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Dear Friends,

We are holding a “Fill the Well” campaign to raise \$40,000 to replenish the Lamoille Family Center’s reserve funds which are critical to the organization’s ability to respond to short term crisis and maintain long term stability. We need your help to reach this goal!

Last fall, the Family Center’s spring fed water system failed. A fully functional water system is critical to the ongoing operation of our facility which includes our Child Care Center and office space for thirty staff. Upon inspection, we learned that the current system could not be repaired as it did not meet the State requirements for a “Public Water System.” The LFC spring system had been grandfathered in as an existing system, but any changes to the system trigger the requirement to meet the current regulations.

The LFC learned that meeting the State regulations would require not only the installation of a drilled well, but also a water filtration system to address any contamination issues identified through water testing. The total cost of the well, including well drilling, plumbing, site work, engineering, electrical, permits, and water filtration system, was \$40,336.

Together, we can achieve a community where all children feel secure in their homes, learn to their fullest potential, and develop confidence in their abilities.

Thank you for all you have done in the past to assist children and families and for your contribution to this campaign as well.

Sincerely,

Scott Johnson
Executive Director

P.S. The back of this letter provides a summary of our Family Center programs. I would love to hear from you if you have questions, comments or ideas about how we can work together. I can be reached at 888-5229 ext. 124 or sjohnson@lamoillefamilycenter.org.

Encouraging, Educating and Celebrating Families

A United Way Community Partner

Children's Integrated Services

Early Childhood & Family Mental Health - Assists children, families, child care and other service providers to promote and support children's healthy social, emotional, and behavioral development.

Early Intervention - Provides services to families with children up to age three who have a medical diagnosis, a delay, or the high probability of a delay in their development or growth. Children receive services such as speech therapy and physical therapy, while parents receive training, counseling and service coordination.

Nursing and Family Support - Provides home visits to income eligible parents and their young children to help ensure a healthy start in the early years of a child's life.

Specialized Child Care - Provides child care coordination services for families who are experiencing significant stress, have a child with special health needs, or have exceptional circumstances.

Child Care Support Services

Vermont Birth to Three – Provides ongoing mentoring with Registered, Legally Exempt and Family, Friend and Neighbor child care providers in an effort to improve program quality.

Child and Adult Care Food Program – Provides administrative support and training for providers to receive federal reimbursement for nutritious meals served to children in their registered child care settings.

Child Care Center - Provides high quality care for children under age three. The program promotes the physical, social, emotional and cognitive development of young children while responding to the needs of the families.

Child Care Financial Assistance (formerly Subsidy) - Assists income eligible families who have a service need (employment, training, etc.) through the subsidized child care process.

Child Care Referral - Offers information on quality child care and maintains a database of all registered and licensed child care programs in the Lamoille Valley.

Child Care Resource - Helps to increase quality child care by providing support, professional development opportunities, and resources to child care providers.

Youth and Young Adult Services

Lamoille Interagency Network for Kids (LINK) - Provides strength-based services for youth who are at risk of running away or becoming homeless including crisis intervention, conflict resolution, case management, temporary shelter, and a community Teen Center.

Learning Together & Families Learning Together - Offers educational and support services to pregnant, parenting and at-risk youth, under age 22, who wish to earn their high school diploma or GED. Parents under age 25 can participate in Families Learning Together to earn a diploma or GED while getting support for parenting, learning new job skills, and planning for the future.

Reach Up - Provides young parents receiving financial assistance from Economic Services with support and information on self-sufficiency, career planning, returning to school, finding a job, being a single parent, etc.

Family Support Services

Assessing for Success – Provides strength-based assessments designed to help Reach Up participants improve their educational, career and personal opportunities. This program includes job coaching and career placement.

Family Emergency – Provides limited funding and goods such as diapers, clothing and children's items.

Holiday Project – Allows families who have registered with the Family Center to choose new toys for their children as well as donated books, hats and mittens.

Parenting Education – Provides parenting support services including playgroups and single and multi-session trainings.

Supervised Child Access Program - Provides a supervised and structured setting for children to visit with their non-residential parents and extended family members.