



# Annual Report

## FY2020

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# A Message from the Board President & Executive Director

Dear friends of OHF,

A lot has happened in 25 years in the area we live in, Vermont, the country, and the world. For example, in 1996, management of the Ottauquechee Health Center was assumed by Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. This made it possible for what then became the Ottauquechee Health Foundation to focus on supporting the communities we serve through financial assistance, community partnerships, education, and the support of wellness initiatives.

And in the Foundation's 25 years of existence, no year has challenged it like the last year. For all of us, in fact, the pandemic brought huge challenges and taught hard lessons about managing social, economic, and health-related disruptions. Now, a year into the pandemic, our communities, neighbors, and friends continue to be hit hard by the effects of this global health crisis.

OHF's ability to respond to COVID-19 is rooted in the Foundation's deep commitment to the health and wellness of the people in the communities it serves. In 2020, the Foundation expanded its granting policy to assist eligible applicants with unforeseen medical expenses due to the pandemic, including medical bills, insurance co-pays, and any other health and wellness requests that fall outside OHF's normal granting policy. By extending this exception through at least the end of 2021, the Foundation is well-positioned to continue to support positive, lasting change in our communities through the pandemic and beyond. Additionally, OHF's partnership with the Woodstock Area Relief Fund and other local relief organizations allow OHF to more fully serve those seeking assistance.

As a prominent and successful advocate for health, the Foundation's ability to build awareness around pressing issues—including the state of our nation's health care, the challenges of aging in place, the social-emotional wellbeing of our children, the lack of access to mental health care, and the overall health of our neighbors and communities—has not been diminished by this health crisis. There is no other organization in the region doing what OHF does for our communities.

OHF is grateful and honored to devote ourselves to this cause, day in and day out. The Foundation is consistently impressed with the dedication of our donors, board, committee members, and volunteers who put OHF front and center as a resource for our region. The board and the staff of OHF care tremendously about its mission and about you, our members, donors, patrons, and loyal supporters.

On behalf of the staff and Board of OHF, we thank you for your support and invite you to join us as we confidently face the challenges still ahead of us with the pandemic and work towards a brighter future once it is behind us.

Sincerely,



Tayo Kirchhof  
Executive Director



Jeff Dillon  
Board President

Thanks to our partners and providers, \$199,000 in approved OHF grants enabled access to almost \$270,000 in health and wellness services in 2020.

## What We Do



**Financial Assistance**

OHF provides financial assistance on behalf of individuals who are unable to pay for the high costs of health and wellness services. Our Good Neighbor Grants support needs ranging from medical and dental care to medical equipment, hearing aids, mental health, and other health and wellness gaps.

For those who need a caregiver, our Homecare Grants (formerly Respite Grants) are available to meet short term needs.

OHF also supplies support to area organizations seeking support of programs that support the health and wellness of our communities.

In 2020, OHF approved more than \$199,000 in total financial assistance through our GNGs, Homecare Grants, and Community Grants—and that number continues to grow year after year.



**Education & Initiatives**

OHF understands the importance of keeping abreast of the changing needs of our communities, and supporting those needs through education opportunities and programs that focus on prevention.

In 2020, OHF offered multiple virtual educational programs that were open to the public, including two insurance education workshops, anxiety education through film screenings, and community connection opportunities through two Sharing Food and Fun events. Additional projects include the Windsor Central Wellness Initiative, Free the Clothes, Coats and Trees as well as the Sharing the Warmth Initiative.

OHF is also an active participant in multiple area committees and task forces focused on improving the health and happiness of our communities.



**Community Resources**

OHF works in partnership with area health providers and organizations to provide care coordination and support.

In addition, local health providers discount their services, to allow our neighbors to access health and wellness services at a more affordable rate. In 2020, \$199,000 in approved grant requests enabled access to almost \$270,000 in health and wellness services.

OHF staff spent 30% of its time in 2020 helping community members gain access to the resources they need to be healthy. This includes connecting them with Community Care Coordinators, community resources, case workers and other external support systems and aid organizations.

OHF is here to help in so many ways.

The Ottauquechee Health Foundation improves the health and well-being of people in need who live in the towns we serve. We do this through financial assistance, community partnerships, education opportunities, and support of wellness initiatives.

Our Service Towns: Barnard, Bridgewater, Hartland, Killington, Plymouth, Pomfret, Quechee, Reading, and Woodstock.

# Stewardship

## Good Neighbor Grants, Homecare Grants & Community Grants

	2018	2019	2020
Approved	\$146,000	\$160,000	\$199,000
People Served	148	102	138
Number of Grants	245	229	230
Average Grant \$	\$555	\$600	\$869

Number of COVID hardship Grants 34

OHF is proud to provide invaluable resources to those in need of financial assistance and support.

