



2021 Norwich Lions Club grant beneficiaries

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In addition to assisting a number of individual and families in need in 2021, the Norwich Lions Club provided grants to community organizations through an application process, from \$19,000 in 2020 funds, in support of:

Community health: VA Medical Center, Norwich Nursery School, Maynard House, Upper Valley Rowing Foundation, Second Wind Foundation, Norwich Community Nurse, HIV HCV Resource Center

Education: Good Beginnings of the UV, Everybody Wins, Norwich Public Library, Marion Cross School, White River School PTA, Norwich Historical Society, Corinth Community Coalition, Spark Community Center, Hampshire Cooperative Nursery School, The Family Place

Family well-being: Windsor County Mentors, Upper Valley Haven, Hartford-Norwich Holiday Basket Helpers, Bugbee Senior Center, Cover Home Repairs Inc, Upper Valley Land Trust, Headrest, Youth In Action, Willing Hands, Twin Pines Housing Trust, Listen Community Center, Toddler's Morning Out

Other community programs: Dismas House, Vermont Association for the Blind, The Growing Peace Project, Root District Game Club, Beaver Meadow Schoolhouse Association

Grant recipients have reported on how they have used the funds, as follows:

- [Bayada Hospice](#) to assist in providing end-of-life care to its patients.
- [Beaver Meadow Schoolhouse Association](#) to install internet service to improve its function as a community center.
- [Bugbee Senior Center](#) to improve its digital presence and delivery of services.
- [Cover Home Repair](#) to provide accessibility ramps to those in need.
- [Everybody Wins](#) to augment its in-school mentor program.
- [Good Beginnings](#) to continue its mission in meeting the needs of families with newborns under the constraints of the pandemic.
- [Good Neighbor Health Clinic](#) to purchase an automated external defibrillator.
- [HIV/HCV Resource Center](#) to provide emergency financial assistance to those recovering from substance use disorders.
- [Norwich Nursery School](#) to purchase science-and-technology-related toys and games to enrich its students' education.
- [Norwich Public Library](#) to expand its digital collection.
- [Spark Community Center](#) to assist fulfillment of the potential of people with special needs.
- [Twin Pines Housing](#) to provide placements for housing during the pandemic.
- [Upper Valley Haven](#) to provide food and comfort to disadvantaged individuals during the holiday period.

- [Upper Valley Rowing](#) in support of its Cancer Recovery through Rowing program.
- [Veterans Affairs](#) to purchase recreational therapy equipment.
- [White River Schools Parent Teacher Association](#) to repair its playground sandbox.
- [Windsor County Mentors](#) to support additional pairings of vulnerable youths with mentoring adults.
- [Willing Hands](#) to increase its delivery of healthy food to people in need.
- [Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired](#) to provide training for its assistive technology device program.

In addition to the above, the club and individual Lion volunteers: Contributed to disaster relief funds at home and abroad through Lions Clubs International Foundation. Assisted people with critical needs, including those in need of eyeglasses. Collected eyeglasses for reconditioning and redistribution. Conducted vision screening for the Marion Cross and Sharon Elementary Schools. Sponsored the Holiday Memory Tree.

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