2020 Annual Report



"People say, 'What is the sense of our small effort?' They cannot see that we must lay one brick at a time, take one step at a time. A pebble cast into a pond causes ripples that spread in all directions. Each one of our thoughts, words, and deeds is like that. No one has a right to sit down and feel hopeless. There is too much work to do"

- DOROTHY DAY, 1897-1980

Celebrating 5 decades of

Making Life Better



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO:

REFLECTIONS ON 50 YEARS OF SOCIAL JUSTICE WORK

Now more than ever it's about social justice.

Unity House's golden anniversary comes at a time when we have so much to reflect on as a community, as an organization, and as individuals. Unity House has always focused on meeting people where they are with an array of practical services that empower. We help people identify their strengths and needs, draw upon their abilities, and access community resources.

In a time of pandemic, in an organization that offers essential services, we saw great challenges. We were tested, often, but we were not alone. While so many of our steadfast volunteers – always vital to the fulfillment of our mission – had to pause new ones showed up to help, in new ways. Donations of all kinds- from cash gifts to hand sanitizer – showed up when they were needed. It's impossible to overstate the obvious: the pandemic challenged us all professionally and personally.

Of course, the economic fallout related to the COVID-19 pandemic meant our services were needed more than ever. We saw significant increase across the board for help and services. I am so proud of our staff, who showed great agility, creativity, and perseverance. The people who came to us for help were often faced with

a new kind of desperation, compounded by the ripple effects of the pandemic, if not directly by illness.

When I consider how far Unity House has come since 1971 and the changes we've seen in the past year, I am ever more grateful to our founders. Our founders' vision, dedication, and commitment 50 years ago are what makes it possible for us to help people today. I salute them and the many people who join in this important work.

Also worthy of our praise and respect are those who come to us in need. I remain inspired by the people who come to Unity House asking for help, not always an easy thing to do. Their courage and strength to work toward a better life, despite what are sometimes tremendous obstacles, is inspiring.

To those who have been a part of this journey, we say thank you. For the many ways you have helped fulfill our mission, I am forever grateful for your support. It is a privilege to share in this work.

With gratitude for all you do,

Chris Burke

Chief Executive Officer

Program

1: NUMBER OF MERGERS

In 2020, Unity House merged with Northeast Career Planning Services. Originally founded as The Workshop in 1954 and now a program called Northeast Career Planning at Unity House, the program helps people overcome barriers to employment. The merger has broadened the service offering and expanded the reach of the services for people who benefit from employment, training, and education. The person-centered services promote recovery and leverages strategic partnerships.



Breaking through Barriers to Employment



Highlights

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

11,416 individuals received emergency food Pantry, totaling 342,480 meals.

21.257 meals served, most of them Grab 'n Go during peak pandemic.

935 deliveries of food pantry groceries to vulnerable households, a new service, necessary during COVID-19.

71 Households helped through a medically-tailored pantry, Food as Medicine, a new service that home delivers healthy and medically tailored foods to people in need.

585 households helped during the holiday season: Thanksgiving Food Packages in November and Toys/Needs in December. This is part of the agency-wide Children's Holiday Program that serves over 1,500 children across Unity House programs.

639 Pre-Screenings and 84 Households helped with SNAP benefits, commonly known as food stamps, through the Nutrition Outreach Education Program.

1,132 Parents assisted through Basics for Babies program.

1971

Unity House opens its doors on 8th street staffed by three volunteers: Mary Jane Smith, Regis Obijiski, and Peter Callaghan.



1973

The volunteer staffed speech therapy program for children got funding from the Rensselaer County Youth Bureau. Unity Sunshine Preschool broadens its focus to serve children with a range of developmental delays.



Even with a global pandemic

92% occupancy

In our 33 bed shelter for victims of domestic violence

The Unity House Law

Project celebrated 20 years assisting with

needed legal services.

able to expand services

to help not just victims

residents of Rensselaer County. Last year the program provided legal consultation and representation to 384

of domestic violence but also low income

people.

In 2020 the program was

94% families

fell below the poverty line



Domestic Violence Services

Offering safe space to all victims of domestic and dating abuse



228 individuals received legal supports and

268 individuals (147 adult, 121 children)

were in one of our housing programs, including permanent, rapid re-housing, transitional.

2,975 hotline calls answered, including hotline launched in summer 2020.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES

196 adults and 82 children served in our shelter for victims of abuse.

1355 individuals received services in

the non-residential side of the program, a challenge given much of the office staff had to pivot to contact-less service delivery.

51 participated in support groups.

56 text messages on the new Text-for-Help

A CHILD'S PLACE AT UNITY HOUSE

407 children received special education services.

5 months: time in which therapeutic services were delivered virtually.

