

**Hinesburg Community Resource Center**  
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**Hinesburg Selectboard**  
**10632 VT Route 116**  
**Hinesburg, VT 05461**

Dear Selectboard,

February 13, 2014

We are writing to ask your consideration of allowing the Hinesburg Community Resource Center to establish a benefit shop in the old police station. It has been the dream of our board for many years to open a thrift store that could support our programs and be a resource for families in our community.

This model has been used with great success for many other non-profit organizations. The SCHIP resale shop in Shelburne has been a major donor to our programs for years. The Richmond Food Shelf is funded by its thrift store, and Neat Repeats (formerly Round Robin) in Middlebury has given over \$1.9 million dollars in grants to Addison County non-profit organizations in the 23 years that it has been in business.

Kathleen Patten, who has served on our board for many years, has owned and operated second hand stores and will bring her experience and knowledge as a leader in this project. With gardeners and handymen among us, we envision giving this building a facelift and creating a shop that will be an asset to our main street.

It is our hope and our vision that eventually we can generate enough business to allow HCRC to be self-sustaining while increasing our funds and improving our outreach. While initially our funding will be used to support our Food Shelf, Hinesburg Rides, Friends of Families and Emergency Funds, we hope to generate funds that can offer our support to other agencies and programs that serve our community.

We would love to meet with you to discuss this proposal in more detail and answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Laura Hoopes, HCRC Coordinator

On behalf of the Hinesburg Community Resource Center Board of Directors

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