



ANNUAL REPORT 2023

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A message from our President and Executive Director

What an awesome phase of growth we are in! Each month new faces come through our doors for many different reasons: for medical equipment after surgery, help with insurance or taxes, a referral for a caregiver, something fun to do, or they've heard about our delicious meals. It is rewarding and it keeps things interesting to be the go-to place for aging well in our area.

A few highlights of the year include expanding our Aging at Home support program by offering handyman services for small odd jobs, successfully completing our Homeshare pilot project, partnering with HomeShare Vermont to continue to grow that program, and expanding our staff by adding an assistant director position. Our team's response to the area flooding in July was recognized by Governor Scott. Work was completed on Phase 1 of our building expansion project and preparation continues for the next phases.

With the anticipated growth of our older population expected to more than double in the 70 – 85 age group over the next 10 years, it is more important than ever to be successful and creative in supporting our community members to age well. We hope that as you read this report you will note the generosity of many who believe in our purpose and support The Thompson's mission of helping us grow and evolve to meet our community's current and future needs. What an exciting time in the history of the Thompson!

Thank you to our donors, staff, volunteers, to our board of directors, and to our communities for ensuring that The Thompson remains a vibrant resource for all of us.

Steve Selbo, President, Board of Directors Deanna Jones, Executive Director

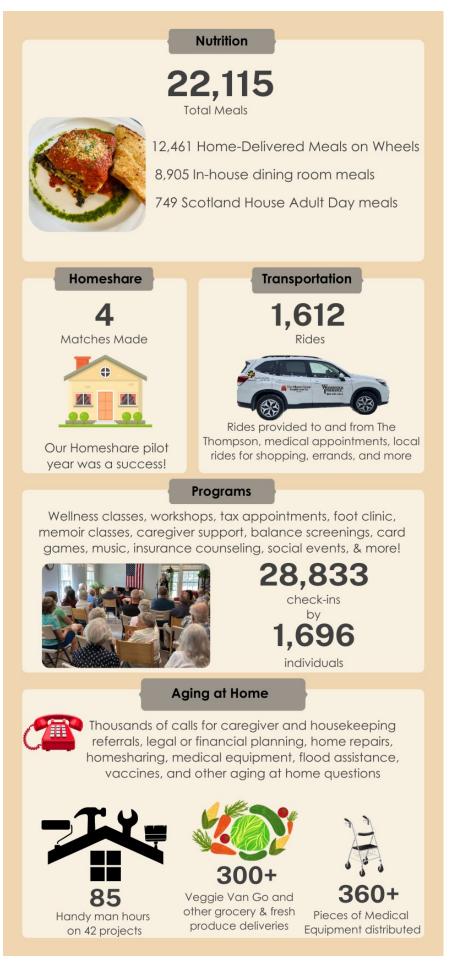




Steve Selbo

Deanna Jones

Our Community Counts on The Thompson



Program Highlights







It was a fun year with lots of programs, trips, and classes to enrich our lives. We loved all the ways we connected with our community over the year, but here are a few extra special ones:

- Many local friends brought classic cars to give rides and deliver Meals on Wheels.
- Our holiday and annual events were festive and fun. We enjoyed the Yankee Swap, Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday meals, holiday gift baskets, St. Patrick's Day lunch, Oktoberfest, Older Americans Month, Veterans Day, the Senior Center Month BBQ, and more!
- We stayed fit with Bone Builders, Tai Chi, Strength & Stretch, Yoga, Eat Smart, Move More, Weigh Less, and the Walk with Ease group with virtual and in-person options for some classes. We stayed creative with ArtistTree creative art projects.
- Hundreds benefitted from the help of the AARP Tax-Aid volunteers, foot care clinics, the flu shot clinic with VNH, and the Covid vaccination booster clinic.
- We enjoyed author talks, memoir and writing workshops, musical performances, and trips including fun Supper Club meet-ups, trips to tour our state capitol building in Montpelier, the railway biking in Concord, NH, a holiday lights tour, and Vermont Symphony.
- Community Connections chats with our Woodstock police chief, our county sheriff, State Senator Alison Clarkson, our school district superintendent and other community leaders kept us engaged.



