More and more people have come to realize that ReSOURCE offers much more than just our four retail stores. Our essential programs and services rely on the funds generated by our reuse enterprises, which raise about half of our annual operating income. This not only benefits the environment, but establishes the model for securing ReSOURCE’s long-term sustainability.

Sustainability is a critical element to our ability to innovate and respond to community needs. Vermont had 16,000 fewer workers at the end of 2017 compared to ten years earlier. This nearly 5% decline occurred at the same time the overall population in the state was up 4%. For our small state to meet economic needs with a shrinking and aging workforce, we must train more people who want to work, but are not currently in the workforce. This is exactly what ReSOURCE continues to do.

While construction and entry-level jobs go unfilled, employment for persons with disabilities has steadily decreased since 1980. ReSOURCE saw a real need to train more workers, and in September launched Every Body Works, serving 35 AmeriCorps members, who work with disabled youth and adults, to provide workforce development training in six Vermont counties. This program is the first of its kind in the country dedicated to empowering disabled members to overcome barriers to employment through a year of service.

ReSOURCE reached a turning point in 2017; where we sought to learn what needs were still unmet from our community and how we could be most useful in the years ahead. Thanks to your support we will build on successes and increase access and programming targeted toward those who need it most.

Yours Sincerely,

Benjamin A. Bosher
Board President
IN 2017 ReSOURCE KEPT...

508,965 items

1,326,000 pounds of reusable goods

69,881 pounds of ewaste

OUT OF VERMONT’S ONLY LANDFILL

That’s enough to cover the Champlain Bridge end to end
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

341 trainees gained professional skills

52,450 hours of training provided

46 AmeriCorps members enrolled and served

“Every Body Works gives everyone a chance to succeed. In my short time, I have already seen how this has benefited many young adults and teens. If we were not here, I could not imagine where some of these kids would be. We help them improve themselves, which in turn will make this community thrive.”

Cameron Hager
LEAP AmeriCorps HR Coordinator
The inflexibility of traditional high school was not a good fit for Dylan, but he excelled in ReSOURCE YouthBuild’s empowering atmosphere. His fellow crew members looked up to him, and the self-esteem he built in our program helped him persevere in areas that had once been challenging. Through YouthBuild, Dylan completed his high school diploma and earned a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award, which helped defray the cost of courses at Vermont Technical College.

Working with ReSOURCE’s transition employment coordinator, Dylan was able to explore careers as a butcher, an electrician, and a mechanic by doing job shadows with our network of employer partners. Through those on-the-job experiences, he found his passion. Less than a month after completing his YouthBuild course-work, Dylan started working at Hannaford as a butcher apprentice!

100% graduates completed Personal & Professional Development curriculum

95% graduates earned industry recognized certifications

95% YouthBuild graduates earned a GED or high school diploma

85% YouthBuild graduates entered employment or secondary education
ESSENTIAL GOODS

$112,397
value of goods donated to

1,891
Vermonters in need

“Thanks for all you do to help all the various constituents in Vermont. Giving folks a path is so powerful.”

Paul Briody

Briody Maher Wealth Management Group

PARTNER AGENCIES

Addison Community Action / CVOEO
Agency of Human Services - Field Services
Burlington Community Justice Center
Burlington Housing Authority
Capstone Community Action, Inc.
Central Vermont Council on Aging
Chittenden Community Action / CVOEO
Chittenden County Treatment Court
Committee on Temporary Shelter
Champlain Valley Agency on Aging
Church of the Good Shepard
Essex Community Justice Center
Franklin / Grand Isle Community Action
Good Samaritan Haven
HOPE / Retroworks
Howard Center - Developmental Services
Howard Center - Human Services
Howard Center - School Services
Joint Urban Ministry Project
Lamoille Family Center
Lund Family Center
Milton Family Community Center
Pathways to Housing VT
Safe Harbor Clinic
Somali Bantu Community Association of VT
Spectrum Youth and Family Services
Steps to End Domestic Violence
Vermont Cares
Vermont Foundation for Recovery
Vermont Refugee Resettlement Program
Visiting Nurse Assoc. - Adult Home Care
Visiting Nurse Assoc. - Children & Families
Winooski Community Justice Center
2017 FINANCIAL REPORT

Revenue $5,319,133

- 48% Reuse Enterprise Income
- 0.4% Donated Facilities
- 9% Training Fees & Tuition
- 11% Individual & Corporate Donations
- 6% Foundation Grants
- 24% Government Grants
- 1% Other Income

Expenses $5,140,434

- 51% Reuse Programs
- 2% Poverty Relief
- 0.2% Marketing & Outreach
- 35% Training Programs
- 12% Administration

Current Liabilities
- Accounts payable $106,233
- Accrued wages and payroll liabilities $201,130
- Store credits $14,060
- Line of credit $205,000
- Long Term Liabilities $845,805

Total Current Liabilities $1,378,026

Net Assets
- Unrestricted $1,148,514
- Temporarily Restricted $264,818

Total Net Assets $1,413,332

Total Assets $2,791,358

Total Liabilities and Net Assets $2,791,358