

THE CUPBOARD

THE WILLISTON COMMUNITY FOOD SHELF
NEWSLETTER

Fall, 2018

Established in 2008

Mission Statement: Our mission is to provide high-quality food to those in need in our community, and to help connect our clients, and their families, with essential support services. We serve the Williston, St. George, and Richmond communities, and provide Emergency Bags for anyone in need. *We are a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization.*

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Williston, VT 05495

Hours of Operation:

Tuesday:

5:00-6:30 pm

Thursday:

9:00-11:00 am

Saturday:

9:00-11:00 am

The 8th Annual Chowder Challenge

Wow! Mother Nature did not disappoint this year with the Chowder Challenge forecast! September 30th, 2018 was a cool 62 degrees and overcast. Perfect weather for enjoying 18 samples of traditional, or not-so-traditional, chowders from our local restaurants and chefs. Attendance was as strong as ever, with over 750 people joining us for this long-standing fall event.



Jeanne Albertson, Sr. Community Banking Officer for the Northfield Savings Bank, this year's major sponsor, and her husband, Scott, enjoying the festivities.

WCFS Board of Directors

Ginger Morton, President
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Sally Metro,
Operations Manager

Chowder Challenge - continued

The kids were treated to many activities including a Bounce House from Top Hat Entertainment, Building Projects from Home Depot, Face Painting from Hyper-Focus, and Train Rides from The Big Blue Trunk. Local Williston resident Bob Cotton was superb again on the guitar, providing awesome background ambiance at the event. The Chowder Challenge has turned into quite a community event, with local groups setting up booths and displays for the Williston Seniors, the Brick Church Music Series among others.

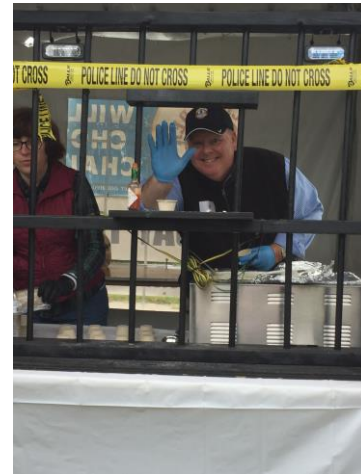
This year's contestants were: Aviation Deli, Champlain College Dining Services, Chef's Corners, Essex Junction Fire Department, Goodwater Brewery, Hatchet Tap & Table, Igor at Chenette Real Estate, Natural Provisions, Richmond Market, Simon's Store & Deli, Sugarsnap Catering, The Essex, Williston Central School Cafeteria, Williston Fire Department, Williston Police Officer's Association, Windjammer Restaurant.

This year's winners are:

Traditional Chowder: 1st The Essex, Vermont Culinary Resort & Spa 2nd Sugarsnap 3rd Williston Central School

Non-Traditional Chowder: 1st Chef's Corner 2nd Williston Central School 3rd Aviation Deli and Fine Foods

Many thanks to **Northfield Savings Bank** for being the key sponsor of the event this year, and the many other supporting businesses and individuals who donate their time, money, energy and door prizes which helps to make this such an outstanding event.



We will be hosting our **Annual "Turkey Day"** for the collection and distribution of turkeys on **Saturday, November 17, 2018**

We are asking interested groups and citizens to drop off a turkey at the Food Shelf. This is the ninth year of our Turkey Drive. In those nine years, we have collected 1,665 turkeys!! Freezer storage at the Food Shelf is limited, so alternately feel free to donate \$10.00/\$15.00 gift cards from the local grocery stores, which we will give our clients to purchase their own turkeys. Gift cards can be dropped off, or mailed to us at P.O. Box 1605, Williston, VT 05495. Your kindness is appreciated.

The Food Shelf is 10 Years old!

As a result of the compassion and vision of Jill Lang, the Williston Community Food Shelf first opened its doors in November 2008. Between then and December 2009, the Food Shelf served 1,061 families, representing 3,128 people.

Over the 10 years of its existence, the Food Shelf has served 26, 320 families, representing 76,685 people!

To celebrate our success, we are holding a **10th Anniversary Celebration** on **Saturday, October 20 and Sunday October 21, 2018**. Join us at the Williston Masonic Center, 115 Merchants Row (behind CVS Pharmacy) for the festivities. We are hosting a **"Cans for a Cause" Food Sculpture Contest**.

Local businesses/organizations have been invited to make sculptures out of canned and boxed food items which will be on display Saturday from 10:00 am - 7:00 pm, and Sunday from 10:00 am- 2:00 pm. Attendees will be asked to vote for their favorite sculpture. All food will be donated to the WCFS at the end of the event.

On Sunday, at 2:00 pm, the WCFS Board will host an Anniversary Celebration to include awarding Prizes from the Food Sculpting Contest, Volunteer Recognition, and other surprises. Mark your calendars now so you won't miss the fun!



The Food Shelf is 10!

Mark your calendars for

October 20 and 21, 2018

See article inside

for more details!

Please come help us Celebrate!



Williston Community Food Shelf
P.O. Box 1605
Williston, VT 05495

The Williston Community Food Shelf Donation Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Donation Amount: _____

May we please have your email address? _____

Checks Payable to: Williston Community Food Shelf -P.O. Box 1605 Williston, VT 05495

*On-line payments are available through PayPal. www.willistonfoodshelf.com