

OUR CHALLENGE

The collapse of local journalism has created a crisis for democracy, and it is affecting how many folks across our country receive trusted news and information. Vermont is no exception. Many residents no longer get the information they need to understand the critical issues facing their community, to make good decisions for their family, and hold elected officials accountable. Vermont Public has partnered with Report for America in recent years to help with this major challenge. Reporters Anna Van Dine, Lexi Krupp and more recently, Carly Berlin have brought fresh perspectives to urgent situations like the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as underserved areas of the state and critical issues such as housing.

REPORT FOR AMERICA

BACKGROUND

Report for America is a national program that recruits young reporters and directs them to communities in need across the United States. News organizations make the case that they have urgent gaps in coverage, then talented, emerging journalists apply to serve these communities.

Report for America pays about half the salary. Locally, the other half is paid by Vermont Public with support from donors.

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The Report for America corps members get world-class training from our local experts, at the beginning of the term and throughout the service years. The term is a two-year commitment between the corps member and newsroom with an option for a third year.

Support essential Vermont coverage where it is needed most

OPPORTUNITY

In partnership with Vermont Public, Report for America can harness the skills and perspectives of an emerging group of journalists plus the creative spirit of local news organizations. This opportunity provides the foundational reporting newsrooms like Vermont Public's can build on to cover underserved and underreported areas and topics.

Meet our past and present Report for America corps members:

CARLY BERLIN joined Vermont Public and VTDigger in 2023 as a Report For America corps member in an effort to expand coverage of housing and infrastructure in Vermont.

Berlin's reporting has included stories about the rise and regulatory response to short-term rentals across the state and the low flood insurance uptake by Vermont homeowners.



LEXI KRUPP joined Vermont Public in 2021 as a Report for America corps member, covering Vermont's Northeast Kingdom and Upper Valley.

During her tenure, Krupp has reported on a wide range of topics, spanning the history of copper mining in Vermont to community-building in an Upper Valley book club for veterans.



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