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As the holiday season approaches, Parks Place  
Community Resource Center representatives say the organization  
is reflecting on the generosity and community spirit that make  
their work possible year after year.

“We are deeply thankful for all the support we’ve  
received this season,” Jennifer Tolaro-Heidbrink, executive  
director of Parks Place, said in a news release. “It’s incredible to  
see how our community comes together to care for one another.”

12 Parks Place extends heartfelt thanks to everyone who  
13 contributed to the recent diaper drive — and to the local  
14 businesses and organizations that hosted donation bins and made  
15 contributions to help keep area families supplied with this  
16 essential need.

17 The organization is also grateful to the Thomas  
18 Thompson Trust and the Fanny Holt Ames & Edna Louise Holt  
19 Fund for their commitment to an ongoing partnership through a  
20 three-year continuous grant, ensuring that Parks Place can  
21 continue providing vital services and programs to families in  
22 need.

23 “We’re also so appreciative of our board of directors,  
24 who not only provide steadfast support but also champion our  
25 mission throughout the community,” Tolaro-Heidbrink added.  
26 “Their dedication truly strengthens everything we do.”

27 As Parks Place looks ahead to the holidays, the team is  
28 seeking “holiday elves” — individuals, families, or organizations  
29 willing to purchase gifts for local children through the annual  
30 Holiday Gift Program.

31 Each year, Parks Places works with Chroma Technology  
32 to fulfill the wish lists of local children throughout the Windham  
33 Northeast school district. The organization is also welcoming  
34 monetary donations to help purchase food gift cards for families,  
35 so they can share a warm meal this holiday season.

36 This year, Parks Place says it has seen a significant  
37 increase in community members seeking assistance, including  
38 many families who have never reached out for help before. With  
39 the rising cost of living, these supports are more important than  
40 ever to help ensure local families can meet their basic needs and  
41 experience the warmth of the season.

42 Those interested in getting involved or donating can  
43 contact Parks Place at 802-463-9927, ext. 101, or  
44 [director@parksplacevermont.com](mailto:director@parksplacevermont.com).

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