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U.V.E.R. Announces Crowdfunding Campaign *Raising Funds for Two E-Bikes*

Sept. 21, 2021, White River Junction, Vt. – Earlier this summer, U.V.E.R., the Upper Valley’s first and only consumer cooperative delivery service, launched. U.V.E.R. is now partnering with The Local Crowd Upper Valley, a program of Vital Communities, to raise money for two e-bikes through crowdfunding. The campaign kicked off on September 1 and has reached close to half of its goal.

U.V.E.R. looks to raise \$6,500 to purchase two e-bikes to immediately add to their delivery fleet, speeding up deliveries from local businesses in the heart of the Upper Valley. The addition of these bikes will also allow for more environmentally sustainable delivery services.

“We plan to expand delivery services throughout the Upper Valley in a series of regional phases,” said Chris Acker, Founder of U.V.E.R. “As we grow, we plan on delivering from more local restaurants you love and eventually provide grocery and CSA drop-offs.”

This campaign offers rewards to individuals who donate money at certain amounts. All individuals who donate will receive an exclusive Founding Member U.V.E.R. sticker. Additionally, those who contribute more can claim an U.V.E.R. co-op membership or gift card.

Individuals can contribute to this crowdfunding campaign regardless of where they live. The campaign runs until Friday, October 1, 2021: <https://give.communityfunded.com/o/vital-communities/i/the-local-crowd-upper-valley/s/uver>.

Offline donations are also accepted. Checks should be made to U.V.E.R. and mailed to 30 South Main Street, Hanover, NH 03755.

About U.V.E.R.

U.V.E.R., Upper Valley Eateries and Restaurants, is the first consumer cooperative delivery service in the Upper Valley, offering delivery services from restaurants in the heart of the valley to you in your home. Chris Acker, a Hartford native, started U.V.E.R. to combat the toll third-party delivery services were taking on restaurant profits and worker wages at local businesses. Acker hopes U.V.E.R. will expand to offer delivery services from other restaurants in town as well as grocery stores: <https://uver.co>.

About The Local Crowd Upper Valley

The Local Crowd Upper Valley leverages the power of crowdfunding to cultivate a stronger ecosystem of investors, social enterprises, and local economy champions to support a local, green, and fair economy in the Upper Valley: <https://vitalcommunities.org/vital-economy/the-local-crowd-crowdfunding>.

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