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Outgoing Executive Director Rita Markley and New Executive Director Jonathan Farrell.

# COTS Announces Jonathan Farrell as New Executive Director, Bids Farewell to Rita Markley after 30 Years of Leadership

Dear friends,

As many of you know, I will be retiring from COTS this fall. Over the past 30 years, your generosity and unwavering support have sustained us through enormous swings in the economy and allowed us to meet the most urgent needs in our community. Your contributions of time, money and influence allowed us to create the largest homeless prevention initiative in Vermont, to build 54 new units of deeply affordable permanent housing, and to provide a warm, safe refuge for families and individuals who have no place left to turn.

Leaving COTS is bittersweet; I will miss pumpkin contests at our Daystation, ice cream parties with the kids at our shelters, brainstorming with staff on solutions to seemingly intractable challenges. It makes it easier to leave knowing that our leadership team is strong and extraordinarily talented, our board and volunteers are deeply committed to our mission and our new Executive Director, Jonathan Farrell, will bring a breadth of experience in housing and social services. I have worked closely with him for the past 12 years and have every confidence he will carry forward the spirit of innovation and focus on solutions that have uniquely characterized COTS since we first opened our doors.

Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for all you do to make COTS a warm, vibrant community.

Sincerely, Rita Markley

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# Building a team around every child

Even one instance of homelessness can have a profound impact on a child's emotional well-being and social growth. At COTS, we provide every child we serve with a trauma informed and interdisciplinary team who can accompany them through their experience.

This team includes several COTS teammates, such as our Family Housing Navigator, whose caseload is exclusively families with children; family shelter support staff who offer exciting cooking classes with kid-friendly healthy recipes thanks to the Vermont Food Bank and the Joy in Childhood Foundation; and our Children's Education Advocate who supports parents and students from pre-school to high school with their educational goals and outcomes.

This fall, thanks to generous support from National Life Group, RBC Wealth Management, a private family foundation, and other donors, we're excited to add a new team member to that circle of care. Our Children's Mental Health Advocate will start in November to help families with accessing services, connecting with providers in shelter, and supporting the protective factors that nurture children's emotional and mental wellbeing, even in adverse circumstances.

No one should have to go it alone in a tough time, and that goes double for the children in our care. We can't wait to continue to share news and stories of the team we're building to help every child thrive. VOLUME 40 | ISSUE 2

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# A message from Jonathan Farrell...

Not long ago I ran into some old acquaintances at BHS parent-teacher night. It's a common thing in a small city, to cross paths with folks in different settings over time, as our lives weave in and around one another. We talked about our kids, of course, about how well they were doing in school, about their interests outside of school, and about their plans for the future and for college.

Running into them got me thinking about times when our paths crossed. One of those times was during a neighborhood meeting about the construction of 95 North Avenue. We were facing fierce opposition from the neighborhood about co-locating the Daystation and our outreach services here, and my acquaintances came to that meeting because they lived next door on North Ave. I didn't know it at the time, but they came to speak up on behalf of COTS.



When we first met, it was at the HRC when I was the Coordinator. This New American family had

run into a serious housing issue, were looking at being saddled with debt, were facing the loss of their voucher, and looking at the prospect of becoming homeless.

With COTS intervention, the family made it through a scary time and made it beyond the apartment next door. And that is the "why" of COTS for me. It's just one story of many but illustrates the point. This is my community; I've put down roots here, I've worked here, I've volunteered here, and I've strived to help make this city a little better. The fact that a long-ago client is now thriving as a peer, a neighbor, a friendly face in the city — that's why I love COTS.

COTS is at a pivotal junction. It's not just a leadership change after a long tenure, although that is a crucial process in and of itself. We are also facing a rapidly shifting landscape of services, funding, and philosophical approaches to ending homelessness. I envision COTS as the premier destination



for those who are experiencing homelessness or who are at-risk of homelessness - the go-to place, the first place people think of if they need help. I envision a diverse and engaged staff who feel valued in their work each day. I envision a continued commitment to innovation and creative solutions to ever-present challenges.

Thank you to COTS donors, volunteers, Board, staff, and the community for your continued support. The future of COTS looks bright.

Warmly, Jonathan Farrell

# **Celebrating Tim Coleman's 40 years of Service**

Tim was COTS first staff member in November 1983. COTS had only been in existence for 10 months before he joined us. We had no resources, no reputation, and no plan-just an abundance of faith that he carried for the most vulnerable. He had all the freedom to help shape the programs and values that would guide our work for decades.

