

staff and volunteers at the Vermont Boys & Girls Clubs of America were busy organizing food donations and cooking meals for the holiday to provide hot meals to those who might not otherwise have had a Thanksgiving dinner at all. In Rutland alone, the Boys & Girls Club cooked enough food to feed 100 people, with many of the ingredients donated by local farms. In Montpelier, the Washington County Youth Service Bureau and Boys & Girls Clubs staff and volunteers prepared turkey dinners to feed homeless Vermonters and financially secure residents alike, producing a real community dinner.

In these tough economic times, community resources are vital to the well-being of all Vermonters. As these resources become scarcer, donations and volunteers become indispensable. Rutland and Montpelier are just a few examples of where Vermonters are volunteering in their communities this holiday season. I am proud to call Vermont home and to count these volunteers among my friends and neighbors. I commend them and all those who donated food for Thanksgiving meals, and I applaud all those who voluntarily step forward throughout the year to take the time to attend to the support and safety of Vermont's children and families.

I ask unanimous consent that press articles detailing the work of the Vermont Boys & Girls Clubs and volunteers be printed in the RECORD. These articles include "Boys and Girls Club serves local Thanksgiving dinner" published by the Rutland Herald on November 24, 2010, and "Thanksgiving Volunteers deliver—with community spirit—in Montpelier," published by the Times Argus on November 26, 2010.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the Rutland Herald, Nov. 24, 2010]

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB SERVES LOCAL
THANKSGIVING DINNER

(By Lucia Suarez)

The Boys and Girls Club of Rutland County hosted the annual Thanksgiving dinner as part of its food program, serving traditional Thanksgiving foods using local ingredients on Tuesday. Chef Ian Vair, food coordinator for the Boys and Girls Club, used mostly local ingredients donated through the Rutland Area Farm and Food Link as part of this year's Localvore Challenge.

Radical Roots Farm, Boardman Hill Farm in West Rutland, and Clark Farm in Wells donated all the food, he said.

Vair served roasted turkey, garlic mashed potatoes, stuffing, kale au gratin (in bechamel cream sauce), butternut squash casserole and Dutch apple pie to more than 50 hungry kids and their families. "We made enough for leftovers, enough food to feed about 100 people," Vair said. "It's two days of work."

Using the local ingredients for the dinner is part of the club's Localvore Challenge in collaboration with Sustainable Rutland. The challenge for Thanksgiving is to see how much of people's holiday dinner is from local ingredients, said Jim Sabatasso, coordinator for Sustainable Rutland. Local is defined as a 100-mile radius. "Thanksgiving is so much about the harvest," Sabatasso said.

Thirty families have signed up for the Localvore Challenge in Rutland, Sabatasso said. Using local foods is key for Vair, who tries to incorporate healthy carbohydrates and fresh vegetables to the meals he prepares at the club every day, he said. "I try to have fresh veggies in every meal," Vair said. "A lot of these kids are used to canned crap and they try fresh stuff and like it more."

Vair said the casserole is traditionally made with sweet potatoes but he used the butternut squash because it was available locally. Twelve-year-old Chyna Cast thought the food was great, her favorite being the garlic mashed potatoes, she said. "I think it's really good," Chyna said. "Actually, I think it's amazing."

The mashed potatoes seemed to be the biggest hit of the night. "I can have a mountain of potatoes on my plate for Thanksgiving," said Brooke Nuckles, director of the Center, an outreach program for 16-to-21-year-old members.

Through the food, Vair teaches the club's youths, especially those from the ages of 16 to 21, skills about cooking and the importance of healthy eating, he said. For the Thanksgiving dinner, kids from the 6-to-15-year-old group helped chef Vair make the pies and slice the bread for the stuffing. "It's great to see the kids, with their aprons on five nights a week in the kitchen," Nuckles said. "We are so thankful to the farmers of Vermont and lucky to have access to all the food."

