

## Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program

### Heart of the Community: Rutland County Parent Child Center Expands & Evolves

**\$833,900**

Community Facilities  
Direct Loan

**\$387,600**

Community Facilities  
Disaster Relief Grant

**\$299,000**

VT Community  
Development Block Grant

**16,495**

People positively  
impacted

**70%**

VT children under 6 with 2  
parents in the work force

**75%**

Rutland toddlers without  
high-quality care access

#### Confronting a Community's Needs

In Rutland County, Vermont, high-quality child care is unavailable or difficult to find for many single parents and families with two working parents. Without nurturing environments, kids suffer immensely, so securing quality care for children who need it is a priority among parents, town leaders and non-profits. For 35 years, the Rutland County Parent Child Center (RCPCC) has tackled the tough issues affecting its vulnerable rural population, including opioid abuse, poverty and youth support.

#### Dedication in the Face of Disrepair

RCPCC's Director, Mary Feldman, envisions an open-access community hub that embraces families with a holistic approach to social services. The RCPCC is a non-profit organization that relies on outside contributions to sustain it, and its various facilities require extensive renovation and repair. Creating a modern, whole-family community center in a poverty-stricken area is a huge financial challenge, but the committed RCPCC leadership and staff were determined to make it happen.

#### Bringing Families Home

The RCPCC team will reimagine their Chaplin Avenue campus with help from a \$833,900 Community Facilities loan and \$387,600 grant. The 2Gen Whole Family Education Center will welcome and support Rutland families, and relieve persistent poverty in the area. Services and features will include educational programs for children and parents, community events, recovery meetings, daily free breakfast and other meals, and a food pantry to support and encourage wellness and nutrition.

**For program regulations and requirements, please go to the [USDA RD CF fact sheets](#)**



L to R: Intake Coordinator Kellie Ettori, Financial Director Ted Barnett and Executive Director Mary Feldman stand outside RCPCC's future 2Gen Whole Family Center at Chaplin Ave.

