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Dear Members of the Charlotte Selectboard,

Please consider this letter an application for \$2000 to support the work of our organization in the 2016 – 2017 town budget. We are very appreciative to be part of a community where helping others is understood and promoted as everybody's responsibility and are grateful to have this opportunity to request your support.

Lund helps children thrive by empowering families to break cycles of poverty, addiction and abuse. Lund offers hope and opportunity to families through education, treatment, family support and adoption. For 125 years Lund has helped Vermont's most vulnerable women, children and families. We are committed identifying society's most pressing needs and working with our state and local partners to address them.

Please find below specific programs offered by Lund. All of these programs are open to residents of Charlotte :

Residential Treatment for Substance Abuse and/or Mental Health issues

Lund is the only facility in Vermont where pregnant or parenting women can reside with their children while receiving treatment for mental health and substance abuse disorders which removes the primary barrier for mothers in seeking treatment. 26 women can live with up to two children under five years of age. The program includes trauma informed, family-centered clinical treatment, case management, family engagement for continued stability after discharge, parenting education, and developmental screening and assessment for children.

Independence Place

Transitional housing for seven pregnant or parenting women aged 16 and up and their children up to age 5. Staff members provide parenting support, child development education, and independent living skills instruction.

Reach Up

Lund provides Reach Up case management to young parents in Chittenden County helping to address barriers to self sufficiency such as incomplete education, lack of work experience and problems with transportation, childcare or health needs.

New Horizons Education Program

This fully licensed high school completion program is for pregnant or parenting young women aged 13 and up. It also offers Introduction to College Studies classes in collaboration with the Community College of Vermont as well parenting and life skills classes.

Community Based Substance Abuse Treatment

Our outpatient substance abuse program provides clinical treatment, group and individual counseling and Medication Assisted Treatment through the state's Hub and Spoke System (Care Alliance for Opioid Addiction).

Early Childhood Program

Our play based early childhood education program provides high quality early care and education to 50 children aged two weeks to five years. We have a 5 STAR rating in the state's STep Ahead Recognition System. We partner with the HowardCenter to provide therapeutic interventions in the preschool classroom. We work closely with parents and children to ensure that parents' housing, transportation, medical, developmental and educational needs are met.

Regional Partnership Program

This program is a partnership with the Department of Children and Families that sends substance abuse screeners out with DCF social workers on child welfare calls to families where parental substance use is a concern. Timely access to screening and referrals to treatment has led to increased positive outcomes for children.

Teen Pregnancy Prevention Outreach Program

Schools, community groups and other local organizations working with young people can invite panelists from Lund to come and share their stories and insight into the reality of life as a young mother. The staff members of this program also offer education sessions on birth control methods.

Family Education

Lund family educators visit clients in their homes to provide parenting support, address specific behavioral challenges, teach basic child development and ensure that families are well equipped to meet the needs of their children.

Kids-A-Part

The aim of this program is to keep children connected with their moms during the mom's incarceration. Lund's case managers and clinicians work with mothers inside the correctional facility and children and their caregivers in the community to keep lines of communication open and facilitate visits inside a child friendly space inside the correctional facility.

Adoption

Lund's full service adoption agency coordinates private infant adoption as well as working with the state through a collaboration with the Department of Children and Families called Project Family to find homes for older children living in state custody. We also offer lifelong post adoption support to families and counseling to birth parents and their families. Our 'Discovering Your Roots' programs helps adult adoptees and birth parents to reconnect or find out more information.

Last year Lund served over 4,400 individuals statewide. Here is a breakdown in relation to residents of Charlotte:

Family Education:	2
Reach Up	6
Total:	8

If you have any further questions about Lund or would like more information about our agency budget, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this request,



Barbara Rachelson
Executive Director