Photos (starting at the

top): Cruising at The Thompson, Calvin Coolidge portrayed by Tracy Messer, The Seven Stars recorder ensemble on World Music Day, Railtrail biking trip, Chief Robbie Blish joins us for Community Connections chat

Program Highlights

- Delicious daily lunches nourished our bodies and brought joy to our days.
- A congressionally-delegated grant sponsored by Senator Bernie Sanders brought us new evidencebased health and wellness programs, free foot clinics, and free produce through the Locally Yours partnership with Fox Crossing Farms in Pomfret.
- Widespread flooding in Vermont proved challenging for many of our participants and for The Thompson.
 While our building was safe, we had to move our kitchen operations to Saskadena 6 ski area to prepare essential meals until safe water was restored.

Photos: Delicious lunch by Chef Andrew, Locally Yours produce set up, Woodstock Farmers Market food bags after the flood, Culinary team members Lanie Orcutt, Louise Blakeney, Chef Andrew Geller



Building Renovations Begin

Our building renovation project has begun! Phase 1 was opening the sealed off farmhouse door in the dining room and installing steps to our front yard picnic table area.

The next phases will be an expansion of the kitchen and dining room and renovated program space in order to meet the growing needs of the population we serve. Ground breaking for Phase 2 is planned for Spring 2024.

BUILDING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER





Full plans are available on our website or at The Thompson.

Please see Executive Director Deanna Jones if you would like to help with a gift to our capital campaign.



Age Well with The Thompson

Our Mission

The Thompson helps older adults age well in our rural community. We provide timely support and services and are a resource and advocate on issues related to aging. Our programs and activities foster the physical, intellectual and social well being of our adult community to enhance dignity, self-worth and independence.

One Number to Call



One number to call for any need — Thompson staff are happy to help with any question, from shower chairs to Medicare and everything in between. We're here for a friendly chat or a check-in call, too.



Vetted Service Providers

We partner with a wide variety of businesses and individuals to bring you any service you need to AGE WELL at HOME!

We check references and only suggest businesses or individuals who have happily agreed to be an Aging at Home service provider.

Age Well Education and Outreach

Educational talks are presented on topics ranging from legal planning, fall prevention, the Smart Driver safety course, nutrition and cooking, downsizing, hospital to home transitions, advance directives, and more. Our Age Well e-newsletter is published every other month and provides readers with information on ways to age well at home and in their community through current and reliable information on health, lifestyle, diet and resources.

Homeshare

Homesharing is a simple idea: two or more people share a home for mutual benefit. One person offers a private bedroom and shared common space in their home in exchange for rent, help around the home or a combination of the two. After conducting background and reference checks, trained Thompson staff will work to find the most compatible match possible based on mutual interests, needs, and lifestyle. There are no age or income restrictions to be eligible for the program.



Our homeshare pilot project was funded in part by a grant from the Woodstock Economic Development Commission. As of October 1, 2023, we are operating as a satellite office of HomeShare Vermont. We look forward to enhancing and growing our homeshare services.

Volunteer Spotlight

More than 250 volunteers gave over than 5,400 hours last year!







The enthusiasm, dedication, and joyful spirit of our volunteers are the heartbeat of The Thompson.

Volunteers give their time in these critical roles: Board Member Committee Work (Holiday Bazaar, Auction, Aging at Home, Strategic Planning)

> Driver Guest Speaker Handyman Kitchen Help Library Volunteer Meals on Wheels Driver Musicians Newsletter Folder Office Helper Program Facilitator Receptionist Table Setting Tax Assistance Wait Staff Yard Work











Photos (from top leff): John Gravel works with newsletter folders, Edwin English, Richard Wacker & Linda Maxham at Volunteer Banquet, Ron Jaynes and Norm Frates, auctioneers at the Gala, Board Members and volunteers, Dolores Gilbert & Paulette Watson at Volunteer Banquet, Meals on Wheels driver meeting, Bev Audsley & Cindy Hewitt at Holiday Bazaar, Rodney Croft and others from the Ora E Paul American Legion Post volunteer for Thanksgiving dinner, Santa & Mrs. Claus at the Holiday Bazaar

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Photos: (Bottom) Lois Watson & Joan Oppenheimer at the Chef's Dinner, Carolyn & Charlie Kimbell & Jaimie Ziobro & Lydia Locke at the Winter Gala (Side, top to bottom) Edwin English & Barbara Kelley, Pam Butler, Susan Ford, & Paulette Watson March for Meals, Ginny Wise, Carl Hurd, Dick Wacker & Joyce Hurd at the Winter Gala

Special Fundraising



Photos: Winter Gala - Honoré & Bob Hager, Barbara Kelley, Cathy Emmons & Dolores Gilbert, Paula Audsley & Deanna Jones, Tina Fletcher & Beth Harper, Liza Deignan, David & Betty Anne McGuire, Clay Reed, Brenda Blakeman, Carol Tebo Top row center- Garden Party, March for Meals Thank you Walk, Margaret Edwards & David Green at the Chef's Dinner Right side/Holiday Bazaar - Santa & Mrs. Claus, Jen Kirkman's soap booth & shoppers

Thank you to all who donated or participated in our 2023 fundraising events to support the operations of the Thompson. We are thankful for a successful Winter Gala, March for Meals events, Holiday Bazaar, special Chef's Dinner, and a Gallery in the Garden party.

Save the Date for our Winter Gala & Auction at the Woodstock Inn on January 28, 2024.



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Treasurer's Report Fiscal Year 2022 - 2023

	Fiscal Years Ending								
OPERATING INCOME	9/30/2019	9/	30/2020*	9/	30/2021*	9,	/30/2022	g	9/30/2023
Transportation Donations	\$ 11,358	\$	6,927	\$	4,124	\$	4,717	\$	4,497
Meal Donations	57,573		56 <i>,</i> 487		50 <i>,</i> 836		81,941		89,784
Fundraisers & Donations	212,675		271,477		223,626		252,284		296,182
Senior Solutions (OAA funding)	87,554		102,524		91,416		124,738		98,224
Grants	48,585		63,703		181,822		43,488		99,179
Town Funding	58,390		63 <i>,</i> 490		67,800		64,800		64,800
Program Income	23,393		8,616		5,454		5,281		16,417
Rental Income	2,410		1,770		540		1,780		2,990
Memorial Donations	6,865		6,260		23,930		7,418		15,071
Other Income	8,350		493		0		0		0
Building Improvement Donations	12,400		14,700		0		0		0
Total Operating Income	\$ 529,553	\$	596 <i>,</i> 445	\$	649,548	\$	586,446	\$	687,143
OPERATING EXPENSES									
Fundraising Expense	\$ 25,673	\$	25,244	\$	7,051	\$	9,302	\$	32,402
Insurance - General	6,991		7,654		8,033		9,730		9,187
Occupancy	51,517		53 <i>,</i> 086		51,766		62,024		85,129
Personnel-Wages, Insurance, Taxes	332,396		322,341		341,203		380,484		424,665
Food & Kitchen Expense	87,692		99,964		95,123		118,121		105,131
Programs & Trips	30,195		13,518		9,666		9,779		30,987
Vehicle Expense	18,423		14,394		10,881		9,045		8,671
Administrative Costs	49,541		43,871		51,630		48,976		44,265
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 602,428	\$	580,072	\$	575,352	\$	647,462	\$	740,438
NET OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	\$ (72,874)	\$	16,373	\$	74,196	\$	(61,015)	\$	(53 <i>,</i> 295)
Capital Expenditures	(18,277)		(33,954)		(33,361)		-		-
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ (91,151)	\$	(17,581)	\$	40,835	\$	(61,015)	\$	(53,295)

Stated as of October 1, 2023. Subject to independent accountant financial review and year end adjustments. Reports available upon request. *FY20 & FY21 include Covid related expenses/fundraising. Payroll Protection Loan (PPP) forgiven in FY21 Grants

Invested Funds						
Fiscal Year End	9/30/2019	9/30/2020	9/30/2021	9/30/2022	9/30/2023	Total
Beginning Balance	\$1,134,614	\$1,210,614	\$1,299,975	\$1,716,435	\$2,214,382	
Gains (appreciation)	36,000	104,361	286,460	-316,756	306,651	416,716
Gifts to Invested Funds/ Building Campaign	100,000		130,000	759,703	288,896	
Balance	1,270,613	1,314,975	1,716,435	2,159,382	2,809,929	
Withdrawals for Operations or Capital	60,000	15,000	0	55,000	60,000	190,000
Ending Balance	\$1,210,614	\$1,299,975	\$1,716,435	\$2,214,382	\$2,749,929	

A message from our Treasurer

I am pleased to report that The Thompson remains financially robust in an ever-challenging environment. Thank you to all those who help: individual patrons, region wide businesses, volunteers and town government.

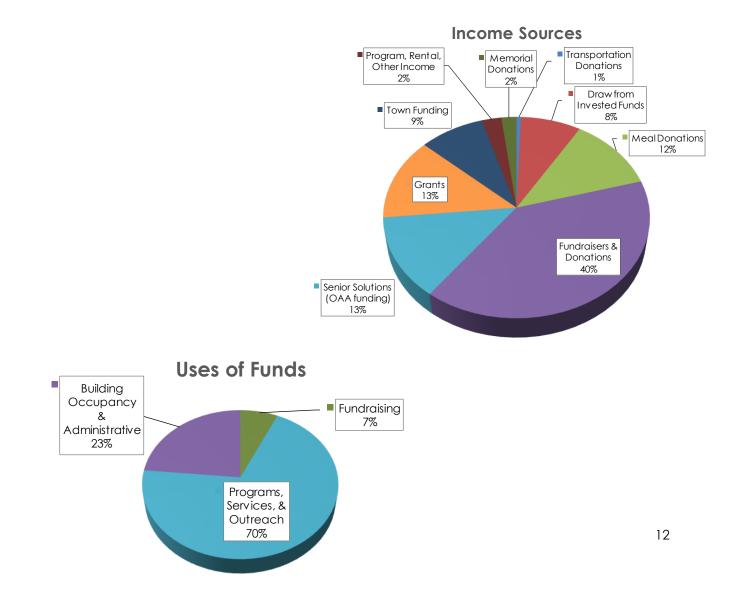
Revenue rose to \$678,000 with more than half coming from local donations. Expenses climbed to \$740,000 as congregate in-house dining, Meals on Wheels, Aging at home, exercise, health, advocacy and educational programs thrived in a mostly post-Covid world and our building and equipment needed maintenance and repairs.

The Thompson maintains a long-term policy of prudently using a portion of invested funds to increase and supplement programming costs. Those invested funds continued to grow through generous donations, strong management and a stable economy. They will provide a vibrant resource and strong foundation to help fund our expansion plans.

The Thompson is a wonderful place with sharp minded, big-hearted staff committed to making our community a better place to live and age. We are grateful.

Thank you all for generously supporting the mission.

Respectfully, David McGuire, Treasurer, for the Board of Directors



Legacy Gifts



Christopher Lloyd



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On the front cover:

Top row: Pam Butler and Neil Lamson unload produce for *Locally Yours*, The Thompson with new front steps, Gardening workshop. Bottom Row: Bunny Strong & Janet Maxham at lunch, Montpelier Statehouse visit, Martha Leonard with Dick & Bonnie Atwood

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