



As Spring reminds us of growth and new beginnings, I am grateful for our dedicated staff, inspired every day by the perseverance of the people we serve, and incredibly thankful for the support of our community. It leaves me speechless... which, as many know, isn't very typical for me. Saying goodbye to the long and what seemed like endless winter should serve as a reminder to all of us that no matter how hard (and cold) the season, renewed energy returns and the life that was lingering under the surface emerges in its full splendor. As with the season, we are all moving forward with hope and purpose.

David L. Bach
Chief Executive Officer

We share this update to reassure you, our donors and supporters, that your continued trust and generosity make this work possible. Your support helps ensure that even in the face of loss, hope, care, and safety remain constant.

There is a long road ahead, but we are deeply grateful to have you by our side as we move forward.



Moving Forward Together: Resilience in Action

How community, commitment, and compassion carried our mission forward after the fire at the Kathryn Allen Center

In the early morning hours of January 4th, our organization experienced a devastating fire that destroyed the Kathryn Allen Center, home to our non-residential Domestic and Sexual Violence Services Program. While the loss was profound, what followed was a powerful testament to resilience, teamwork, and the enduring spirit of the woman for whom the building was named—someone committed to safety, dignity, and care for others.

Staff lost offices, personal belongings, and the comfort of familiar routines. Yet not a single essential service was interrupted. Survivors and those affected by domestic and sexual violence continued to receive advocacy, support, and critical services without pause. Our teams met uncertainty with determination, professionalism, and compassion—ensuring that no one seeking help was turned away.

We are grateful to share that our non-residential Domestic and Sexual Violence staff have now moved into new long-term “temporary” offices at 79 102nd Street in Ross Tech Park. Making this transition required extraordinary effort and collaboration, and support from colleagues across the agency who stepped in to share space, resources, and encouragement when it was needed most. Moments like these reveal the true strength of an organization. Guided by shared purpose and the legacy of Kathryn Allen, our staff rose to meet every challenge together.



What's New



A Child's Place now operates the
Children's Center at the
Albany County Family Court



Domestic Violence Services has now
expanded to Domestic and Sexual
Violence Services



547 River Street, Troy, NY

Hours of Operation

Monday and Friday
9am-2pm

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
9am-6pm

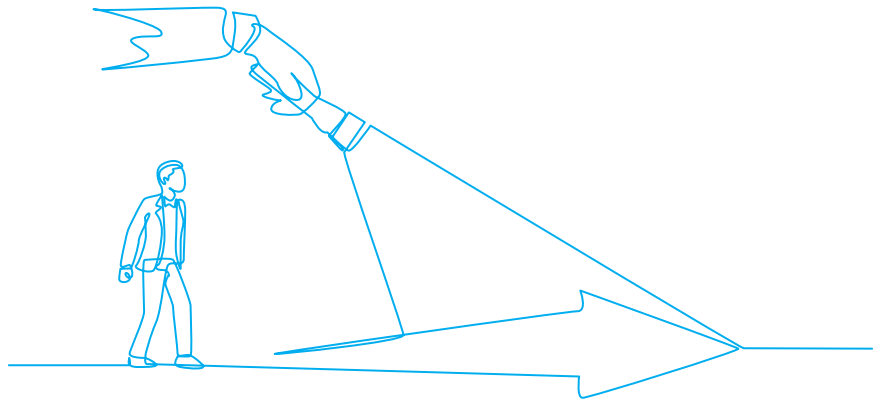
Donation Drop Off Days

Tuesday and Thursday

Have questions about ReStyle Thrift Store?

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A Father's Journey Forward

When our Housing Support Services team first met "Phillip", he was carrying more than just his belongings; he was carrying the weight of wanting to be a father again.

From the beginning, his love for his children was unmistakable. He spoke about them with a blend of hope, fear, and determination. Phillip knew what he wanted, but the road toward visitation, recovery, and long-term stability felt overwhelming, like a path he could see but didn't yet know how to navigate alone.

So, we walked that path with him.