[From the Times Argus, Nov. 26, 2010]

THANKSGIVING VOLUNTEERS DELIVER—WITH
COMMUNITY SPIRIT—IN MONTEPELIER

(By Peter Hirschfeld)

Montpelier—For 364 days a year, the Washington County Youth Service Bureau/Boys and Girls Club operates programs that bring stability to the lives of local children and teenagers. But every Thanksgiving, the organization's 40-member staff transforms into a full-service catering crew.

Since 1972, the Youth Service Bureau has cooked up one of the best-attended free dinners in the state on a holiday devoted to food. On Thursday, in the festively decorated basement of the Bethany Church in Montpelier, diners enjoyed a meal made possible by hundreds of hours of volunteer labor.

"Look at this place—it's absolutely full," said Montpelier City Councilor Jim Sheridan. "Especially in these times, there's a need for something where the disabled, the disadvantaged, the needy, can come together, socialize and enjoy a good meal. It's just a wonderful thing."

Karena LaPan, a receptionist at the Youth Service Bureau, was the organizing force behind this year's meal. More than 200 people ate turkey and all the traditional fixings at Bethany Thursday afternoon. The Youth Service Bureau delivered another 290 prepared dinners to residents across the city. "It's unbelievable how many people are willing to donate time, money or food to making this possible," LaPan said. "We all get a lot of enjoyment out of it."

Volunteers roasted about 35 turkeys this week to get ready for the event. On Wednesday, Youth Service Bureau staff spent the day in the Bethany kitchen over steaming kettles of potatoes, squash and other Thanksgiving standbys. Kreig Pinkham, executive director of the Youth Service Bureau, said the all-inclusive meal draws financially secure residents eager to break bread with neighbors, as well as more vulnerable people who wouldn't be able to afford it otherwise.

"It's a wonderful mix we get here," Pinkham said. "We get the homeless population coming in as well as families who don't want to make a full meal at home. It creates a really rich environment that's satisfying to be a part of."

Washington County Senator Bill Doyle had a full turkey leg with lots of gravy on his plate shortly after noon Thursday. It was his 12th consecutive Thanksgiving dinner at Bethany and he said that difficult economic times have made efforts like these even more important. "You can see the difficult times reflected in the number of people here today and the enthusiasm they have for a meal like this," Doyle said. "It says something about the community, this church and the Washington County Youth Service Bureau that this is available for whoever wants to come enjoy it."

Sheridan said events like the one Thursday are part of what make him proud to live in the Capital City.

NATIONAL ALZHEIMER'S PROJECT
ACT

Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, I rise today to commend members of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions and Members of the Senate for their support of the National Alzheimer's Project Act, S. 3036. In particular, the committee was helpful in strengthening the National Alzheimer's Plan and the annual reporting requirements to Congress that include the articulation of goals, benchmarks, priorities, recommendations, and tracking outcomes.

This legislation is focused on changing the devastating trajectory of Alzheimer's disease for our families and our economy. Alzheimer's disease is a debilitating illness that affects more than 5 million Americans and their families every day. The growing number of Americans expected to be affected by this disease, which is estimated to reach up to 16 million people by 2050, will continue to place an enormous burden on families and loved ones, not to mention the serious fiscal consequences to consider if we do not act now to address this disease. If nothing is done, studies report that Alzheimer's disease will cost the United States \$20 trillion over the next 40 years.

With no current plan to address Alzheimer's, this important piece of legislation would lay the foundation to coordinate all Federal Alzheimer's programs and initiatives, including research, clinical care, institutional cared home- and community-based programs. The bill also ensures that a national Alzheimer's plan will be implemented by the agencies and Congress.

This bill will leverage existing leadership to offer real solutions to the Alzheimer's crisis. The National Alzheimer's plan called for in this bill will, for the first time, articulate what outcomes the Federal Government is seeking to reduce the impact of this crisis. It would allow Congress to assess whether the Nation is meeting the challenges of the disease for families, communities, and the economy. It

would give all stakeholders an answer the fundamental question, “Was this a good or a bad year in the fight against Alzheimer’s?”

