

Good morning Richmond VYP team,

I met with Robin Katrick last week regarding fundraising goals and how the business community in Richmond and around the county and state can support this very important initiative. After meeting with her, and Justin Graham of RiseVT, it became quite clear that our community needs to find a long term lead who can devote a few hours to the program each week. Stefani has volunteered her time for the last few months but has been searching for someone to step into the position long term for a while now. Robin explained the duties of the Community Lead role to me and also reviewed the resources they have available to support the lead in each community. In addition we are fortunate to have the support of Justin and Rosy (again of RiseVT).

Having had the weekend to contemplate if I could be a good fit for the role I have accepted with a couple of things in mind. I am presently very active in the business community in Richmond and will only become more so in the future. Our business association also has been getting closer and closer to town and school officials in the last six months. While I am not as tied into the school system as might seem appropriate we have two incredible connections for the youth project already who are (Ben White and Sara Mabley) and Robin assures me that this is not prohibitive for me to perform the duties of the role. Finally with my own children being quite young I have a long-term vested interest in seeing this program through and working with you all (and others who decide to participate) in the months and years to come. Ultimately I think I can help coordinate the rollout of this program effectively and want to do everything I can for the youth of our area.

I'll be meeting with Robin to start coordinating the rollout of community meetings to take place in February and will be in touch for help with that planning. Please stay tuned and do let me know if you have any question/concerns. Hope everyone had a nice weekend!

Best,

Tim