

VYCC RECEIVES \$1,600 GRANT FROM INTERNATIONAL PAPER FOUNDATION

VYCC's Health Care Share Program receives grant to reduce food insecurity in Vermont

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Wednesday, February 26, 2018, RICHMOND, VT–

Vermont Youth Conservation Corps (VYCC) was honored to receive a \$1,600 grant from the International Paper Foundation for VYCC's Food and Farm Health Care Share (HCS) program. These funds will support HCS expansion throughout Vermont.



VYCC Rutland Farm Crew plants vegetables for the Health Care Share.

Donna Wadsworth, Mill Communications Director at their location in Ticonderoga, New York said, "We are happy to help purchase food, materials, and supplies for your Health Care Share program!"

The Health Care Share is a farm-to-hospital public health program that connects Vermont families with fresh, healthy food and nutrition education at their doctor's office. Primary care physicians at partnering medical centers identify patients experiencing food insecurity, diet-related illness, or other distinct health risks and prescribe a more nutritious diet through a Health Care Share. Vermont youth are employed through the Farm at VYCC to plant, harvest, and package the shares.

Upon receiving the grant, Dan Bailey, Development Director of VYCC said, "The continued annual support from the International Paper Foundation is a difference maker in the success of the HCS program. These funds help us meet our programmatic goal of reaching over 500 hundred food-insecure families throughout Vermont."



More info about the Health Care Share program at VYCC:

Founded in 2012, the Health Care Share program now serves five Vermont communities. During the growing season, more than 500 Vermont families receive a weekly share that contains 12-15 pounds of vegetables and a newsletter. Some locations also include a whole chicken. All members receive a resource binder with recipes, basic cooking tutorials, and nutrition information to gain tools for maintaining a healthy diet.

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More info about VYCC:

Vermont Youth Conservation Corps is a 501c3 nonprofit youth development organization with a mission to teach young people personal responsibility through meaningful work that connects us to the land, community, and one another. For more than 30 years, VYCC has instilled the values of personal responsibility, hard work, education, and respect for the environment in young people. VYCC Corps Members, young adults 15-24, work, live, and learn together in small groups, completing priority conservation and agriculture projects throughout Vermont under the guidance of highly trained Crew Leaders. www.vycc.org

More info about International Paper Foundation:

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