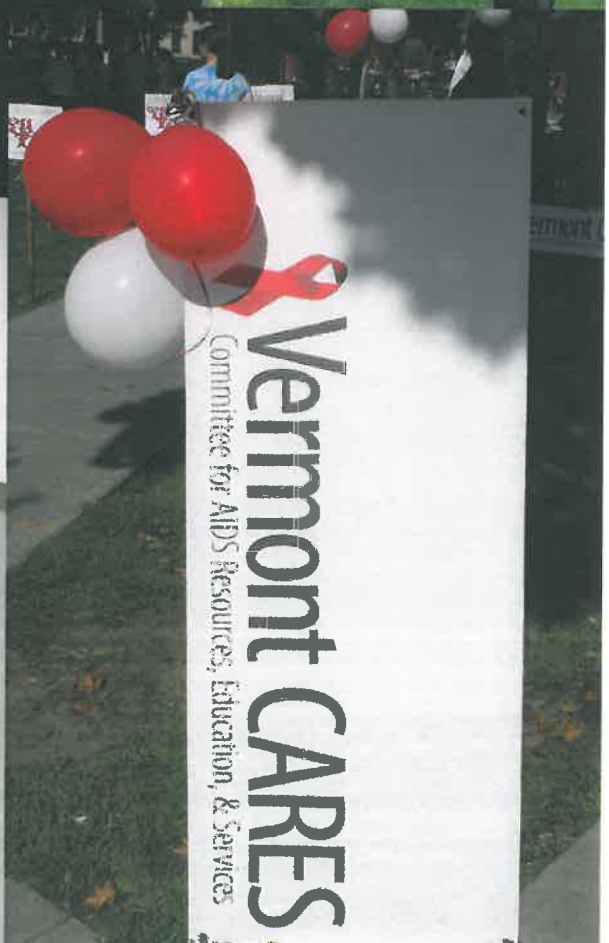


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HEALTHY FUTURES



 **Vermont CARES**
Committee for AIDS Resources, Education, & Services



Dear allies in good work,

Community, health, and home. These are cornerstones of wellness for all of us. Many Vermonters take this for granted. But for those we serve with HIV/AIDS, one or more of these foundations has been pulled out from under them. When families shun because of an HIV diagnosis, when landlords discriminate and evict because of HIV stigma, and when health suffers because other basic human needs come first, hundreds of Vermonters turn to Vermont CARES for support.

In addition, thousands of our neighbors rely on us to stay safe, reduce their HIV risks, and learn their status through testing and education programs. For Vermonters struggling with opiate addiction, we offer extensive syringe support services around the state to both stop the spread of HIV and also encourage treatment and recovery options.

As we finalize a very successful program year, I am proud to report to you the following:



Because of you, we have been able to serve every Vermonter with HIV/AIDS who has come to us for support in the last year: thank you.

- We've grown our medical case management and support services around Vermont. More of our neighbors are testing positive for HIV, and as they do, Vermont CARES is there to assist them. In addition to 160 ongoing clients, we have started new services with 30 new Vermonters with HIV/AIDS, helping them get to medical appointments, take their HIV medication, and stay fed and housed.
- We offered over 400 free HIV tests to people at risk because of sexual or blood-to-blood contact. In addition, we offered over 50 free screening tests for Hepatitis C, which can often be spread through similar behaviors.
- We've doubled our syringe support and exchange services across Vermont, thanks to committed volunteers working in the field to offer this outreach recovery-linkage service. We have exchanged nearly 180,000 syringes, making Vermont CARES one of the largest rural syringe exchanges in the United States.
- In schools, colleges, treatment centers, homeless shelters, and civic organizations, we've provided educational presentations – HIV 101 or more advanced if requested – to nearly 1,500 Vermonters.
- We completed a major clinical trial for a new HIV test device, enabling Vermont CARES to advance our research and evaluation efforts.

With so much going on, and so many big projects on our horizon for next year (including potential Hepatitis C case management, and a mobile HIV testing van), your contribution this season will truly be well utilized. AIDS is not over, and we remain committed to the many people we know and love who would otherwise be sicker if not for your faith in our work.

Sincerely,

Peter Jacobsen, Executive Director

Helping Vermonters Thrive with HIV/AIDS

Our Clients—Leading our work through experience and wisdom

When someone comes into our office newly diagnosed with HIV, they often feel they've been dealt a hard blow. They're scared, they're concerned about the future, and they don't know who to tell or how to tell. At Vermont CARES, we offer a real and metaphorical embrace, as well as a shoulder to lean on, during the first days of coming to terms with HIV & AIDS. While serious, HIV is no longer a death sentence, and medications, housing, and support systems are keeping our neighbors healthy. In fact, Vermont is one of the strongest states in the nation for HIV health. Coming to Vermont CARES then becomes less a moment of trepidation, more a moment of pride and self-care. At Vermont CARES, our clients guide our work and work as volunteers and staff to inform how we grow and continue to serve.

