

## **Building Bridges Across Generations: The Generations Vermont Initiative**

*Together, we can transform care in Central Vermont.*

Across our state, families are struggling to find reliable, high-quality child care, elder care, and support for adults with disabilities. Vermonters are doing their best within an imperfect system—but the need has outgrown current resources. Generations Vermont is stepping forward with a vision: to create a vibrant, intergenerational day services center where children, older adults, and adults with disabilities learn, thrive, and build meaningful relationships—together.

### **The Need Has Never Been Greater**

Vermont is one of the fastest-aging states in the nation.

- By 2030, Vermonters over 65 will make up **nearly 28%** of the state's population.
- Of Vermonters over 65, 38% have a disability and 40% are caring for someone with some form of dementia.
- At the same time, Vermont faces a **shortage of 8,752 child care slots**, including **5,000 for infants**.

Central Vermont is especially underserved. Since the closure of Project Independence in 2020, our region has had **no adult day center**, leaving families without essential respite, social engagement, and health monitoring services.

The gap is real. The need is urgent. And we have the opportunity to make powerful change!

### **A Proven Model for Stronger Communities**

Intergenerational day services are transforming communities throughout the world. We have numerous models that demonstrate the extraordinary impact of bringing generations together:

- Older adults experience less social isolation, improved mood, and increased purpose.
- Children gain empathy, confidence, and emotional resilience.
- Families receive coordinated, cost-effective support they can trust.

This model is more than care—it's community building.

### **Our Goal: A Place Where All Generations Thrive**

Generations Vermont will establish an attractive and inviting intergenerational care center in Central Vermont, offering:

#### **For Children**

- High-quality early childhood education
- Social-emotional learning strengthened through intergenerational interaction

### **For Older Adults & Adults with Disabilities**

- Personal care, including wellness monitoring and preventive supports
- Nutritious meals, and medication management
- Enriching activities and social engagement in a safe, vibrant community

### **For Families & Caregivers**

- Respite and peace of mind
- A trusted partner in care
- A supportive, community-centered environment

### **Our Vision**

Generations Vermont is building a future in which:

- Every Vermonter—at every age—has access to compassionate, high-quality community care.
- Caregivers are supported, not overwhelmed.
- Children grow up seeing older adults as friends, mentors, and valued community members.
- Staff, volunteers, and participants contribute to a culture of dignity, shared learning, and mutual respect.

With a sustainable funding model and a commitment to adaptability, Generations Vermont aims to serve as a **replicable, scalable model** for communities across the region.

### **Timeline to Opening**

**2024–2025** – Business planning, initial seed funding, stakeholder development

**2026** - Site engineering, building design; permitting; marketing and fundraising

**2027** – Financing complete; construction begins

**2028** – Construction completed; staffing, training, outreach, licensing

**2028 Opening** – The doors to Generations Vermont welcome their first participants!

### **Join Us in Building a Stronger, More Connected Vermont**

Your support will help create a place where children laugh, older adults find purpose, and families finally have the care they deserve. This is an investment in community, dignity, and the future of Vermont.

**We invite donors, partners, and community members to stand with us and bring this vision to life.**

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