

Here are a few of the places we have been privileged to help:

- Providing emergency fuel, power, rent and/or mortgage assistance.
- Backing the local food shelf.
- Turning the lights back on.
- Fixing a car for work.
- Modifying a house for a person with a disability.
- Raising and disbursing \$1.3 million to aid Irene victims.
- Helping to repair a waterline for an elderly person.
- Backing a family dealing with long term illness.
- Aiding families needing a temporary leg up.
- Helping a battered woman and her children move to a safe place.



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Serving the towns of the  
Mad River Valley  
Warren, Waitsfield, Fayston  
and Moretown since 1989



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### A Little History

The expression “spreading like wildfire” is almost too slow to describe the way news travels in the Mad River Valley. But twenty five years ago, a well-known Valley resident fighting a long term and increasingly debilitating illness, was about to lose the family home. No one had a clue.

Luckily, a good friend did discover the circumstances and within a week raised \$5,000 from friends and neighbors to help solve the problem.

In the end, there was some money left over and the question arose: How many others were living lives on the edge with nowhere to turn? Thus, the Mad River Valley Community Fund (MRVCF) was born. A group of like-minded community members formed a board, developed criteria, outlined their intent and obtained non-profit status from the federal government.

Unique in Vermont if not in the entire country, the MRVCF helps those in need to temporarily bridge an economic gap created by circumstances beyond their control through no fault of their own.

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## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

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There are State and Federal programs designed to support the disadvantaged but virtually all these programs are long term. Sometimes, people fall through the cracks or suffer from circumstances which don't fit any governmental guidelines.

Our mission is to act as a bridge to ease unexpected circumstances, not to provide continuing support.

### If You Were In Need, You Might Ask A Friend for Help.

What if you didn't have a friend or a parent who could pitch in?  
That's where we come in.

Please consider making a donation today.  
Better yet make it a habit.  
Even better, consider us in your estate planning.

It is the ongoing commitment of our donors who continue to give \$10 to \$10,000 that allows us to help our neighbors. Even Valley children have given us their allowance.

Please consider us today.

Need an application? Want to make a donation?

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To be considered, applicants complete an application which is reviewed by the board.

Assistance is offered as a grant.