



VERMONT ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

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Town of Charlotte
Ms. Mary Mead
Town Clerk
PO Box 119
Charlotte, VT 05445

Dear Ms. Mead,

For many years, the town of Charlotte has supported our mission to help Vermonters with visual impairments to be more independent, cultivate adaptive skills, and improve their quality of life. With your help, the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (VABVI) has completed another successful year. Thank you for your ongoing support!

An estimated 14,000 Vermonters are currently blind or visually impaired. As the “Baby Boomer” generation ages, this number is expected to increase to at least 25,000 by 2030. We anticipate that the increase in demand for our services will continue well into the future. Our neighbors, family and friends are among those who may be coping with vision loss.

It costs VABVI approximately \$1,000 to provide one year of service to each adult client. In Fiscal Year 2024, the agency provided services to a total of 1,048 Vermont residents. This total includes 3 adults and 2 students in Charlotte, and 218 adults and 61 students in Chittenden County.

We hope that Charlotte will consider supporting VABVI again this year with an allocation of \$250 to help fund our services in your township. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please feel free to contact me by phone at (802) 863-1358 ext. 219 or by e-mail at sgougher@vabvi.org.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Gougher".

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