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Dear Friend,

When you look at the rising number of unhoused people in Vermont, the decreasing rental vacancy rate, and rising housing costs—it can feel overwhelming. Many Vermonters are surprised that the beautiful State of Vermont has a homelessness rate second only to California and that 36% of the 3,295 people currently unhoused in our state are children.

I wholeheartedly believe that, with community support, we can help unhoused individuals and families acquire permanent housing and begin to flip the numbers. Vermonters are community-oriented by nature—our identity is tied to the enclaves of villages, towns, and cities tucked between the hills and mountains of our sweet home. I have seen Vermonters come together to help their communities and neighbors, most recently during the summer floods. I know we can show up for folks experiencing homelessness as well.

Here at John Graham Housing & Services (JGHS), we provide holistic support to unhoused Vermonters. First, we help our client families acquire safe and affordable housing; then, we address client-driven goals that ensure they can stay housed into the future. JGHS service coordinators provide ongoing case management and work closely with community partners to facilitate the best possible outcomes for our clients and for Addison County.

Please be part of a change that will provide the support our client families need and deserve. Your gift will further enrich the well-being of our Addison County community.

With gratitude,

Susan Whitmore
Executive Director

What We Do

JGHS provides emergency shelter for individuals and families who have nowhere to go, until they are able to access housing

We provide ongoing trauma-informed service coordination for clients across Addison County in alignment with housing-first principals

Service coordinators work with individuals and families to provide access to a wide range of benefits and resources so they can achieve their housing, health, education, employment, and personal goals

Our service coordinators advocate for individuals and families at risk of losing their housing and help them access resources and resolutions, working closely with landlords and local partners



"This is the first place I've been where I can begin to build trust."

- John Graham Shelter Guest

JGHS by the Numbers

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We are the only shelter serving families with children in Addison County

17

households received shelter in the last year

6

households exited shelter and moved into housing this year

17

affordable housing units are provided by JGHS

316

people were provided services by JGHS in Addison County this year

100%

of clients who moved into housing in 2023 and received services remained housed



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John Graham Housing & Services supports healthy communities throughout Addison County



The Need for Our Work

Vermont has the second highest rate of homelessness in the entire country, **43** people per 10,000 are unhoused

A count on January 25, 2023 found **3,295** Vermonters experiencing literal homelessness, an **18.5%** increase from 2022, including a **36%** increase of households with children

The average rental vacancy rate is **2%** across the state of Vermont, a third of what is required for a healthy housing market

A household with one adult and one child must earn nearly **\$35** an hour full-time to afford the average two-bedroom apartment in Vermont

151 people in Addison County are unhoused, **40** of them are under the age of **18**