Housing as healthcare

In Vermont, we believe AIDS housing is equivalent to healthcare. Without housing, people with HIV/AIDS are far less likely to be able to maintain their immune system, take their medications, or stay fed and connected to doctors. We work hard across the state to ensure new housing units open up, and that current landlords partner with us to house those still at risk of homelessness. Because of stigma, our clients are more at risk of losing employment, family connections, and even a home. Vermont CARES helps make them whole again.

More clients every year

While we hear less about HIV/AIDS in the news these days, certainly the impact is not lessened. We are seeing more individuals testing positive this past year, and while it may be related to more effective outreach and testing, we are concerned we may be stretched further than is possible to serve all those in Vermont who need help to manage their HIV. Your donation of time or money makes their health a priority.



Fighting the Spread—and Stigma—of HIV

A Clear Voice on HIV/AIDS

Vermont CARES has been a leader in HIV education around Vermont for nearly three decades, and in this last year we have expanded the work we can do, thanks to your support.

By working with the public at large, with researchers at the University of Vermont's College of Medicine, and with state and federal lawmakers, among many others, we are able to share necessary information, advance HIV science, and reduce the still-pervasive stigma around HIV/AIDS.

Our Achievements

- Last year we provided free rapid HIV counseling, testing and referral to help Vermonters reduce their risk, learn their HIV sero-status and be referred to for healthcare or other services.
- We partnered with students from UVM's College of Medicine to study whether Vermont could sustain a mobile HIV testing van (hint: they found many communities requesting this service, so watch us in the future as we aim to launch this new program!)
- Vermont CARES reaches at-risk populations with HIV prevention information and teaches participants how best to reduce their risk of infection. Last year we provided free presentations to over 1,500 Vermont middle- and high-school students and adult groups, including high-risk populations.
- We grew our syringe exchange program to reach more people sharing injection drug equipment to reduce the rate of HIV and hepatitis. We doubled this program since last year, and are offering expanded services for people in addiction, including Narcan (an opiate overdose prevention medication), hepatitis C testing, and community-wide syringe cleanup services.



Summarized Statement of Activities for 2014 Fiscal Year (US\$)*

Support & Revenue

Federal Grants	\$357,889
State Grants	\$284,356
Foundation Grants	\$30,500
Contributions	\$30,182
Events Income	\$47,316
United Way	\$7,899
Other	<u>\$12,864</u>
Total Support & Revenue	\$782,006

Expenses

Direct Services	\$392,892
Client Assistance	\$220,171
Prevention	\$70,150
Fundraising	\$83,051
Administration	\$24,770
Total Expenses	\$791,034
Net Income	(\$9,028)

Statement of Financial Position at End of 2014 Fiscal Year (US\$)*

Assets

Current Assets

Cash	\$31,659
Accounts Receivable	\$14,761
Other Current Assets	<u>\$2,000</u>
Total Current Assets	\$48,419

Fixed Assets \$4,502

Total Assets \$52,922

Liabilities & Equity

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$0
Other Liabilities	\$33,262
Payroll Liabilities	<u>\$2,019</u>
Total Current Liabilities	\$35,281

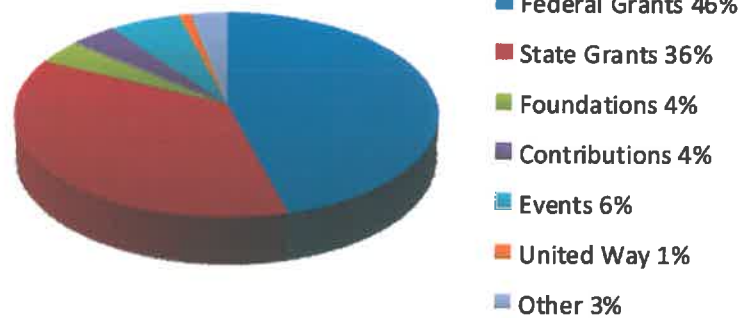
Equity

Fund Balances	\$26,668
Net Income	<u>(\$9,028)</u>
Total Equity	\$17,640

Total Liabilities & Equity \$52,922

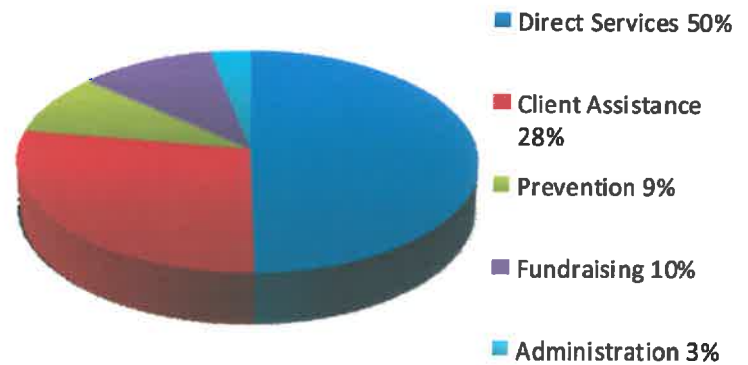


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Vermont CARES continues to invest in our long-term financial strength, with the ultimate goal of significantly increasing the impact and scope of our work.

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