Our team connected him to behavioral health and recovery supports, not as boxes to check but as lifelines he could hold onto. As he learned to trust the process, we taught him how to advocate for his needs, how to reach out for support on his own, and how to build the skills that would carry him long after our part in his journey.

Phillip remains deeply committed to staying engaged with the services that support his healing and growth, bringing him closer to more time with his children, and perhaps one day full custody. His journey as a devoted father is a powerful reminder that true stability is built not only through housing, but through meaningful partnerships, unwavering persistence, and a steadfast belief in what's possible.

Mark Your Calendar



July 13

Golf FORE Unity House
at Schuyler Meadows Country Club



October 22

Evening of Unity
at Loft 433

Click each event title above to learn about registration, sponsorships, and more. Questions? Please reach out to events@unityhousesny.org

Creating Opportunities from Scratch!

Unity House is excited to launch its new Pizza Teaching Kitchen, a hands-on program designed to help youth ages 15-24 gain valuable job skills while exploring opportunities in the food service industry. Participants will learn everything from culinary techniques and food safety to customer service, teamwork, and financial literacy, all while gaining real-world experience in a professional kitchen environment. While construction continues



on the future home of the program, A Nun and Two Friars Pizza Kitchen, our team has already begun preparing recipes, programming, and training for the first group of participants. Program Director, James Arrant, says, "We couldn't be more excited to open the Pizza Teaching Kitchen. Growing up in the hospitality industry played a huge part in



Pizza Teaching Kitchen Assistant Director, Terrik Kobryn, and Director, James Arrant, stand in front of the future home of A Nun and Two Friars Pizza Kitchen building.

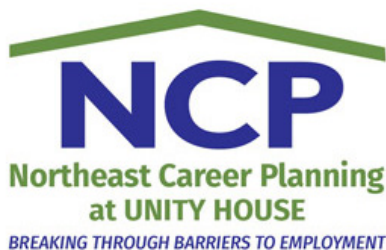
shaping who I am, teaching me invaluable skills and life lessons that reach far beyond food service. I can't wait to work alongside our cohorts and help students build these same skills, setting them up for success both in and out of the kitchen." Director of Food and Nutrition Services, Tim Pascucci, says, "Our Pizza Teaching Kitchen is more than a place to cook, it's a place where people gain real restaurant experience, learning front-of-house service, back-of-house operations, communication with the public, and the responsibility of being part of a professional team. Through hands-on training and ServSafe certification, we're preparing the next generation with the skills and confidence to succeed in the workforce."

Program Highlight

Northeast Career Planning

Building Futures, One Goal at a Time

Empowering individuals to succeed in the workforce is at the heart of Northeast Career Planning at Unity House. We support individuals in identifying their strengths, setting meaningful career goals, and building the skills needed to thrive in today's workforce. Through programs like the Pizza Teaching Kitchen, participants gain hands-on, real-world training that provides opportunities to develop skills and gain valuable experience as they take meaningful steps toward employment. With guidance from dedicated employment specialists, participants receive personalized support as they navigate each stage of their journey, from exploration to employment. This individualized approach not only opens doors to opportunity but also builds confidence, independence, and long-term success.



Remembering a Valued Leader

We would like to pay tribute to Samuel A. Strasser, who passed away recently. Sam served on the Northeast Career Planning Board of Directors for many years, and his passion for our work and those we serve was truly cherished. He leaves behind an enduring legacy of generosity and service—one that will be remembered by everyone whose lives he touched. Our sincere condolences to his wife, Henda, and the rest of his family, as well as all who loved him.

Where Summer Comes

Alive

The Unity House Traveling Summer Camp is getting ready for another season of adventure. Designed for children ages 6-12, the camp brings kids out into the community to explore state parks, visit museums, enjoy hands-on activities, and experience the many enriching destinations our region has to offer. The program is free for eligible families and provides a safe and joy-filled way for children to learn, grow, and make the most of the summer ahead.

1980



Blasts from Summers Past!

2009



2025



DID YOU KNOW our summer camp has been serving our community for over 40 years!

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