



2020

Annual

Report

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Who were we in 2020?

Our Mission:

To support, engage, inspire, and empower youth to make healthy decisions and become active community members and leaders.

Board of Directors

Katharin Brink, PhD (Co-Chair)
Non-Profit Consultant

Liam Redmond (Co-Chair)
Student at Essex High School — Age 17

Hillary Danis (Treasurer)
Medical Student at UVM Medical School

Heather Washburn (Clerk)
Social Worker

Justin Lee
Student at Essex High School — Age 16

Jennie Lutton
Owner at International Coin & Currency

Fatima Khan
Student at Essex High School — Age 15

Staff

David Voegele
Executive Director

Justin Hoy
Director of Programs and Services

Nancy Tessier
Teen and Tween Center Coordinator

Sarah Brunkhorst
VYDC AmeriCorps Youth Services
Coordinator

Emily Fleming
VYDC AmeriCorps Youth Services
Coordinator

Nicholas Ellis
VYT AmeriCorps Community Resource
VISTA



2020 was one for the record books. Like many, CHIPS was forced to evolve and react to a socially distanced world. I can proudly say that our wonderful team at CHIPS made the most of these circumstances and continued to engage local teens virtually. Some of our virtual programs that caught my eye were weekly cooking classes and Bring Your Pet to Zoom Night. As we all have learned, being remote is just not the same as interacting in person. We look forward to resuming all in-person activities soon and I thank you all for supporting us during this incredibly challenging time.

- Liam Redmond, Youth Board Co-Chair

One of the surprising pleasures as board chair is working with our youth board members. What an extraordinary opportunity for youth to learn how nonprofits work, to lead committees and to commit time to something that is not just for them, but for the community. While we seek to engage youth in our activities and special groups and events, we also invite them to guide us in meeting the needs of our youth community. Thanks for sharing your time, talent and treasure!

- Kathy Brink, Board Co-Chair



What did we do in 2020?

Programs

- Teen and Tween Center
- FriendCHIPS Mentoring
- TeenLine
- Speech & Debate Club
- Youth Mental Health First Aid Trainings
- Quality Youth Development (QYD)
- Statewide Tobacco Prevention Services
- Substance Use Prevention Campaigns

“Thanks for all you do for youth in our community. My kids love it!”

- Karen Dolan, Vermont House of Representatives, on Teen & Tween Center

“We’re so excited about this program — this is really cool.”

- Adin Buchanan, Mosaic VT, on TeenLine

“The creation of a local youth-adult partnership is an ideal strategy for making lasting, community level change.”

- Matt Wolf, VT Afterschool, on QYD

\$329,595
in total revenue

28%
of revenue came from
community support

\$5,000
raised at 3rd Annual
Vermont Birdie-Bash

\$306,911
of total expenses

4.3%
of budget used for fundraising

1460
youth served at \$210/youth

2.5 FTE
community service members

112
volunteers

Key Funders:

Village of Essex Junction
Town of Essex
Town of Westford
Vermont Department of Health
Vermont Agency on Education
Hoehl Family Foundation
George Mergens Foundation
Nichols Foundation
Youth In Transition Program
Essex Rotary
150 local residents and
businesses