Tim has always listened closely to the people we serve, and since day one, he has advocated tirelessly for their needs. We have a Daystation, we have case management services—because Tim flagged the need and pressed hard for COTS to provide more than a bunkbed and a blanket at the Waystation. We have the Smith step-up housing program because Tim pushed hard for a step-up shelter that would allow people to create a housing track record in

a market where you needed some kind of landlord reference.

Tim's advocacy wasn't just at COTS. Tim drove an RV in 1989 to bring folks from the Waystation and family shelter down to Washington D.C. to be part of the largest demonstration that there has ever been for the right for housing: The Housing Now March. Tim also extended this advocacy locally. For every Mayor's race, Tim would host a forum for all the candidates to come in and answer questions directly from the folks we serve.

Whenever there were threats to funding, the Daystation was the bustling center for making posters and signs and gathering at City Hall or government buildings. In fact, so much so that the place would reek of poster paint and magic

markers for days after.

One of Tim's greatest gifts though is creating a setting where people feel easy and safe being whoever they are or want to be. Tim was not trained as a social worker, but he would give master level classes on how to see the fullness of every person, creating ways to reach the most forlorn or withdrawn, and understanding the difference between anger that's prompted by fear or depression, not rage.

How do you quantify the impact of someone like Tim Coleman, a man who used his many talents to create an entire world of warmth and music, welcome and connection – within the careening chaos of a harsher world around us? We can't. What we can do though is salute the man whose heart and humor have fueled this organization for nearly four decades.

Paraphrased parts of Rita Markley's speech at Tim's retirement celebration.



## **Answer the Call!**

# COTS VOLUNTEERS TO DIAL FOR DOLLARS

Monday, November 28-Thursday, December 1 from 5:30-8pm.

The COTS Phonathon is our oldest and biggest fundraiser, made possible by our wonderful volunteers.

Each year, during the week after
Thanksgiving, staff and volunteers call
past COTS supporters and ask them to
consider a gift to COTS again this year.
This year we will be holding our first ever
hybrid event. For those who wish
to volunteer in-person, we will meet at
our headquarters at 95 North Avenue.
Volunteers can also call remotely from
the comfort of their own home. We also
encourage volunteers to form their own
remote gatherings of callers.

If you would like to make a donation to the COTS Phonathon, visit cotsonline.org/phonathon or mail to: COTS Phonathon, PO Box 1616, Burlington, VT 05402.

# Holiday Gifting at COTS



Thank you for making the holidays so special for people, especially children, experiencing homelessness. We appreciate your generosity immensely. Our guests in shelter are so happy when they receive your gifts. For any other questions, or to organize a drive, email RomyT@Cotsonline.org.

Here are a couple of things to keep in mind when purchasing gifts for people in shelter:

#### Donate gift cards.

Gift cards are an amazing way to allow parents to purchase gifts for their children. Gift cards give parents the autonomy to choose a gift they know their child needs or will love. They are especially helpful when families move into shelter late in the season. Gift cards are necessary for these families who may not have any gifts waiting for them. They also are important in limiting exposure of germs, keeping staff extra safe this holiday season.

# Shop online and have gifts shipped directly to COTS.

We have an Amazon wish list, and other ways to shop for children online. These wish lists will be curated with specific children in mind. Our street address for shipping packages: COTS, 95 North Avenue, Burlington, VT 05401.

#### Schedule a delivery time to drop off donations.

Scheduling a drop-off time to COTS is extremely helpful to ensure that we can get gifts into the building timely. Email RomyT@Cotsonline.org to schedule a time or call 802-864-7402.

#### We only accept new and unused items.

Our policy is to accept new and unused items only. This is to maintain dignity regardless of what people are experiencing in life.

#### We do not accept plush toys.

Unfortunately, to help stop the spread of germs, we do not accept plush toys at this time. Thank you for understanding.

#### Keep gifts purchased to under \$50 each.

In order to keep equity in shelter, we limit gift cost to ensure that each child will get something similar in cost to another child.

## We try to give each child three gifts, and we have children from babies to teens.

Something they need, something they want, and an educational material. We often do not receive many gifts for older teens, so we especially appreciate gifts for them.

# THANK YOU for Making the 2022 COTS Walk a Success!

The 33rd Annual COTS Walk took place on Sunday, May 1st as the first in-person Walk since 2019. This year's Walk theme was "painting a picture of homelessness." Battery Park was filled with different interactive art activities, including children's coloring books and crafts, face painting, and a large interactive splatter paint board — which turned out to be a hit for walkers of all ages!

