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Working to assure everyone has access to a full life on Martha's Vineyard

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Chilmark Board of Selectmen, :

For years, we have enjoyed using the Community Center for potluck dinner dances and other social gatherings of our members and friends. We generally have an event twice per year. We are a small organization with limited funds and are asking that the rental fee be waived for our upcoming dance on November 5. We are happy to make the cleaning deposit and strive to leave the center in great shape when we leave. We appreciate getting the waiver in the past.

VIP is a thirty-year-old partnership of individuals with disabilities, their family members, and friends working—and playing—to ensure that opportunities for a full life on Martha's Vineyard are available to all. V.I.P. offers what is not often available to people with disabilities, especially once they leave school resources behind. Our funds go directly to supporting activities so that ability to pay is not a barrier to participation. Through sliding-scale scholarships such as paying half the membership cost of the Y and Rising Tide Equestrian Center, members are able to participate in community activities that may otherwise be out of reach financially.

We do not charge admission to events at the Community Center; we do ask for donations to help cover the cost of the band or DJ. Donations at the event cover a small part of the cost.

Thank you for your consideration,


Allison Burger
board member