82: days in which teachers provided instruction virtually.

438: number of telehealth sessions provided.

2,444: number of individual preschool teletherapy sessions provided.

85: Number of children served in Universal Pre-K, in collaboration with school districts.



Unity House assisting Troy's poor



1975

Following much controversy, Unity House's first Community Residence is opened for adults living with mental illness. Many of our residents had become homeless as a result of the statewide deinstitutionalization policy, and then became stable members of the community with housing and other supports.

1978

First domestic violence shelter opens, following years of providing non-residential services to victims of domestic violence. Transportation program is established and begins providing rides to medical appointments and day treatment programs for clients living with mental illness.

1979

The Supervised apartment program begins, to serve clients who no need the 24/7 support of a community residence program.





Housing Support Services and Case Management

For adults living with mental illness, HIV/AIDS, chronic medical conditions, and/or chemical dependency

HOUSING SUPPORT SERVICES

52 Classes provided in PROS (Personalized Recovery Oriented Services, for adults recovering with mental illness).

262 Individuals received Health Home Care Coordination and Outreach.

66 Single adults and **32 families** received services from our Community Housing Assistance Program (CHAP).

203 Adults lived in our Supported Housing for adults living with mental illness or HIV/AIDS.

93 Adults housed by Transitional Apartment Services (TAS).

35 Individuals found a home in one of our Community Residences.

40 Young adults and **MICA** (mentally ill/chemically addicted) consumers utilized case management services while living independently.

311 individuals were served by our Nursing Services and **3 Individuals** were served in the situational crisis bed.

VOLUNTEERS

Less density of people at job sites combined with older volunteers taking a pause, meant fewer volunteers at a time when needs were higher. Fortunately, new, college age volunteers were able to fill in some gaps while pitching in on new projects, necessary for the changing times.

75% drop in volunteers

18-22 average age of new volunteers onboarded

100+ amount of summer fun bags volunteers assembled and distributed as part of youth, summer outreach which connected families to resources and children to fun.



Volunteer Program

Helping out across
Unity House programs
and sites

5 Truckloads in donated clothing in a year when everyone cleaned out their closets. Despite ReStyle being closed to shoppers, gently used clothing was given to families in need thanks to help from personal shoppers who organized existing stock and volunteers who help sort clothing donations.

250+: Number of tutoring hours provided by Unity House volunteers to school age children in need of extra support due to loss of in-person learning.



1981 Chris Burke starts work at Unity House as an Associate Director.



1984 Unity House opens the Bargain Basement at 12 King Street, our original thrift store.

1988

Unity House begins its Nutrition Outreach Program, assisting those eligible for food stamps, WIC, and other food entitlement programs to enroll.

1990

Supported Employment program expands, with funding from VESID, to offer employment training for jobs.

Supported Housing program begins, with funding from Office of Mental Health.

Financials



2020 Financial Information

Unity House of Troy, Inc.

Statement of Activities for the Year Ending December 31, 2020

OPERATING SUPPORT AND REVENUE

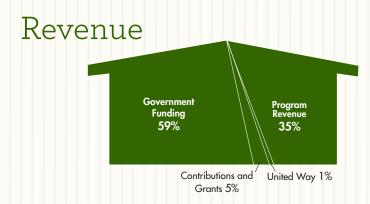
Total Operating Support and Revenue	\$25,523,312
Interest Income	\$13,768
United Way	\$67,998
Contributions & Grants	\$1,242,197
Program Revenue	\$8,941,441
Government Funding	\$15,257,908

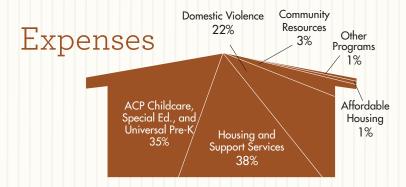
OPERATING EXPENSES

Total Operating Expenses

A Child's Place-Childcare, Special Ed., and Universal Pre-K	\$8,785,167
Housing and Support Services	\$9,448,162
Domestic Violence	\$5,418,043
Community Resources	\$741,625
Affordable Housing	\$204,821
Other Programs	\$228,695

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Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	\$696,799
Non-Operating Surplus(Deficit)	\$286,558
Surplus/(Deficit) including Capital & Investment Income	\$410,241





The 2020 Unity House Annual Report reflects all gifts made from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. Unity House expresses its heartfelt thanks to the thousands of donors who generously committed their resources to support the organization's mission. For a complete list of donors, please refer to our website: www.UnityHouseNY.org.

Unity House is a not for profit 501 (c) (3) organization.

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For a complete copy of our audited financial report, please visit the website for the NYS Attorney General's Charities Bureau (www.charitiesnys.com) or call Diane Cameron Pascone at 274-2633 ext 4133.

