

Fall 2021 Newsletter

From Bottles and Cans to Donations Large and Small

In 2003, The Ecumenical Food Shelf was reorganized and renamed Lamoille Community Food Share. Under the leadership of Mick Heller it became a non-profit corporation with 501(c)3 status. Prior to reorganization, the faith community of Morrisville, Stowe and Hyde Park had been the main source of funding. As the organization grew, we started to look for new ways to raise money. Our community- individuals and businesses- have really stepped up to help.

- In 2003 Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Management District (LRSWMD) started to collect returnable bottles and cans. Caroline Ballard would pick these up from the Stowe Dump and take them to Morrisville for redemption. A truckload would yield about \$50 which was spent on food. A year or so later, Lyndall Heyer and Trudy Erhard of LRSWMD took over the redemption process sending the checks to us. Joyce Majors now runs the program (and volunteers at Thanksgiving). From 2016-2021 we have received almost \$31,000!



LRSWMD employees sorting bottles and cans

- in 2007 we successfully petitioned our six main towns (Eden, Elmore, Hyde Park, Morristown, Stowe and Wolcott) for donations and have continued every year since.

- We started applying for grants, mostly from private organizations.

- For years, Roland Lajoie of WLVB has spearheaded “Chris’ Challenge” in memory of Chris Potter, asking the community to donate turkeys and now cash for Thanksgiving. Elise Braun of St John’s in the Mountains Episcopal Church started what is now known as “Share for Thanksgiving” asking the faith community of Stowe to raise funds for our Thanksgiving giveaway.

- In addition to monetary donations we receive all sorts of donated food: baked goods, fresh vegetables, eggs, dairy products and more as well as non-perishable items.

- Our business community provides us with support in so many ways: UPS of Stowe prints our newsletter, Demars Properties gives us our facility at a markedly reduced rate, Burt’s Irish Pub donates the proceeds from games and so much more.

- The Green Bag Project, which started in 2013, encourages our neighbors to donate food every two months.

- Many of our supporters have designated LCFS to receive donations from Amazon Smile.

We are incredibly grateful for all of the support we received as the pandemic changed everything. Donors old and new stepped up. Special projects such as Jay Kennedy’s Porch Portraits and Lamoille Valley Ford and Chevrolet’s food drives helped us to get through a difficult time.

Once again this Fall we are not going to send out a direct appeal letter. We are enclosing a donation envelope with this newsletter and asking for your help. We are going strong but want to keep it up. In the first nine months of 2021 we spent 5% more than in 2020. We continue to operate as a drive through, allowing our clients to come as often as needed. We continue to purchase food from local farmers and other local businesses. With your help and our dedicated staff and incredible volunteers we will continue to provide food to those in need.

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For the latest updates, pictures and stories visit us at www.lcfoodshare.org or on Facebook.

If you would like to be removed from our mailing list please let us know.

Our Wish List: canned fruit, peanut butter, cereal, coffee, soup, canned veggies, tuna, jelly, pasta sauce, canned meats, canned beans, pet food, toiletries, menstrual care products, household cleaners

Collection box sites can be found on our website under “wish list” or you can drop off your donation in the blue bin outside our door during regular hours

Hours of operation Monday-Friday 9:00-11:30, Saturday 9:30-11:00

It Takes a Village

“It Takes a Village.” We’ve all heard this phrase applied in a multitude of ways throughout the years, most recently, as it pertains to the many ways Vermonters have come together to support our food system and the people it serves. We at Lamoille Community Food Share are part of a village of amazing, big-hearted, kind, thoughtful, and hard working partners, and we’d like to spend a few moments during this month of Thanks-Giving, to bestow upon these wonderful entities, our most genuine gratitude.

LCFS historically has received food donations from individuals, various organizations, schools, faith communities, food drives, our bi-monthly Green Bag Day, from local businesses, and the Vermont Foodbank. These sources of support have been the backbone of our efforts to help provide much-needed food and personal items to our fellow citizens and friends (our clients) in Lamoille County for many years. As a result of the increase in food insecurity we have seen over this past year and half, more and more grassroots partners have stepped up to help support the Food Share’s efforts. From an increase in backyard farmers who have regularly dropped off garden goodies, to the amazing and ongoing work of the [Everyone Eats Program](#), we have a lot of folks to show our appreciation for. Our village is growing and now includes (in addition to those listed previously) the following partners: LCFS regularly purchases goods from Naked Acre Farm and Greentop Farm, both in Hyde Park, Manghis’ Bread in Montpelier, and Allstad Farm in Hardwick. Additionally, we are enjoying ongoing partnering with Kinney Drugs, Hannafords, Mac’s Market in Stowe, Salvation Farms, Mansfield Dairy, Shaw’s Market, The Bagel, Thompson’s Flour Shop, North Country Donuts, The Morrisville Food Co-op (aka MOCO), Black Cap Coffee, hundreds, if not thousands, of local hens and ducks, and a local farmer who takes any of our unclaimed or spoiled produce home to his happy pig!

The mutual benefits that come from local farmers being able to sell their beef, produce, and dairy, or donate gleaned (excess/fresh) foods to those people in the same community who can benefit from it the most is a much-needed and valued symbiotic relationship. We at LCFS see this return to more collaboration and cooperation within the Village as a good thing that we’d like to continue to grow. Indeed, our individual and community health will be stronger when we work together to meet the nutritional needs of our entire Village.



Shelby Padulo of GreenTop Farm

In this Thanksgiving appeal, know that your monetary support will expand our work with local farmers and vendors. Also, if you know of any prospective partners who you think would like to support our efforts, please have them reach out to us.

Please accept our apologies if we inadvertently omitted any one of you. You are each deeply appreciated.



Ryan Demarest of Naked Acre Farm, Angelina (delivering for Mary Preston) and Carly Piper all help to keep us supplied with fresh, local produce.

LCFS Equity Statement

Lamoille Community Food Share commits to supporting policies and practices that promote justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion. LCFS will work to reflect the values, policies, and practices that ensure that all people—including but not limited to those who have been historically underrepresented based on race/ethnicity, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, socioeconomic status, geography, citizenship status, or religion—are represented in the effort to eliminate hunger. This equity statement is the beginning of an ongoing process of reflection and growth as an organization.

The Lamoille Community Food Share aims to:

- Pursue cultural consciousness through substantive learning and formal, transparent policies.
- Acknowledge and dismantle any inequities within our policies, programs and services.
- Commit time and resources to expand more diverse leadership within our board, staff and advisory bodies.

Our Board of Directors: Ken Lamb, Julie Bomengen, Ellen Waldman, Caroline Ballard, Joan Greene, Lee Genung, Mark Andrews, Bill Robinson **Program Manager:** Kevin Carter
Assistant Manager: Adam Desrochers **Community Outreach Manager:** Susan Rousselle

Many thanks again to John Clark of The UPS Store in Stowe for printing our newsletters free of charge so that your donations can go directly to helping our clients.