# CAPTAIN



Runaway Homeless Youth Programs

March 2025



### Jersey Mike's Day of Giving

Jonathan Trager (Jersey Mike's franchise owner), Kate Gurley (Board member) Angela Thompson (Family Support Program Manager), Rob Picotte (Board Member), Nicole Armour (Shelter Administrator), Jefferson Weidman (Runaway Homeless Youth Program Director).



## Street Outreach



Street Outreach Program Manager, Michael and Case Manager, Briar at the CAC for the MCRO event

CAPTAIN Street Outreach partnered with JERSEY MIKES to hold a fundraising event. Employees gifted t-Shirts and thank you cards to customers. The event gave Street Outreach the opportunity to spread information to the public while raising proceedings for CAPTAIN.

CAPTAIN worked with regional Rennesselaer Office of Children and Family Services for the MCRO event which included a safe shelter, transportation and the basic necessities to many youth while offering networking opportunities within the community. This event included the following departments; Child Protective Services, NY State Police, Nathan Littauer RN's, counselors, psychiatrists, and supported staff.

- Interagency Awareness Day April 2nd
- 9am-12pm Saratoga City Center
  Mobile Drop-In at the Saratoga High School April 3 11am-1pm
- