

Heartbeet Lifesharing

- A Camphill Community -

Newsletter

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A Community Center for Heartbeet

~ From Dream to Reality – Help Us Cross the Finish Line! ~



Every day brings us closer to breaking ground for the Community Center!
We can do it with your help!

Dear Old and New Friends of Heartbeet,

We have made it through a winter that seemed to never end, and although snowflakes are still threatening to fall, we trust that spring will come. It was not just the long silence that penetrated the community during the time of deep snow cover, but the cold with sub-zero temperatures was persistent this year -- brrrr. Nevertheless, we did find beautiful times to risk the cold, for sledding, snow-ball fights, and building the largest snow-man ever constructed at Heartbeet. The social aspect of lifesharing was a blessing in facing the long days inside—and winter also gave us time to develop the final design of the Community Center. In January we thought we were finished planning, but we needed to go back to the drawing board to keep the building within budget. Now, with the help of our tireless advising team, we are excited to say that we love the final building plans, and feel that we have just what we need and not an inch more. The building will soon start its material manifestation! We hope to break ground in late summer, though the exact date will depend on permitting. Imagine with us the festivals, plays, group meals, life celebrations, music and art that will fill this space! It will bring relationships, joy, inclusion and understanding that will resonate within Heartbeet and far beyond.

There is currently a beehive of activity on the land as sap is flowing and a few daring flowers are peeking out of the ground. Jon Flint, a dedicated

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The long winter



Life is good! Annie, Brittany & Ann in Felting



Eric cleans up the roads



Fun in the snow

From Dream to Reality! *con't.*



Jon Flint working hard with the Estate Crew

second year coworker, has taken over the estate work from Tony, and already truckloads of brush and cleanup from the long winter are being cleared away. It was a sad day when we said goodbye to Jess and Tony as they set out for Germany, but I am certain their friendship with the community will persist despite the distance. The greenhouse is filled with seedlings that promise a wonderful yield, the barn in all its new glory will be landscaped, and rock

walls will be filled with flowers. We are dedicated to the ongoing beautification of our landscape.

Spring and summer are already full of many planned beautiful events, including an open house, a commitment celebration, a wedding, and the birth of a baby.

We are all living and breathing with anticipation of the Community Center. This building will be the bridge to allow the gifts and treasures cultivated within our community to reach the surrounding extended community and will make collaboration possible with the many already interested parties that have approached us. Once construction has started we will begin formalizing plans for upcoming activities, and I hope that within the next year you will come and see some of these dreams and initiatives underway in this amazing new space!

To date we have available \$1.7 million dollars for the Community Center and still need the last \$500,000 to get us across the finish line. A profound and humble THANK YOU to all who have brought us this far! Please spread the word about what has inspired you to support this cultural

The Beet is Back!

\$2.2 Million

We've reached

\$1.7 Million



endeavor; help us reach out to those individuals you think would understand the meaning and intention of the Community Center. If you have not yet given, now is your chance to make a *significant difference* in Heartbeet's ability to serve into the future!

Hannah Schwartz,
Executive Director



Jonathan and Hannah



Spring has sprung!



Jasper and August



Max in the woodshop

Life at Heartbeet!



Heartbeet Activity

Clockwise from left:
Annie & Chris in
Felting; Lindsey in
the woodshop; Jon &
Parker spring cleaning;
Kei & Victoria making
granola; Sam & Sam
working together.



Family Fun

The Gilbert-
Schwartz family;
Stephen, Carol,
& Connor
Henesy; Max
& the Gleicher
family.



In the Community



Clockwise from left: Ann B., Kaylin,
Alden, Suzannah & Johannes;
Jared at the barn; Dan & Andy
making music; Ann B. braves the
cold; Marci & Sean share a laugh
at Fasching; Patrick & Sequoya in
matching sweaters and smiles;
Connor & Rachel celebrate.

Meet our new coworkers Byron
& Dave; Annie & Chris have set
a date for their commitment
ceremony; Marcianna & Dan are
getting married this summer
and have a baby on the way!
We look forward to meeting our
new little Heartbeeter!



Happy Happenings

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~ The End of the Long "Hall!" ~

Check out the timeline!



Welcome to the Heartbeet Community Center!



Our new community kitchen will allow us to welcome the larger community, provide a space for our growing dairy, and allow us to expand our capacity for food processing.



Blessing the Hall Site



A field of possibility



The Hall Group planning for our future!



Well drilling



Surveying the location



HP Cummings - Building our dream



Expect the builders & machines in late July!



The finished product!

Spring 2014

Fall 2014

Spring 2015

Summer 2015

Spring 2016

Well folks, the Heartbeet Community Center is confirmed! We still need the last funds but are confident that as building proceeds the last push of inspiration will catch those that are meant to connect to this wonderful opportunity. We have hired an amazing Construction Manager, HP Cummings Construction. More of their current ventures can be found on their website: hpcummings.com. Mike Hulbert, our senior project manager is already playing an integral part in getting us to where we need to be in order to break ground this summer; late July. Once construction has begun, his consistent oversight will keep us moving forward and on track.

We are hoping to see big machinery and foundations in July and have the building enclosed by the time snow falls—in Vermont that can be as early as Halloween. Construction in Vermont is not for the faint of heart! As the building goes up, please come visit and keep reaching out to those who will help us close the final gap! We are so grateful to all those who have helped us reach this exciting moment. We are actualizing a beautiful space that will bring many people of diverse abilities together around world issues, culture, and the arts!



Our hall will be the heart of the Community Center. Concerts, dances, community meals, readings, lectures, and celebrations will find a home in this space.



Our library will be a space for learning and reflection. Study groups, workshops, and continuing education will take place within.

Wholehearted Giving!

by Trish Alley

When I step out of my car at Heartbeet, I know immediately that I am in a special place. Love is in the air. Friends, known and new, greet me with hugs or an out-stretched hand and smile. Heartbeet Friends and Coworkers live in loving kindness both in and outside of their small community. They inspire me. They give me courage. They invite me to sing with them before meals. That is why I am supporting Heartbeet's Community Center project. I want to help Heartbeet broaden the invitation for others connect with their wisdom as they encourage us all to give with our whole hearts. We have much to learn together. Please join us.



Fixtures, Furniture, and Equipment: Looking to the Future

Once the Community Center is built, we will face the challenge of filling it to make this new gathering place into a warm second home for the people in the Heartbeet community and an inclusive, cultural hub for the Northeast Kingdom.

After construction we will still need:

- Tables and Chairs
- Kitchen Supplies – Pots, Pans, Refrigerators and Freezers
- Curtains
- Auditorium Seating
- Stage Curtain
- Office Furniture
- Art for the Walls

...and so much more! Contact the Heartbeet Office at info@heartbeet.org, or (802) 472-3285 if you have any items or leads that might be helpful. Your care has brought us to this point, and your continuing support will carry us forward into the future. Heads up for next spring!

An Evening at the Cabaret

On Thursday evening, April 30, 2015 the Heartbeet Chime Choir had the honor of performing at the Camphill Cabaret. It was a magical evening! Heartbeet friends and family came out in droves for this amazing and classy event. The Camphill Cabaret took place in a large, rococo ballroom in the heart of New York City. When the chime choir took the stage, they brought the Vermont vibe and the Heartbeet spirit to the Big Apple. Directed by Onat, the chime choir performers were Annie J., Jared, Ann B., Suzannah, Brittany, Sequoya, Connor, Lelia, Jon, Johannes, Victoria, and Morgan. Together they performed beautiful and heartfelt renditions of *I Love the Mountains* and *Scarborough Fair* followed by *Imagine* during which Jared sang solo while others signed the words. They brought the house down. The "live ask" directly followed the performance and in three minutes the audience raised almost \$50,000 towards the Heartbeet Community Center! What a show of hands for Heartbeet! We extend our deepest gratitude to the Camphill Foundation for the invitation to perform, and for their continuing support of the Heartbeet Community Center project. Thanks also to our gracious overnight hosts, Triform Camphill Community and Warren and Amy Gleicher.



Thank You . . . Ward Joyce Design



The Hall Group consulting with the team at Ward Joyce Design.

For Heartbeet to take our Community Center from imagination to reality, we needed people who could translate our dreams into a realistic design. At Ward Joyce Design, a local Montpelier firm, we found Ward Joyce and Steve Frey who were willing and able to offer their enthusiasm and design skills. They sat with us again and again over many months, patiently listening to our ideas and needs, appreciating our sketches and clay models, and helping us shape the building which will become the centerpiece of our community. Our hall group is a team of creative, dedicated and very willful individuals, and the process has not been easy, yet WJD has stayed by our side and we now share the excitement as the final designs unfold. We would like to express our immense gratitude to both Steve and Ward for taking this journey with us.

Reflections . . .

Auf Wiedersehen

by Jessie & Tony

In 2009 at age 19, I [Tony] arrived at Heartbeet from Germany. I came as a one-year coworker but soon felt a connection that would develop into so much more. When I left after the year, I knew I wanted to find a way to keep in touch with the people of this community.

On a shockingly cold January day in 2011, I [Jess] arrived from North Carolina. From the moment I crested the hill and drove past the Heartbeet sign, I sensed that I was landing somewhere special. Throughout the next four years I would continue to discover, time and time again, all that makes Heartbeet extraordinary.

In June of 2011, only 11 months after I [Tony] left, I came back to visit Heartbeet, and inevitably to meet Jess. The love for both brought me back shortly after. In October, I returned as a coworker and began studying Social

Therapy in the Community Based Extension program of the Camphill Academy. In August 2014 Jess and I were married at Heartbeet.



Amber Rose House

We have been fortunate to be a part of the significant blossoming of this community. We have been awed by its ability to make things happen, and equally astounded by the personal transformation and healing we've experienced. We both came with the intention of serving others. What we never expected was how deeply committed to supporting each of us everyone at Heartbeet would prove to be. Heartbeet is truly a light on the hill – a light that radiates individu-

al striving, radical interest in the other, and love in deed.

This spring we will be moving to Germany. Yet as our journey leads us to physically step away from Heartbeet, we are both looking to deepen our relationships to Camphill in new ways. In the coming year, Tony will be continuing his studies in Social Therapy at an Anthroposophical university in Mannheim, and Jess will be exploring ways to grow her connection to the greater Camphill movement. All the while, we'll be holding Heartbeet close to our hearts.

Welcome Leigh Holliday!

Leigh Holliday, our new office manager, currently hails from Peacham, Vermont where she lives with her husband Noah. Leigh recently relocated from Eugene, Oregon, where she graduated from the University of Oregon with a degree in English and a focus on medieval languages. She has worked at a variety of jobs, including working for an acupuncturist, where she became interested in the merits of alternative medicine and thinking outside the box. In her spare time Leigh is an artist, primarily a painter using acrylics and oils, and she also enjoys hiking, gardening, and cooking. She is very excited to be joining the Heartbeet family and looks forward to forging new relationships as the community steps into a new phase with the construction of the Community Center!



Kei & Leigh - Making new friends!

~ Save the date! ~

Join us for

Friends & Family Day

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Saturday, June 20
3 – 7 p.m.

Farm Tours - Music - Potluck Supper

Give the gift that works best for you!

There are many ways to contribute to Heartbeet's current and future projects. All types of donations are welcome and appreciated. Here are some ways you can give:

- **Network for Good:** Donate online at www.networkforgood.org
Search: Heartbeet Lifesharing
- **AmazonSmile:** When you shop at smile.amazon.com and select Heartbeet Lifesharing as a charity, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the cost of your purchases to Heartbeet! It's easy!
- **Gifts of Appreciated Securities (Stock)**
- **Matching Gifts:** Some employers will match charitable donations, doubling your gift! Check to see if your company has matching gift capacity.
- **Donations of Property**
- **Wills and Bequests:** Contact our office for additional information.
- **Material Donations**
- **Donate by Mail:** Heartbeet Lifesharing, Attn: Development, 218 Town Farm Road, Hardwick, VT 05843
- **Donations of Time and Talent** are also appreciated!

Want to give and aren't sure how? Contact our office at (802) 472-3285. We are happy to help!



Clare & Brittany



Heartbeet's fourth annual Seder

Mission:

Heartbeet is a vibrant lifesharing community that includes adults with developmental disabilities and interweaves the social and agricultural realms for the healing and renewing of our society and the earth. Community members live and work together, in beautiful extended family households, forming a mutually supportive environment that enables each individual to discover and develop his or her unique abilities and potential.

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Heartbeet is registered as a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation and its primary purpose is serving individuals with developmental disabilities. We are a youthful organization with significant capital expenses, so your support is greatly appreciated and can be directed towards the following areas of need: General Operations or Community Center.

Connor and
Kaylin

