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What has inspired you to give to Vital Communities? We started giving to Vital Communities around the time it was helping towns hold visioning processes, including our town of Thetford. We believe in acting locally to make change that benefits the world. Vital Communities was engaged in making change that was local, national, and global in its effects.

Concerns about the Upper Valley? We both have long term, ongoing concerns about global climate change, and more recently deepening concern about fair and accessible housing in the Upper Valley. It was never our intention to live in a gated community, yet it feels like that’s what our town is effectively becoming.

What gives you hope? When we interact with youth (now defined by us as under 30)—in a few years, it will be “under 40!” in our community, we come away encouraged and hopeful. Not only are they smart and knowledgeable, but they have emotional awareness and skills that it would seem will foster resilience and decency.

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Concerns about the Upper Valley? Simply put—workers. Whether considering nurses for DHMC or waitresses and others, we can’t continue having our local businesses close. The underpinning for recruitment efforts is affordable housing and leadership that wouldn’t normally arise spontaneously.

Concerns about the Upper Valley? There’s a kind of centrifugal force concentrating activity of all types in the center. For our region, this creates an economic, social, and political divide between the central economic engine and the outlying areas. As a region, we need to continually remind ourselves to counter the tendency to look inward geographically.

What gives you hope? The recent influx of “refugees” from other areas—often places where there have been imminent concerns about Covid and climate change—has the potential to spark a diversity of ideas and approaches, and could provide energy in positive new directions.

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Longtime Donors - Newbury, Vermont

What has inspired you to give to Vital Communities? Rick served on the founding board of Upper Valley 2001 and Beyond, Vital Communities’ predecessor organization. He joined all board members in kicking in to help the fledgling organization fly. Both within and among communities, Vital Communities provides inspiration and leadership that wouldn’t normally arise spontaneously.

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