

Points of Interest

*An E-Newsletter from the
Vermont Community Loan Fund*

VCLF Premieres "Invest in Vermont!"



New Video from Hen House Media Focuses on Borrowers' & Investors' Stories

We're always looking for new ways to tell the Vermont Community Loan Fund story, and to help potential borrowers and investors learn about how they can play their part in our vision of a stronger Vermont.

Now, we've got a new way to tell that story! Our brand-new video "Invest in Vermont!" was developed by the talented folks at [Hen House Media](#) (and one of our newest borrowers!). We hope you'll enjoy these portraits of the folks behind our work: VCLF borrowers & investors! [WATCH HERE](#)

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about a Loan
Fund borrower?
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VCLF Lends Almost \$2.8 Million in Q2 2019



The Road to Success: My Favorite Things Food Truck

Jeffersonville food entrepreneur Lea Ann Macrery has never lacked for drive. Now, thanks to financing from the Vermont Community Loan Fund, her new business, My Favorite Things Food Truck, is ready to hit the road.

[READ MORE](#) about Lea Ann, My Favorite Things and everything else we've been up to the past few months.

VCLF Awarded \$250,000 Grant from the Northern Border Regional Commission



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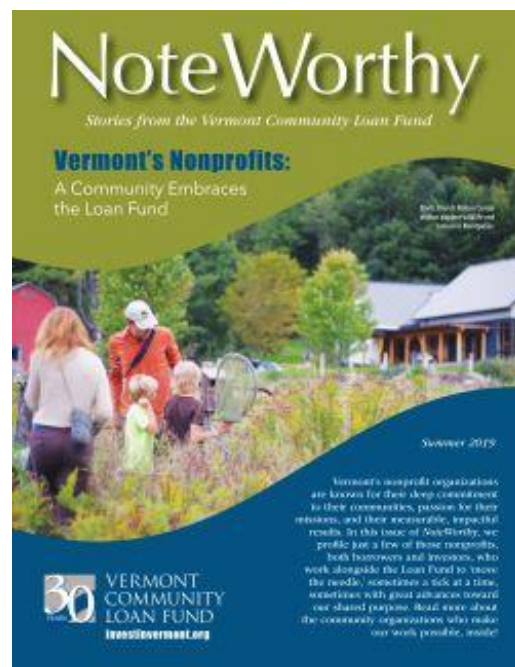
Loan Fund to Launch Outdoors-focused Financing Program

[The Northern Border Regional Commission](#) has awarded a \$250,000 grant to the Vermont Community Loan Fund to launch a lower-interest revolving loan fund supporting the state's outdoor recreation and forestry industries and other working lands entrepreneurs.

The Loan Fund is among 18 Vermont organizations awarded more than \$7.9 million in federal grants to spur job creation, build essential infrastructure, train new workers, and develop communities. [READ MORE](#)

Want to catch up? Summer 2019 NoteWorthy is here!

Vermont's nonprofit organizations are known for their deep commitment to their communities, passion for their missions and their measurable, impactful results. In this issue of *NoteWorthy*, we profile a few of those organizations, both VCLF borrowers and investors, who work alongside the Loan Fund to "move the needle," sometimes just a tick at a time, sometimes with great advances towards our shared purpose. [READ MORE](#)



We're "Serving Up Community" in our 2018 Annual Report

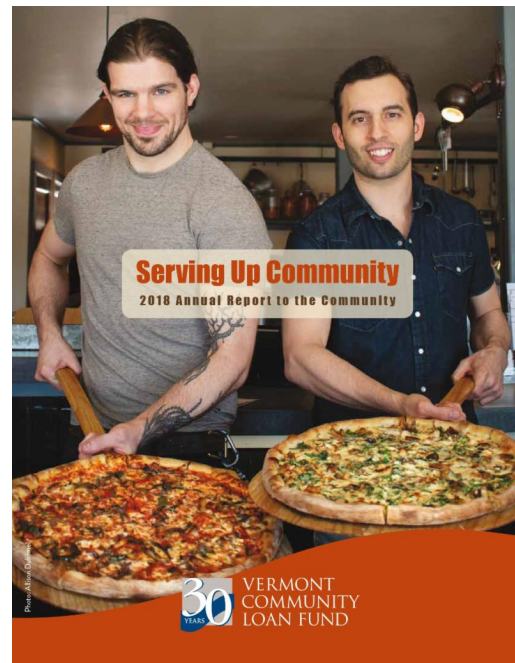
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VT Early Childhood Advocacy Alliance Advances Agenda at 2019 Annual Membership Meeting