The National Alzheimer’s Plan will include appropriate performance measures and benchmarks to allow legislators to evaluate progress in the fight against Alzheimer’s. The assessment and priority recommendations will likely address issues such as the underinvestment in Alzheimer’s research. By addressing Alzheimer’s disease and dementia directly, the National Alzheimer’s Plan will also call attention to the many steps that can be taken to improve recognition, diagnosis and care for people with these conditions, reduce symptom severity, support family caregivers, and encourage “healthy brain” behaviors that may reduce risk for these conditions.

With the leadership of the Federal Government and input from all stakeholders, including Alzheimer’s patient advocates, health care providers, State health departments, voluntary health associations, and researchers, this bill would allow an opportunity for all worthy entities addressing Alzheimer’s, including organizations at the State and at the national level, to come together on advisory council to make recommendations and implement a national strategic plan to overcome this dreadful disease. The advisory council will also ensure buy-in, leadership, and coordination of all related Federal agencies conducting Alzheimer-related care, services, and research.

One of the principal objectives of the advisory council is to represent a broad range of expert stakeholders within the Alzheimer’s community to provide input and recommendations to the Federal Government on a national strategic direction for combating Alzheimer’s disease. When crafting this legislation, the sponsors were careful to include patient advocates, caregivers, and providers who serve at the front lines of Alzheimer’s care and who understand on a personal level the toll of this disease on patients and their families. Additionally, sponsors of S. 3036 included representatives of State health departments and Alzheimer’s researchers who have expertise regarding the impact of this disease on public health as well as the state of the science in discovering prevention methods, treatments, and cures. Lastly, sponsors sought to include national voluntary health associations on the council, who provide invaluable research, care, support services, and advocacy tools for patients, caregivers, and local organizations throughout the country. It is our intent that two national organizations have representation on the council.

The threat that Alzheimer’s disease poses to the health and wellbeing of our Nation demands an aggressive and well-coordinated response. This bill creates the first-ever national plan to combat Alzheimer’s and ensures that every dollar spent on the disease will

be used to get the best possible care for patients. At a time when medical research funds are too scarce and we are struggling to provide quality health care for all Americans, for the first time we will be able to assess all Federal efforts related to Alzheimer’s disease, ensure existing resources are maximized, enhance the delivery of quality care, and support the kind of research that will one day result in a cure for this devastating disease.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-8339. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of a national emergency declared in Executive Order 13222 with respect to the lapse of the Export Administration Act of 1979; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8340. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Spiroxamine; Pesticide Tolerances” (FRL No. 8850-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8341. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Metrafenone; Pesticide Tolerances” (FRL No. 8854-6A) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8342. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “N,N,N’,N’-Tetrakis-(2-Hydroxypropyl) Ethylenediamine (NTHE); Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance” (FRL No. 8851-8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 29, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8343. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Polyoxyalkylated Glycerol Fatty Acid Esters; Tolerance Exemption” (FRL No. 8852-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 29, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8344. A communication from the Director, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Establishment of New Agency; Revision of Delegations of Authority” (RIN0524-AA63) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8345. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, five Selected Acquisition Reports

(SARs) for the quarter ending September 30, 2010; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8346. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 10-113, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel’s Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8347. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Extension of Attainment Date for the Atlanta, Georgia 1997 8-Hour Ozone Moderate Nonattainment Area” (FRL No. 9234-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8348. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Georgia: Stage II Vapor Recovery” (FRL No. 9234-4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8349. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; North Carolina: Hickory-Morganton-Lenoir; Determination of Attaining Data for the 1997 Fine Particulate Matter Standard; Correction” (FRL No. 9235-5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8350. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; North Carolina: Greensboro-Winston-Salem-High Point; Determination of Attaining Data for the 1997 Fine Particulate Matter Standard; Correction” (FRL No. 9235-4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8351. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Addition of National Toxicology Program Carcinogens; Community Right-to-Know Toxic Chemical Release Reporting” (FRL No. 9231-5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 29, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8352. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Quality Designations for the 2008 Lead (Pb) National Ambient Air Quality Standards” (FRL No. 9230-4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 29, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.