

## **Williston Rotary donates \$3,500 to 'Split the Ticket' fuel program**

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The Williston Rotary has donated \$3,500 to the Patch Chit Split the Ticket Program. The money will provide fuel help for next winter. The Patch Chit fuel assistance fund was established by the Vermont Fuel Dealers Association more than two decades ago to provide a safety net during the cold winter months. “We thank the Williston Rotary for providing Vermonters in need with another place to turn,” said VFDA Executive Director Matt Cota.

Vermont heating fuel dealers are, for the most part, small family-owned businesses that live in the same community where they work. They see the need first-hand and are often the first to respond in a crisis. There are many Vermonters who are in need but do not qualify for heating assistance programs, and for more than 20 years VFDA’s Patch Chit program has been there for them. The program provides an opportunity for Vermont’s heating fuel retailers to continue a proud tradition of giving back to their communities.

Here is how it works: VFDA member companies agree to donate a delivery of up to 150 gallons to a customer; those pledged gallons, or chits, will be matched with donations from the community. All money collected will be used to “Split the Ticket.” VFDA’s Fuel Assistance Program is one of several efforts by Vermont’s heating fuel retailers to help those who need assistance the most during the winter. VFDA works with community action agencies, Habitat for Humanity, the Vermont Heating Assistance Program, low income advocates and the Vermont Military Families Assistance Fund to distribute fuel to those in need.

**To find out more about VFDA’s Patch Chit *Split the Ticket* Program [CLICK HERE](#) or call 802-223-7750.**