

About the Vermont Eastern Star Home, Inc.

The Vermont Eastern Star Home was Incorporated in 1923 for the purpose of operating a long-term care facility for needy and aged Eastern Star Members. A Board of Trustees was responsible for the financial responsibilities of the Home. In order to run the home effectively, residents had to turn over their social security checks as payment. A portion of that money was set aside for them for personal use.

What we now call Rob Morris Day, historically was held at the Home in Randolph, and all members of OES were invited to attend. A meal was served by the Home and Chapters assisted with desserts and drinks. In return members were asked to bring non-perishable items or give a cash donation to assist with the sustainability of the Home. A church service was held, and we continue this tradition today. After the meal was a time for socialization with the residents and each other. This was and still is a much looked forward to event each year.

In 1988 the Home discontinued operation. The last resident, after being placed elsewhere was provided for, for the remainder of her life.

With the close of the Home, the Board requested and applied to the IRS, that they keep their then 501c3 status, and utilize funds for other needy Eastern Star members, as well as individuals in our community and other charitable organizations.

With the sale of the Home, and the application to the IRS to keep our 501c3 status, the Vermont Eastern Star Home, Inc., as we know it, was born.

In 2024 The Vermont Eastern Star Home, Inc. became a private charity with the IRS.

"I was encouraged to apply and I am so glad that I did.

I am 33 years old and really wanted to be able to really smile for my "best girl". I had not been raised to take care of my teeth and when I got the courage up to ask my long time girlfriend to be my wife, I knew that I wanted to be able to smile when she walked down the aisle to me.

I had utilized all that my insurance would cover and couldn't afford the rest of what needed to be done to give me back my smile.

Thank you Vermont Eastern Star Home, Inc. for giving me and my fiancé, "she said yes by the way", my smile. I am so thankful for the assistance you gave me and will forever be in your debt."

Applicant, Rutland

This quote was given with express permission of the applicant. All applications are kept confidential.

Vermont Eastern Star Home Inc.

For More Information or
To Have an Application Mailed to You

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Here to Assist our Membership, as
well as our Neighbors through...
Truth, Charity, and Loving Kindness

→ What Can We Help With?

The Vermont Eastern Star Home, Inc. has helped Vermont Members and other Vermont Residents with the following:

- Dentures and other types of Dental Work
- Glasses and other vision care
- Hearing Aids
- Chair Lifts, so that people can stay in their homes
- Utility Bills including heat, electricity
- Adaptations to one's home for better access. (Ramps/Bathrooms) in partnership with VCIL
- Major home repairs (roof, chimney, etc.)
- And much more

→ We Cannot Help With:

- Credit Card Payments
- Payment of Salary/ Employment
- Reimbursement for Bills Already Paid
- Auto Loan Payments
- Financial Assistance to a Chapter or Grand Chapter in need.
- Storage Units
- Nursing Home Care
- Cell Phones, Internet, or TV subscriptions
- Personal Loan Payments
- Attorney Fees
- Purchase of Tombstones

The IRS governs how we can assist with our benevolent fund and as such, the financial assistance to Grand Chapter or Chapters in need, as well as organizations that do NOT have 501c3 status with the IRS cannot be considered.

→ Who Have We Given To?

Each year the Vermont Eastern Star Home, Inc. gives to the chosen charity of the current sitting Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. This is presented to them at Grand Chapter each June.

In addition to this the following organizations, have been given regular donations. (This list is not all inclusive, and is subject to change by the vote of the Board of Trustees, of which is voted on annually)

- American Heart Association
- The Vermont Food Bank
- Vermont Paws and Boots
- VNA and Hospice
- Make A Wish
- Special Olympics
- Ronald McDonald House
- The Alzheimer's Association
- And Many More...

→ Important Things To Remember:

- Applications MUST be completed in full.
- Your Chapter Secretary or any Board Member can provide you with a copy.
- Payments will ONLY be made directly to the vendor.
- Applicants MUST have exhausted ALL other means of assistance before applying to this fund.
- The Vermont Eastern Star Home, Inc., has assisted Vermonters, members and non-members for over 30 years as a fund and for over 100 years, since it's inception in 1923.