WonderArts VT
Annual Report 2019

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Our Community

Serving people of all ages throughout the Northeast Kingdom and beyond

Who We Serve

From toddlers to seniors, we run programs in schools in six towns and offer events and classes at community venues throughout Greensboro, Craftsbury, and Hardwick. By bringing our programs to multiple locations, we’re able to reach more people in their home communities.

Key Statistics

For the 4,754 people in our region of service:

- 80% have a high school diploma
- 1 in 6 are self-employed
- $35,832 is the average annual income
- 50% don’t have access to high-speed internet
- 6 in 10 youth qualify for free and reduced lunch
- There are 62% fewer services than the rest of VT
- 33 minutes one way is the average daily commute

32% of our area’s population engage with our programs

43% of Orleans residents and 51% of Caledonia residents work out of the county
Our Impact

Building connections through access to learning, resources, and opportunities

Cultivating lifelong learning and exploration to enrich our community, schools, and economy through creativity, conversation and collaboration

This Year, We...

- Reached 1200 adults and 500 youth
- Collaborated with 29 organizational partners
- Led 305 program activities, classes, and events
- Offered programs at 15 local venues and 13 school sites
- Provided economic opportunities for 63 businesses
- Hired 21 community members to lead classes
- Exhibited artwork from 12 local artists
- Led 5 professional development trainings
- Expanded programs to 2 new pre-school sites
- Welcomed 56 new Spark members
- Provided scholarships for 27 summer campers

Our Heart is Here

We strive to provide a solid foundation of community care. By offering meaningful and accessible opportunities, we’re investing in the mental health and social fabric of our region, building upon our area’s resources, and celebrating our community members’ resourcefulness. The ingenuity, neighborly mentality, and entrepreneurial spirit present in the residents of the Northeast Kingdom lie at the heart, and success, of WonderArts programming.
Our Work

Cultivating vibrancy in our community through the arts, recreation, technology, and sustainability

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RECREATION

Community health starts with individual action, and we love providing fun opportunities for people of all abilities to move, play, and engage with the outdoors.
What Our Participants Say...

Thank you for showing this important film! Keep doing the after movie discussions since that is where the community connections were shared by a variety of people. - Tara, Let’s Talk: Film

Hands-on is always great for learning. I appreciate the guidance and knowledge of the instructor and not having to pay for materials. - Charles, Sip + Skill Share

I just love coming here, the equipment is amazing and the internet is superb. Everyone should be using Spark! - Nancy, Spark Member

Thank you for making this affordable for our family! - Camp Parent

Technology

In our rural corner of Vermont, we offer high-speed internet, state of the art technology and equipment resources, and foster design thinking, creative capital, and resourcefulness.

Sustainability

We are proud stewards of our community and the land that we all cherish. Through our work we nurture social, economic, and environmental sustainability.
**Financial Statement**

**Fiscal Year 2019**

**Expenses** ....... $238,428

- 71% Programs
- 17% Admin/Overhead
- 10% General Operating
- 11% Marketing/Fundraising

**Revenue** ....... $243,520

- 43% Grants
- 28% Donations
- 23% Program Revenue
- 6% Town/Business Support

**Collaborative Partners**

AKC Fund, Inc
Albany Community School
Albany Head Start
Allen Hilles Fund
Ben & Jerry’s Foundation
Bissell Foundation
Canaday Foundation
Center for an Agricultural Economy
Craftsbury Energy Committee
Craftsbury Outdoor Center
Craftsbury Recreation Comm.
Craftsbury Academy
Craftsbury Elementary
Four Seasons of Early Learning
Green Mountain Farm to School
Greensboro Association
Greensboro Recreation Comm.
Greensboro UCC
Hardwick Area Food Pantry
Hardwick Elementary
Hardwick Head Start
Hazen Union
Heartbeet Lifesharing
Highland Center for the Arts
Hunger Free Vermont
New Avenues for Youth
No. Counties Health Care, Inc.
Lakeview Elementary
Oakland Foundation
Orleans Country Forester
Pleasants Fund
Promise Community
Salvation Farms
Saplings

Sterling College
Town of Craftsbury
Town of Greensboro
Town of Hardwick
Turning Stone Farm
USDA Rural Development
Vermont Land Trust
VT Learning Support Initiative
VCF Craftsbury Community Fund
Vermont Arts Council
Vermont Community Foundation
Vermont Mutual Insurance Co.
Wisdom Connection
Wolcott Elementary
Woodbury Elementary
Team Transitions

After serving WonderArts VT for the past two years as Executive Director, Ceilidh Galloway-Kane is now directing the REACH! after-school program for the Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union. We are excited for her to bring her passion for kids, creativity, and enriching after-school programs to this new role, and we’re thrilled that we’ll be able to continue working with her as a community partner and collaborator.