Along the route, walkers enjoyed snacks and goodies from our Walk sponsors, musical performances, and information about each COTS location. Walkers interacted with COTS staff at each stop, along with a children's activity book and exhibits created by local artists Erika Senft Miller and Codi Van Dyk. At the end of the Walk, Ben and Jerry's gave out free scoops of ice cream.

This year's Walk was a resounding success. There was a great turnout, including over 350 registrants and a Walk Day attendance of around 1.500 walkers.

#### We reached our fundraising goal of \$205,000 for the 33rd Annual COTS Walk – all thanks to you!

Our walkers, donors, sponsors, volunteers, and staff are what make this possible.

# Join us for this year's COTS Walk on May 7, 2023 in Battery Park!



### **COTS Walk 2022 Sponsor List**

#### **Presenting Sponsor**

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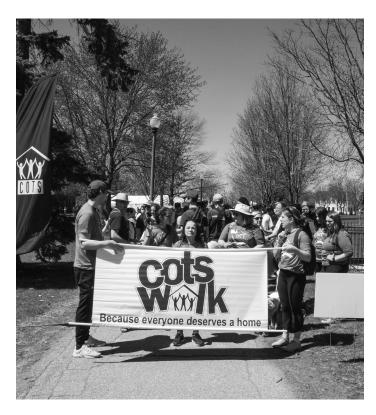
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#### **Challenge Walkers**

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# It Takes a Village

Thanks to the generosity of **Oh my DOG**,

SeaComm, Northfield Savings Bank, Vermont
Lake Monsters, Homebridge Financial
Services, and Star 92.9 our Back to School
Drive culminating to a Back to School
Bonanza community event was a huge
success. Thank you to our many volunteers
and supporters who made this possible.
We kicked off the drive with a barbeque
and Lake Monsters ball game at Centennial
Field, where Arthur Mott, our Director of
Development Rebekah's 2-year-old son, threw
out the first pitch. Vouchers to a future Lake
Monster game were provided to fans who
brought in school supplies!

Oh my DOG, SeaComm, and Homebridge Financial Services donated hundreds of pivotal school supplies. COTS also received many donations from individuals who visited our main office, selected items from our wish list to be mailed directly to us and purchased Back to School bundles from our website. Throughout the monthlong drive, we collected enough supplies from the community to serve children staving with COTS as well as children working with our community partners, and members of our community. Close to 10,000 school supplies were distributed to children helped by our community partners: Burlington Boys & Girls Club, King Street Center, STEPS to End Domestic Violence, Spectrum Youth & Family Services, and the Sara Holbrook **Community Center**. This year, the drive culminated in the Back to School Bonanza community event.

The **Back to School Bonanza** was located at our admin offices and open to any students K-12 in need. There students could get a haircut, pick out a first day of school outfit, pick out a backpack and school supplies, as well as receive diapers and other hygiene and household items that may be needed. Families were able to eat a healthy lunch and some fun foods like snow cones, popcorn, and cotton candy. The bouncy house and face painting was also a hit! We had hundreds of families attend that were able to leave with a fuller belly, supplies, and fun to help make the school year a little bit easier.

Gadue's partners with COTS to dry clean winter coats donated by the community to help keep our guests warm through their Coats for Kids and Families program.

As part of their "Project Warmth," **Turtle Fur** provided three large boxes of hats,
blankets, and gloves as the weather starts to
get colder.

The **23rd annual Homeschoolers of Chittenden County Bake Sale** donated proceeds (and tasty treats) from their sale held outside the Fletcher Free Library in October.

The **Rock Point School** hosted their annual **Ooky Spooky 5K** to help raise money to support COTS.

**Burlington Furniture Co.** donated 1% of their sales in the month of September to support COTS

**Darn Tough Vermont** donated socks for guests staying at the Daystation and Waystation.

Hanes for Good donated 500 pairs of men's socks

Jacqueline and Jessica Bolster donated spring baskets for children in shelter with help from Saint Michael's worshipping community, Saint Michael's student athletic teams, and Phoenix Books. This is Jacqueline and Jessica's 28th year doing it!

The Junior League of the Champlain Valley donated countless diapers and baby wipes to families seeking COTS services.

Thank you **Gotta Have Soul Foundation** for supplying many pairs of shoes to children in shelter.

**ECHO at the Leahy Center**, thank you for donating museum passes to families in shelter.

## Donations, Drives, & COTS Wish List

A big thank you to those who have donated from our wish list or set up donations drives.