VERMONT EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVOCACY ALLIANCE

The [Vermont Early Childhood Advocacy Alliance](#)'s fifth Annual Membership Meeting, held on May 29th at Waterbury's [Zenbarn](#), brought together 80 early childhood professionals and providers, parents, business leaders, and funders from around the state.

Alliance members and strategic partners reflected on the Alliance's advocacy during the 2019 Legislative session and held annual elections for membership to the Alliance's Steering Committee. A panel of representatives from lead organizations shared their perspectives on the Alliance's work using the Collective Impact framework. This year's Meeting also included discussions to help our membership begin to look at diversity, equity, and inclusion in our work.

Planning for the Alliance's 2020 Legislative Agenda is currently underway. [CLICK HERE](#) to find out how you can get involved, or email Alliance Executive Director [Matt Levin](#).

On the Move: VCLF Staff & Board News



In July, our hardworking Business Resource Manager, **Becca Schrader**, left us to pursue new opportunities with our longtime partner [USDA Rural Development](#). Thank you Becca for all you've contributed to the Loan Fund's work and mission (and your Cornell chicken marinade recipe)!

Elena Gustavson (above, left) will now step up to lead our business advisory services program as Business Resource Manager. Congratulations, Elena!

Daniel Winslow (above, center), formerly serving as Loan Officer, has been promoted to the role of Director of Business and Early Care & Learning Programs. Dan came to us as a Loan Coordinator in 2010, and has capably grown into his new role. Congrats, Dan!

This past spring, we said goodbye to longtime VCLF Board of Directors member **Karin Chamberlain**. Karin joined the Board in early 2014, bringing expertise in sustainable investing from her years in the industry, presently serving as [Clean Yield Asset Management](#)'s Director of Impact Investing. Thank you for your service and dedication, Karin. We will miss you!

Late in 2018, we were thrilled to have **Kim Keiser** rejoin the Board after a long absence. In 2004, Kim was appointed Deputy Commissioner for the newly created [Child Development Division within the Department for Children and Families](#) by Governor Jim Douglas. In 2011, she became the Vermont Director of the Turrell Fund, which seeks to strengthen services at-risk children and their families. Kim lives in Fayston with her husband, Richard.

New to the Board as of April, **Arne Hammarlund** joins us from Newfane. In 2018, Arne capped off his 30-year career in Vermont banking, having held

senior posts at People's United Bank, and, formerly, Chittenden Bank & Vermont National Bank. A longtime partner in the Loan Fund's work, we're glad to welcome his passion for social responsibility and community banking to the Board. Welcome, Arne!

Early this year, **Kelly Ault**, longtime Community Engagement Director at our sister organization [Vermont Early Childhood Advocacy Alliance](#), moved on to a new post as Executive Director at the [Vermont Outdoor Business Alliance](#). Best of luck and many thanks to you, Kelly!

Stepping into Kelly's shoes is **Charlie Gliserman** (above right), who comes to the Alliance after extensive development and advocacy work in New York City. Welcome, Charlie!

Come Find Us!

We'll be out & about a lot this fall. Here's where to find us:

September 4: [Community Economic Development Office \(CEDO\) Burlington Housing Conference, part 2, Burlington.](#)

September 12: [Opportunity Finance Network regional meeting, Manchester NH](#)

September 25-26: [Vermont Investors Summit, Burlington](#)

October 1: [Northern New England Women Investors Network event, TBD.](#)

October 10: [Vermont Housing Conservation Board Conference, Barre](#)

October 19: [Leahy Women's Economic Opportunity Conference, Vermont Technical College, Randolph Center.](#)

October 20-23: [Opportunity Finance Network Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.](#)

October 24: [Vermont Association for the Education of Young Children \(VTAEYC\) Conference, West Dover.](#)



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