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Smaller Fall Repair Projects

In August, the UVHFH Board of Directors voted to postpone breaking ground on a new home in Lebanon for The Sargeant-Goodrich Family. Instead, we will start this project in Spring 2022, when the cost of building materials will hopefully have dropped. Stay tuned for updates as the date gets closer.

Since we won't be building a new home this fall, we are instead taking on some smaller repair projects.

Some of these repair projects will be carried out in partnership with Senior Solutions' new <u>Vet to Vet</u> <u>Vermont Visitor Program</u>. This volunteer-based home visiting program is conducted by veterans for veterans who need companionship and/or support.



Gordon, Fran & Gary show off Fran's new steps

On a Saturday in August, UVHFH Project Manager John Heath lead a small project constructing a new set of stairs for veteran Fran. Gary Schall (manager of the Vet to Vet program at Senior Solutions) and veteran and volunteer Gordon Best helped as well. Fran's landlord paid for the materials and she is enjoying her new, sturdy stairs, thanks to John, Gary and Gordon. Thanks, guys!

If you'd like to connect with the Vet to Vet program, call 802-885-2669.

We anticipate working on a few other smaller repair projects this fall. We are not accepting applications for repair projects, but we will put the word out when we are looking for volunteers!

Seeking Locations for Workshop Series

This fall and winter, UVHFH will host a series of 3 workshops. The topics will include Weatherization 101; Tools Basics; and Introduction to Carpentry. More details to come, but in the meantime, we are seeking:

- 1. A drafty house to use as an example for the weatherization workshop in early December.
- 2. Someone who wants a small shed or chicken coop and is willing to pay for materials and host a mini-build in their backyard this fall.

We anticipate that due to COVID, all participants would need to be masked, especially for the indoor Weatherization workshop. Workshop hosts would ideally be located in the core of the Upper Valley for ease of access.

Please email Eva if you are interested in hosting one of these workshops!

Timken Tools Grant

We are very pleased to announce that The Timken Company Charitable and Educational Fund, Inc. has granted UVHFH \$2,000 for tools for our build site on behalf of the Timken facility in Lebanon, NH.

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Thank you, Timken! This grant will allow us to purchase new tools for volunteers to use on repair projects this fall, at our new home build in the Spring, and on future projects. Thank you for supporting our community!

Pennies for Change in September!

UVHFH has been selected for the <u>Pennies for Change</u> program at the Co-Op Food Stores in September!

The Pennies for Change program allows customers the option to add a donation or to round up at the register. Each month, 60% of donations goes to the Co-op's food access partners (<u>Listen Community Services</u>, <u>Upper</u> <u>Valley Haven</u> & <u>Willing Hands</u>). The remaining 40% is split between two other community partners.

In September, UVHFH will receive 20% of donations, which will be allocated for construction of The Sargeant-Goodrich home in Lebanon.

Thank you, Co-op Food Stores and shoppers, for this opportunity!





Seeking Independent Bookkeeper

We are looking to hire a part-time independent bookkeeper. This is a contract position and not an employee position.

