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# Points of Interest

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

## Governor Scott Celebrates \$2 Million Bank of America Investment in VCLF



On May 24th, Governor Phil Scott joined the Loan Fund at the offices of VCLF borrower [Mamava](#), to announce a new \$2 million investment from Bank of America. [Read more](#), or watch coverage via [WCAX](#).

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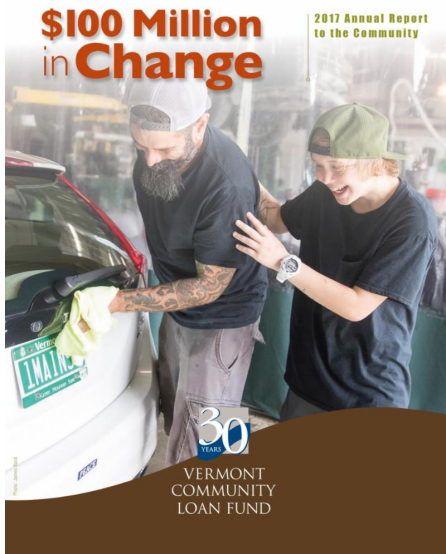


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you'd like to share  
about a Loan  
Fund borrower?

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"\$100 Million in Change" - Our 2017 Annual Report is Here!



Celebrating our 30th anniversary wasn't the only milestone the Loan Fund surpassed in 2017. In our busiest-ever year, we shot past the \$100 million loaned mark.

That's hundreds of thousands of Vermonters' lives changed. [Read more.](#)

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## Loan Fund Lends \$983,000 in 1st Quarter 2018

*Before...*



*During...*



*After...*



### Borrower Profile: Finding "Another Way" Home

Elaine Toohey's voice doesn't waver as she tells of her bouts with homelessness, twice in her life, the second time as the young mother of two small children.

The breakup of her domestic partnership was one of those life crises, she describes, like losing a job or a death in the family that, for some, can lead to an emergency situation. "I lived on a friend's land. I had no job. I had no income. I couldn't find the help I needed."

Having made her way back from such circumstances, you could argue that Elaine is uniquely qualified for her job as Executive Director of Another Way. The Montpelier nonprofit serves Central Vermonters experiencing homelessness, unemployment, those suffering with addiction or struggling with mental health issues, the transitioning and recovering, all moving toward a better place. [Read more.](#)

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**We've Raised Our Interest Rates!**



## There's never been a better time to invest in Vermont.

Want to invest in Vermont? How about in farms and local food? In women? Local businesses? Quality early care & learning? Safe, affordable homes? Nonprofits and community service providers?

There's never been a better time: we've just raised our investor rates. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more, and do good for Vermont while doing well for yourself.

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### VCLF Board President Named Director of Regulatory Affairs for American Feed Industry Association

Louise Calderwood, the Loan Fund's longtime friend, supporter, Board member, and current Board President, will be leaving her board post in July. With her expertise in agriculture, policy development, food production and more, it comes as no surprise that Louise has been tapped as the next Director of Regulatory Affairs for the American Feed Industry Association in Arlington, Virginia.



Louise first joined the VCLF Board of Directors in 2003, serving until 2011. She returned in 2013, stepping into the role of Board President in 2017. We will miss her commitment to Vermont's working landscape, her insight and spirit. Congratulations and best of luck, Louise!

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## Building Bright Futures

Vermont's future starts with today's children

### Building Bright Spaces for Bright Futures Grantees Announced!

The Loan Fund has announced the recipients of the 2018 Building Bright Spaces for Bright Futures grants. The following eight Vermont early care & learning programs have been awarded a total of \$47,025:

- Almond Blossoms Child Care Center & PreK, St. Albans
- [Burkeside Child Care](#), West Burke
- [Georgia's Next Generation](#), Georgia
- [Little School, Inc.](#), Weston

- [Marcie's Home Daycare](#), Lunenburg
- [Oak Hill Children's Center](#), Pownal
- [Orange County Parent Child Center](#), Tunbridge
- [PJ's Childcare Center](#), St. Albans

BBSBFF grants are available to all Vermont early care & learning programs, for assistance in starting, relocating, expanding, or improving a program's physical facility and/or accessibility. Grants also may be used for real estate purchase, facility construction and renovation, and pre-development costs. Congratulations to this year's awardees!

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