left) presented the 2019 Hutchinson Award to Perry and Lynn Armstrong.

Perry and Lynn, the founders and longtime proprietors of Rain or Shine Tent Company, have been pillars – or perhaps it would be more apt to say “center poles” – of our community for decades. Year after year they bring all of us together under the “big tent” of the vibrant community celebrations they create and produce, and those they help others create. These include the annual Winterfest at Farr’s Hill (the former town ski area); the delightful Corn Maze that topped Farr’s Hill for the first time this fall; and the Festival of Lights, a joyous celebration of the holiday season that lights up Randolph Village in December.

The 2019 Hutchinson Award is presented to Perry and Lynn Armstrong “in recognition of their tireless efforts to unite our community in the celebration of our common humanity.” Thank you, Perry and Lynn!

RACDC is making a home
for **opportunity.**



A High Performance Home for Sale!

RACDC's mobile Vermont, a net zero home (pictured above) that has been touring the region for the past 18 months, is coming home to a lot at Armstrong Mobile Home Park in Randolph Center. We will be offering the home to a new person or couple. RACDC and Efficiency Vermont will help the successful bidder access financial incentives to make it affordable to a moderate income family.

To find out more or apply to purchase the home and rent the lot, contact us at 728-4305 or raccdc@raccdc.com!



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