Main Street Family Shelter's garden provided fresh herbs to families thanks to volunteers and local businesses. Gardener's Supply donated a variety of robust plants. As part of Key Bank Neighbors Make the Difference Day a group of volunteers tamed and planted our garden beds. 2

Thank you: Amy Puchrik Viens and Don Viens; Barbara Daggett; Betty and Marvin Libson; Burlington Country Club; Champlain College; Champlain Valley Swim League BCC; Cindy Turcot; Cowboys and Astronauts; Crossfit Threshold Training; Dan and Mary Wyand; Deborah Martin; Diane Bartlett; Emily Cabral; **Estelle Emmons; First Congregational Church** of Essex Junction: Gabrielle Malina and Kari Bradley; Sean Greenwood; Haley Hammond; J. A. Morrissey, Inc.; Jackie Trahan; Jay Peak Resort: Jennifer Boyd: Jennifer Moran: John Michael and Sara Longworth; Jonathan Levis; Kay Stones; Kevin and Claire Mahoney; Laura Lewis; Leslie Butler; Lisa Swartz; Marie Sadler; Nancy Beth Wessinger; Naomi King; Nurbu and Phura Sherpa; Olivia Taylor; Patricia Bosley; Peg Eddy; Phyllis Horn; Price Chopper Foods; Regan Hillery; Rich and Jenny First; Richard and Judy Berger; Sara Solnick; Sarah Schmidt; Sharon and Don Laub; Skida Headwear & Accessories; Sparetime Colchester; Spirit of Ethan Allen; Terri Geffert; the Porenta Family;

### Q & A with Aiden

Every year, Aiden and his parents Nurbu and Phura donate items for people experiencing homelessness — in honor of his birthday. Nurbu and Phura are the owners of Sherpa Foods and also serve delicious lunch at the Daystation, provide our staff with lunch, and even donate a portion of their weekly sales from the Burlington Farmers Market. Romy, COTS Communications and Outreach Specialist spoke with Aiden about this special birthday tradition.

Romy: "Aiden, thanks for donating to COTS every year on your birthday! What started this tradition?"

**Aiden:** "My parents always donated to nonprofits so when I was born they wanted to celebrate the occasion by sharing our happiness with people in need so that is how it got started."

Romy: "Do you remember how old you were when you first donated to COTS for your birthday?"

**Aiden:** "My parents have been donating to COTS since I was 2 years old but I remember going to COTS to donate when I was four years old."

Romy: "Why do you think it is important to help others?"

**Aiden:** "It's very important to help others so you can try to make their lives a little bit easier and better."

Romy: "What is your favorite thing about shopping for items for others? Is there anything people should keep in mind when doing this?"

**Aiden:** "I like to think of the way people will use those items and try to make sure they are clean so they feel good about using those items."



Romy: "Is there anything else that you think our readers should know?"

**Aiden:** "Please try to help others anyway you can, be it money or time or anyway because sharing is caring and always try to "make your birthday worth it by helping people in need."

Thank you, Aiden, for making your birthday worth it for the people we serve!

Tracie and Vincent Carlos; Twincraft; and Vermont Artisan Coffee and Tea Company for donating necessary hygiene products and other needed items.

## Thank you for supporting our COTS Walk

Alison Redlich Photography; Avodah; Hannaford; In The Pocket; Julie Winn Singer Songwriter; Lake Champlain Chocolates; Leonardo's Pizza; P&P Septic; Pete Sutherland and Oliver Scanlon; St. Michael's College; Starbucks; Stephen Mease Photography;



Sugarsnap; The Dixie Six; Thrivent Financial; University of Vermont; Vermont Lake Monsters; and Vermont Teddy Bear Company.

# Thank you to those who supported our Back to School Drive

Amalgamated Culture Works; Amanda and Brendan Coyle; Ann and Leighton Lauglin; Beth Carlson; Christine and Leland Hauslein; Colchester-Milton Rotary Club; 3 Cyndy McGeoch; Jody and Richard Tritt; Judy and Paul Mammorella; Kate Laud; Kim Lincoln; Lake Champlain Chocolates; Maricela Constantino; Marissa Wilkens; Melissa and Gary Taddeo; O'Briens Aveda Institute; Patricia Bosley; Richard Foote and Zsuzsanna Kadas; Sally Blanchard-O'Brien; Shelia Cross; Staples; Susan Leckey; Tom and Jane Zenaty; Vermont's Original, LLC; Vincent Koehler; Zachary Ray and Paula Sherr are among many who supported this effort.

#### **DAYSTATION LUNCH**

Thanks to **COSTCO** for donating a gift card each month to help support COTS Daystation meal program.

