

**MISSION:** To support and empower people of all ages to reach their goals of personal growth and self-sufficiency. We strengthen communities.

**VISION:** To offer effective solutions to social issues in the communities we serve.

**TAGLINE:** Lifting people up, building brighter futures.

**ABOUT:** CAPTAIN Community Human Services one of our community's most recognized and dynamic human services community-based agencies today as a result of the December 2017 merger between CAPTAIN Youth and Family Services and Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Community Human Services.

CAPTAIN Youth and Family Services was founded in 1977 when a group of concerned parents, teens and community members came together to create a grassroots organization to help troubled teens. Since then, CAPTAIN (formerly Community Action for Parents, Teens and Interested Neighbors) developed into one of the most recognized and highly respected volunteer-driven organizations serving the principal needs of youth, individuals and families in Saratoga County and beyond. For over 40 years, CAPTAIN had been providing programs that address the core issues facing our society today, including homelessness, poverty, youth violence, hunger, academic failure, family dysfunction, and human trafficking. CAPTAIN approached and continues to approach these issues through numerous programs and services.

Community Human Services was founded in 1976 as a result of a community-led effort to address the lack of resources available for youth and their families. CHS had been serving the needs of families, children and individuals in Northern Schenectady and Southern Saratoga Counties for over 41 years, focusing their programming efforts on families with children and children with disabilities as well as support for our community's seniors. These programs now fall under the umbrella of CAPTAIN Community Human Services, including job match and employment skills, family support and respite services, and Care Links of Southern Saratoga County, which helps to keep people aged 60+ living independently in their home as long as possible. In addition, the Wellness Express Transportation Program provides free transportation to medical appointments to area seniors.

Combined, CAPTAIN Community Human Services has over 30 programs and services that address the needs of the community, and will be positioned in strength and flexibility to face the new challenges and issues that will arise. We continue to work hard to lift people up and build brighter futures.

The ongoing success of these programs is due, largely in part, to an extremely strong and dedicated <u>CAPTAIN CHS Volunteer Corps</u>.

# **OUR PROGRAMS**

### **HUNGER**

Food Pantry
Free Summer Meals
Thanksgiving Baskets
Bread Giveaway
What's Cooking

# **HOMELESSNESS**

Youth Shelter

Solutions to End Homelessness Program

**Street Outreach** 

Supportive Housing for Homeless Youth

# ECONOMIC CRISIS

Family Assistance

Adopt-A-Family

Coats for CAPTAIN

**Bike Works** 

**Toy Shop** 

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Safe Harbour

**CAPTAIN's Treasures** 

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

Volunteer Program

Community Service

Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Social Workers

Community Education Programs

# **EMPOWERMENT**

**Getting Ahead** 

Peace Camp

Homework Help

High School Equivalency

Care Links

Wellness Express

**Senior Services** 

Family Support Services

**CAPteens** 

**Family Mentoring** 

Job Assist

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