A Year Like No Other

When our grandchildren ask about COVID-19,

what will we tell them?

PPE stands for Personal Protective Equipment, but it could also stand for Plenty of Purchases Everywhere.

As an essential service, our doors never closed but we did have to adapt work spaces and service delivery to accommodate the demand for distance and safe spaces.

1,000+ Masks, handsewn, donated to Unity House Aside from the logistical challenges of social distancing staff, volunteers, and guests, there was the cost to our routines and spaces. Mountains of Personal Protective Equipment had to be sourced. In the early months of the pandemic, it was important to reserve medical-grade items, like face masks, for front-line medical workers. Fortunately, Unity House benefitted from a talented army of seamstresses and other crafters who made cloth face masks

and donated them. Our staff helped get over 4,000 masks where they were needed: to residents in our community residences, to guests in our shelter, and to the many visitors to who frequented services like our food pantry. Since many of the working poor who come to Unity House are also considered essential workers, PPE like a cloth face mask was important.

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75% is the increase in costs associated with necessary COVID-19 cleaning and PPE protocols

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Across all Unity House programs and services, you can find children. With generous support from individuals, local businesses, groups, and faith communities, we are able to help over 1.500 children with wants and needs at holiday time. In a time of social distancing, gift gathering looked a little different but we still had groups 'adopt' Wish Lists of children's wants like toys, and needs, like underwear. There were also toy drives, gift cards donated. and grants of funds made. There was also the woman who dropped off over 500 pairs of children's pajamas, collected by family and friends all year long, they are in tribute to the Unity House domestic violence case worker who helped her leave a bad situation long ago.

1991 Mary Jane Smith, Executive

Director retires. Assistant
Director Chris Burke promoted
to Chief Executive Officer.



1993-94

Safe at Home initiative launched accompanied by a year-long schedule of events promoting awareness about the needs of victims of domestic violence. This effort was spear-headed by volunteers: Betsy Voss, Leslie Ellis, and the late Kathryn Allen.

1994

Program to house people living with HIV/AIDS begins.

Later, *The Safety Zone* opens shop as safe, drop-in center for at risk LGBTQ+ youth.



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1995

John Baackes

Alexandra Baackes

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert P. Backus

First Sunday Supper, at RPI Executive Dining Hall. These later become Harvest Supper.



1997/1998

Domestic Violence Services program begins Teen Dating Violence Prevention Program and collaborative programming with Family Court and Department of Social Services

Guy H. Castine and Kevin Sykes

2000

The Unity House Law Project begins, providing free legal consultation and representation to victims of DV, later expanding to help others as well.

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2001

Mary Jane Smith and John Henry Lyons establish the Deuteronomy Fund at Unity House, to cover client emergencies when all public and private help has been exhausted.



Steve Frazee

2001/2002

DV Services Program begins collaboration and colocation of staff with Child Protective Services as well as collaboration with District Attorney's office. Rensselaer County Probation office and Troy Police Department, all of which are designed to enhance safety and justice for victims of domestic violence.



2004

A nurse is hired to assist adult housing clients with the management of increasingly complex medication regimens.

Elana and Steven Kamenir

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2005

Carole Kruse

Maggie Kuhl

Kathleen Kunkel

Pauline E. Kubizne

Maureen A. LaBrecque

Free medical clinic for victims of domestic violence established in collaboration with Albany Medical Center Department of Family Practice.



2007

Marie Mastrianni

Domestic Violence Services program begins collaboration with Hudson Mohawk Humane Society, which shelters pets of victims of DV while they seek refuge.



Jill Nagy

2008

Unity Sunshine I and II are accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, Unity Sunshine Preschool is eligible to apply for and received accreditation in 2010.

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2010 Unity Sunshine Preschool Albany opens in the Mansion neighborhood. later partnering with school district to offer community based UPK.

Ruth F. Richards



Casey Ryan

Catherine Sager

2011 Unity House celebrates 40 years.



Leslie Stein

Shellev Stein

2012

Sojourner Place, the DV residence that serves as shelter, opens. It is a 33 bed facility that improves ability to house victims in flexible configurations.

Hon Paul Tonko

Bethany Hospitality in downtown Troy becomes part of Unity House and later moves to the Front Door.

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2013

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The Front Door opens, called The Massry Building for the transformative gift from the Massry Family. This community resource center becomes the hub for most Unity House services.



2017

B'nai B'rith Gideon Foundation

Bouchev & Clarke Benefits

Bob Talham, Inc.

Bottle and Can Depot

Working Together with CEO and Capital Roots to provide hundreds of families at Thanksgiving with a complete feast.

A Child's Place becomes the new name for children's programming and services at Unity House.