All Souls Interfaith Gathering; Alpha Phi Omega; Andrew and Deborah Rosenfeld; Champlain College EHS 100 Class; Chris and Penny Miller; Church of Jesus Christ; College Street Congregational UCC; Emma Macpherson; Erin Anderson; Jenna Doran; Love & Blessings; Mount Mansfield Union



High School; Richmond Congregational
Church; Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington;
Romy Gold and friends; Rosenfeld Family;
Saint Michael's College — MOVE Office; The
Mountain Mamas; Tracie and Chris Canter;
United Church of Underhill; UVM Trek; UVM
APO plus many more supporters, provided
healthy lunches for about 25 people daily.
The Daystation serves a noontime meal
365 days a year, thanks to the support of
volunteers. 4

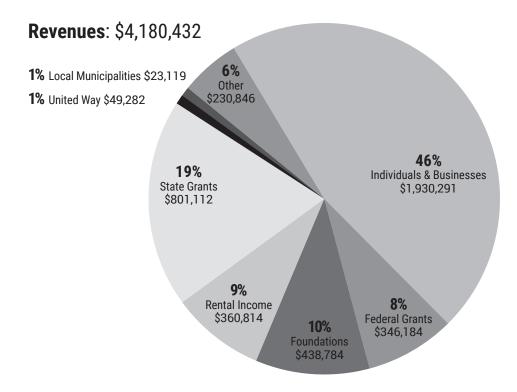
# Cookies for Good: Locally baked treats now taking online orders

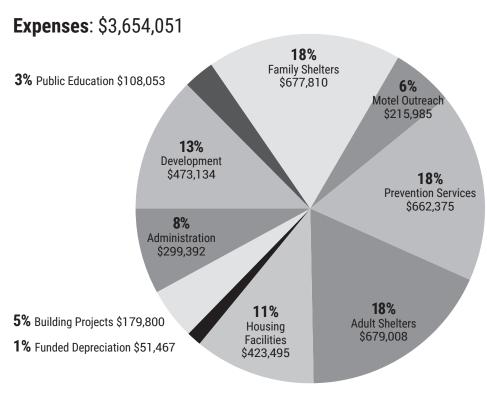
Sugarsnap Catering's freshly made Cookies for Good are a "bake sale every day" for COTS. 35% of all cookie sales are donated to COTS, which adds up to make a BIG IMPACT. Over the past decade, nearly \$140,000 has been raised in support of COTS' shelters, services, and homeless prevention, one cookie at a time.

Cookies for Good are perfect to serve at your holiday parties and business lunches or to share with friends, family, co-workers, and customers. Choose from nine different flavors — all locally sourced and delicious! To order, visit www.thesnapvt.com, call (802) 861-2951, or email catering@thesnapvt.com.



# 2022 in review





Figures have been rounded to the nearest 1%.

#### **COTS Shelters**

#### **FAMILY SHELTERS:**

**25 families** (including **55 children**) stayed in a COTS family shelter. We have two family shelters in our community: the Main Street Family Shelter and the Firehouse Family Shelter.

#### **ADULT OVERNIGHT SHELTER:**

**161 individuals** stayed at the COTS Waystation, our year-round shelter for single adults.

**ADULT DAYTIME CENTER: 280 individuals** visited the COTS Daystation, a daytime center for adults experiencing homelessness.

#### **Housing Navigation**

#### **COTS FAMILY HOUSING SERVICES:**

**159 children**, including those staying in a COTS emergency shelter or the community, received support from COTS staff.

#### **COTS ADULT HOUSING SERVICES:**

**252 single adults** received outreach and support from COTS staff.

#### **Prevention Support**

#### **PREVENTION ASSISTANCE:**

**143 households** (including **122 children**) received prevention assistance through the COTS Housing Resource Center.

#### **REHOUSING ASSISTANCE:**

**90 households** (including **65 children**) received rehousing help through the COTS HRC program.

#### **COTS Motel Outreach Team**

#### **HOUSING & SUPPORT SERVICES:**

405 adults and 64 children received rehousing and supportive services at area hotels through the on-site mobile outreach team. These are families and individuals who are experiencing homelessness and are staying in area hotels.

57 households obtained permanent housing because of COTS services.

#### **COTS Housing**

#### **PERMANENT & STEP-UP HOUSING:**

98 units of housing were offered by COTS at the Smith House, The Wilson, St. John's Hall, 95 North Avenue (with Housing Vermont), and Canal Street Veterans Housing (with Housing Vermont).

# Thank YOU!

These generous businesses and organizations provided in-kind and financial support to COTS during our fiscal year 2022 (October 1, 2021-September 30, 2022). In addition to the names here, hundreds of individuals and foundations have made financial and/or in-kind gifts in support of COTS programs and services this past year. The foundations listed below have requested inclusion in our newsletter:

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