## 2020 By the Numbers (GNG's, Homecare Grants & Community Grants)

Total Grants Provided	Total People Served	Average Grant Amount	% Under 200% of Poverty Level	Time Spent on Care Coordination
230	138	\$869	82%	30%

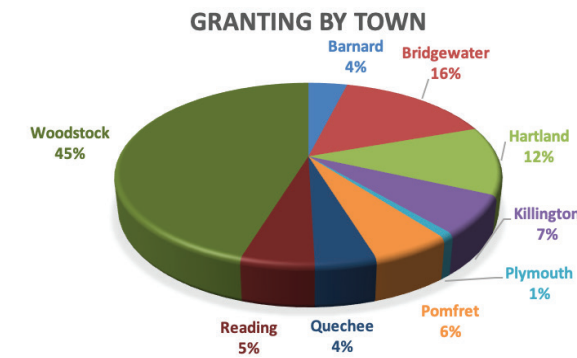
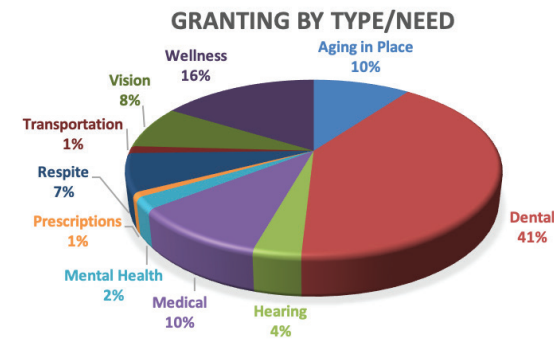
### The BIG Value in Small Grants

OHF utilizes the Federal Poverty Guidelines to gauge grant need. Based on those guidelines, the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) for a household of two (2) is just \$17,240 per year.

An average OHF financial assistance Grant amount is \$869. Though not large, it is a substantial contribution to those struggling financially. Without these grants, important health services might not otherwise be available to those needing them the most.

## Financial Statement - Investments

	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Total Assets	\$4,109,862	\$3,872,386	\$3,931,563	\$4,176,902



# 2020 Program Success Stories



**OHF's COVID Response**

In direct response to COVID-19, the Ottauquechee Health Foundation (OHF) modified its granting policies for the 2020 and 2021 fiscal years to better serve those in need. In these extraordinary times, OHF will consider grants requesting payment for services not normally covered by the foundation.

OHF is an organization based on strong values and community partnerships, and now is no exception. Members of the staff are volunteering their time at local food shelves. In addition, the Foundation is providing these organizations with supplies such as masks and gloves to ensure continued public health and wellbeing. OHF has also partnered with the Woodstock Area Relief Fund to assist its applicants with health, wellness, and medical needs.

OHF's COVID-19 response continues into 2021 through nimble internal policy support and strong community partnerships.



**Share the Warmth Initiative**

Share the Warmth is an OHF community event that invited people in the towns we serve to share the warmth by putting their talent towards creating clothing items that would help keep people warm during the cold winter months. OHF collected over 390 hats, scarves, pairs of mittens, and other items to distribute to those in need at various sites, including schools, community buildings, food shelves and churches in the Foundation's nine service area towns.

Over 40 knitters and crocheters joined in the efforts to create warm items, including several people who live outside the area OHF serves. Participants had the opportunity to connect and create together for a good cause, and the results are truly heartwarming.

Due to the success of this initiative, OHF plans to make Share the Warmth an annual event. This year's Share the Warmth will kick off in October 2021.

Number of Special Programs Offered  
**6**

Special Program Participants  
**656**

Warm Items Distributed  
**390**

COVID-Related Grants Provided  
**34**

Towns Whose Residents Received Grants  
**9 (100%)**

“We were humbled to participate in the distribution of your ‘Share the Warmth Initiative’. We are so grateful for the work you do in our communities and appreciate the handmade contributions to share. We were able to distribute to many grateful and surprised clients who truly needed the support, thank you.  
—Share the Warmth distributing partner

“Thank you so much for helping me fix my teeth. I certainly would not have been able to do it without your help. I am grateful to be able to smile with confidence now. - GNG Recipient

# Our Supporters

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## Our Vision for the Future

### Strategic Framework

#### Supporting health and wellness in our communities by:

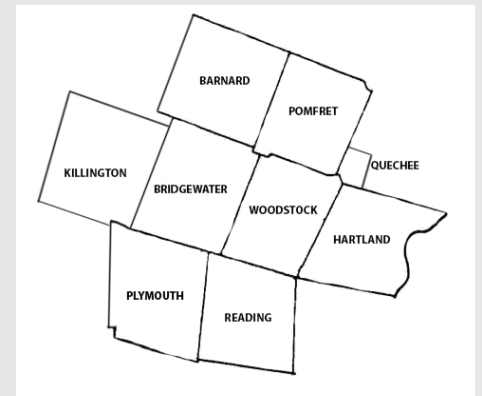
- Providing financial assistance, resources, and assistance through grants, community outreach, prevention events, and education.
- Assessing unmet health needs.
- Piloting new initiatives and address needs through proactive and
- Preventative approaches.

#### Strategic planning for 2020/21. Currently we are:

- Re-examining how we can best serve our communities.
- Creating a five year plan outlining main objectives and strategies.

#### Moving forward in 2021:

- Working to engage and empower Board, Committees and Ambassadors/Members.
- Continue our outreach to our core communities to ensure our mission is clear and accessible to all in the towns we serve.
- Further solidify the financial health and longevity of the organization through diverse funding and creative fundraising.
- Celebrate 25 years of service!



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You have relieved me of so much worry and anxiety that words cannot fully tell you how grateful I am. - GNG recipient



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## A few words from the people we serve.



*It is nice to know there is help out there when the going gets tough.*



*I am very grateful for the Good Neighbor Grant program! I was in severe pain and not able to afford dental help as a single mom of three kids. Thank you!!! I hope to give back someday or pay it forward.*



*I never knew about this foundation and I am so grateful, not for just myself, but for everyone that has been helped. It's just wonderful! I was able to fill my eye glass script which I was unable to afford at the time.*

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