2018

Unity House Law Project expands to help Unity House consumers outside of domestic violence services program.

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2019

Rensselaer County Regional

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Mary Jane Smith Day celebrated at Unity House to honor legacy of Mary Jane Smith (1928-2017). Food programs expanded and consolidated and ReStyle adopts standardized pricing.



The Howard & Bush Foundation

2020

Career Planning.
Genoa Pharmacy opens at Front Door.
Pandemic in March 2020 means limited access, but by early 2021 the pharmacy is dispensing Covid-19 vaccines to the public.

Plans announced to merge with Northeast



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March 2020

Pandemic conditions mean community shut-downs. As an essential service, Unity House never closes, but drastically alters service delivery to accommodate for need for social distancing, masks, and clean spaces. Unity House workforce adapts and many staff pivot to mobile work-force and work from home.

"YOU CAN QUOTE SCRIPTURE, BUT I'M GONNA QUOTE DOROTHY DAY."

– Mary Jane Smith to Regis Obijiski, 1970's his recollection by Regis Obijiski of an early exchange with one of his co-founders, Mary Jane Smith, sums up a lot about the early days of Unity House and sheds light on the question: how and why do you help people? To start, you meet them where they are at.

Unity House was founded by Regis Obijiski, Peter Callaghan, and Mary Jane Smith. Only Regis remains to tell the stories about how they were called to serve.

Our founders came from a religious life: Peter and Regis were Franciscan Brothers and Mary Jane was a Sister of St. Joseph. The 1970's was a radical time. It took courage for people who felt called to serve to say, in essence, to their leaders, "I am going to live among people in need rather than serve in institutions. That is where I will make a difference."



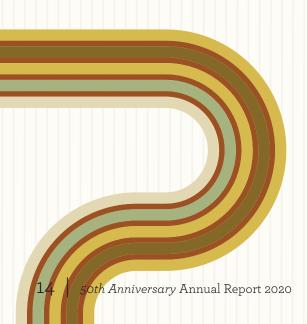
It was a time of reforms. Notably, Vatican II, which sought to bridge gaps between the Catholic Church and the modern world. The goal was to provide clarity and relevance. Priests facing the congregation and saying mass in the common language rather than in Latin, for example, were changes to make the church more accessible. Creating a 'Street Ministry' like that at Unity House, came from the same wellspring of new ideas.

On the ground, Unity House was well-received: by the people who came for help, by those who wanted to help make a difference, and by those who saw the positive effects.

Eventually, Unity House became a secular non-profit. Whether it was the words of the Good Book or those of a rabble rouser like Dorothy Day, the work is the same: help people in need whether you are called to do so or simply because it's the right thing to do.

Since those early days Unity House has grown. Today it is a human service organization with a bigger scope, scale, and footprint than our founders might have imagined. Its core values remain the same: that everyone is to be treated with compassion and respect, to honor their inherent dignity and offer hope.

You could call that a prayer or you could call it common sense. It is work anyone, especially our founders, can support wholeheartedly. The work continues – with gratitude for our foundation and hope for our future.



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Our Mission

Unity House is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for:

- People living in poverty
- Adults with mental illness
- Victims of domestic violence
- Children with developmental delays and their families
- People living with HIV/AIDS
- Others whose needs can effectively be met by Unity House services and philosophy

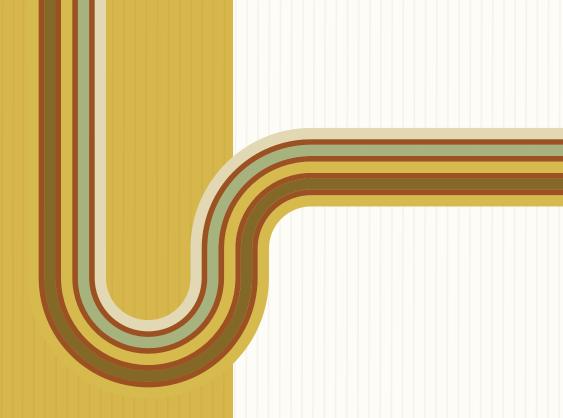
Unity House provides direct service and works toward social justice. We help individuals identify their strengths and needs, draw upon their abilities and access community resources. We educate, collaborate with others, and advocate to influence public policy and create awareness of the people we serve and the issues they face.

Core Values

With passion and integrity, Unity House embraces the view that everyone deserves equal economic, political, and social rights. We work together to open the doors of access and opportunity for everyone, particularly those in greatest need.

Our Vision

We will serve and empower people in need. We will achieve the highest quality services through wise stewardship and a caring staff. We will transform our services in response to the changing needs of the community. We will guide our future by our compassionate past.





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