
THE HUB From Page 4A

s informed by other mutual aid networks that sprouted across Vermont during the COVID pandemic, such as RAMAN, the Randolph Area Mutual Aid Network, which serves people in crisis in Braintree, Brookfield, and Randolph in Orange County. “We’re very aware of the kinds of crises that our neighbors were experiencing during the pandemic and also aware that many people face those kinds of events in the course of their ordinary, daily lives as well – situations such as divorce, job loss, family illness, or simply financial stress,” Lyons told the Standard shortly after The HUB launched last year.

Of the nearly 90 individuals and families who received assistance from The HUB in the last six months, Woodstock had the most applicants, Koetsier said. “Of course, k Woodstock has the most population,” The HUB strategist noted. “I’d say maybe 30 to 40 percent of the people we t supported were from Woodstock, with the rest spread pretty evenly around the region.”

The HUB offers local residents much needed financial support through its four case advocates and network of volunteers and collaborating organizations. People can use the network as a centralized conduit for connecting confidentially with numerous community-based funding resources in the region, including Barnard Helping Hands, the Plymouth Memory Tree, and the Faulkner Fund in Woodstock. Residents of Bridgewater, Killington, Pomfret, and Reading can find confidential connections to other regional service organizations that are part of The HUB’s collaborative network, including the King’s Daughters and Sons, Pivotal Steps, and the Ottauquechee Health Foundation.

Interested parties can connect with The HUB and its varied local funding resources by completing an application online at apply.thehubneighbors.org, sending an email to apply@thehubneighbors.org, calling the volunteer help line at (802) 457-7214, or picking up an application form for support at the Ottauquechee Health Foundation office at Simmons House at 30 Pleasant Street in Woodstock.

