



Catalyst for a thriving future

Fall 2025



State of the Organization

Woodstock Community Trust is built on a simple but innovative idea: create a single organization that provides administrative and financial services to multiple volunteer-driven community groups so that they can focus more efficiently on their core missions. Today, *Woodstock Community Trust* is growing. In the past few months, we've welcomed three new Projects to the portfolio and professionalized our staff to increase our capacity.

Pride of Woodstock, *Inner Rhythms*, and *Mountain Views Education Fund* bring our portfolio to eight Projects. Read more about them in this report. In addition, *Woodstock Community Trust* is the fiscal sponsor for Little Branches Learning Center.

Our newly hired Interim Executive Director Tesha Buss has seamlessly integrated into the organization taking on her responsibilities with our operational staff to ensure Projects have the support they need each day. We are also paying tribute throughout the fall to our founder and board president Jill Davies, who will be returning to her native Wales this winter. Finally, we welcome board treasurer Pam Mathews to become the new board president. Her deep familiarity with the organization makes her uniquely qualified to take over from Jill.

The Trust stepped out of the shadows of its Projects this summer with a table at Market on The Green throughout this summer. We shared the work of our portfolio with passersby and generated positive interest in our model of efficient operations for non-profits in our community.

Many Thanks

We thank you for your interest in our work and for your time and resources. We are grateful for our generous and caring community. When you receive appeals from our projects, we hope one or several will align with your philanthropic priorities. We also appreciate those who support the Trust with unrestricted gifts, which help keep the fees the Projects pay for services low so that more of the money they raise can be used for their mission.

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*Woodstock Community Trust at Market on The Green
June 2025*

Project Updates



East End Park continues to draw enthusiastic audiences for Pentangle's weekly Music by the River summer series of live music.

This year's annual Community Celebration on Sunday, September 14, drew a record crowd to our enhanced food and beverage offerings and beautiful weather. *East End Park* has become an anchor for other development on the east end of the Village, as several restaurants have recently opened and others are slated to open soon.



The HUB is a compassionate and confidential safety net for neighbors struggling to make ends meet. When our neighbors need support, *The HUB* steps in and provides short-term grants and connections to long-term resources to neighbors in the seven towns we serve in the greater Woodstock Area.

The HUB helps families and individuals regain stability after unexpected events through directly paying essential bills and providing additional support. Our trained volunteer Case Advocates work with the applicant and connect them to partner resources such as Reach Up and Green Mountain Energy Assistance Program. Whether covering the cost of rent, making sure a car has swift repairs so that its owner can commute to work, or keeping a family with small children warm in the winter, *The HUB* steps in with compassion and practical support to ensure no one faces hardship alone.

Become part of our compassionate and confidential safety net. Make a donation to *The HUB* or volunteer and join our team of changemakers. Let's continue to make our community accessible to all.

The HUB: Year Three

General Community Relief

July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

The HUB granted

\$220,000

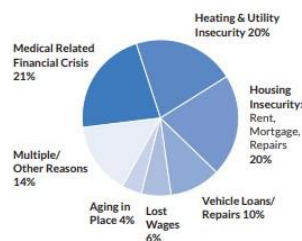
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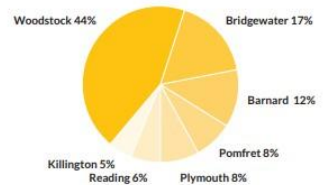
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for these reasons



The People We've Supported

live in these towns



and

49% have dependant children

48% are homeowners

43% have an individual with a disability

42% have at least one older adult

9% have a veteran



Inner Rhythms joined the *Woodstock Community Trust* portfolio in September and is already supporting mindfulness and social-emotional learning in the Mountain Views Supervisory Union district schools.



Instructors and curriculum for the 2025-2026 school year are set to start weekly sessions in October. Most exciting is the news that *Inner Rhythms* received a \$50,000 matching gift and has already raised \$35,000 towards it. These funds will expand services across all five elementary schools in the area: Woodstock Elementary School, Barnard Academy, Reading Elementary School, Killington Elementary School, and The Prosper Valley School. Will you join us in building a generation of healthy, confident, compassionate young people? [Learn more](#)

[Volunteer!](#)



In its second year, *Local Deeds* has continued to help keep local workers local. As the program becomes established, more families are hearing about *Local Deeds* and finally able to reach their dream of homeownership.

Since the program began in January 2024, thirty local workers are proud homeowners, keeping sixteen children enrolled in local schools. Our workers are nurses, teachers, bartenders, business owners, and parents. *Local Deeds* pays up to 16% of a home's value for a local worker. With our proven success, we are continuing to spread word about *Local Deeds*, and strengthening our community support network.



[Read about our families](#) and look out for an article in Woodstock Magazine's Winter Edition about us. Volunteer or donate today to help keep those who serve our community stay rooted in it.

Mountain Views Education Fund

Mountain Views Education Fund is the newest project of *Woodstock Community Trust*, designed to support additional funding needs for the Mountain Views Supervisory Union school district, which includes Barnard Academy, Killington Elementary, Reading Elementary, The Prosper Valley School, Woodstock Elementary, and Woodstock Union High School and Middle School. The Fund will focus on teacher and student driven needs beyond the items included in the school's annual budget. This fall the Fund will support the efforts to build a new high school and middle school. Beyond that, our goal is to expand educational opportunities for students, teachers and the broader school communities.

Spread the word

Do you know of anyone who has a project that could benefit the Woodstock community? Encourage them to consider joining our portfolio. They can learn more and apply on our website at woodstockcommunitytrust.org/join-our-portfolio. We love Woodstock and want to support anyone who also wants to ensure its thriving future.

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Ottauquechee River Trail has been completely rebuilt following the devastating flood in July 2023. With a very successful local fundraising effort and a generous matching grant from Vermont Community Foundation, two small grants from Mascoma Bank, plus a wonderful donation from the Bruce Washburn Foundation we have replaced the bog bridges and trail posts, relocated some parts of the trail route, updated the panels on the kiosk, developed a new trail map, installed trail maps on the trail posts, created a key donor recognition sign, improved the trailhead and rail bed areas, and replaced all our benches with stone benches.



In short, *Ottauquechee River Trail* is now better than before!!! We now will focus our efforts into spreading the word throughout the community about the success of our rebuilding project with the hope of increasing our trail usage.

Farewell, Jill!

Outgoing President Jill Davies is recognized for her contributions to Woodstock Community Trust on September 3, 2025.



Pride of Woodstock, VT presented the second annual Pride weekend this June. Despite rain, the High Heel Race, Craft Fair, Late Night DJ Dance, Tea Dance, and the Drag Brunch were joyous and well-attended. In addition, *Pride of Woodstock, VT* hosted Dr. John Mulchaey, President of Carnegie Science for a day at The Prosper Valley School and the Woodstock Middle and High School.



Woodstock Village Conservancy has been surveying the community on the design elements of a rehabilitated Green. We invite you to [complete a survey here](#). We have also begun planning a celebration of the 200th anniversary of The Green in 2027 in conjunction with the groundbreaking of this project. Finally, we hope to execute “mini” projects for more immediate improvements of Village spaces, to generate awareness for The Conservancy, and build excitement for and support of our work. [Learn more](#).

Woodstock Village Conservancy and the Selectboard are working on details of how we are going to work together. Until this is finalized, we continue to hold “friend raising” events around town.



To host a friend raiser, volunteer for the 200th Anniversary, donate, or help in any other way, please [contact us!](#)

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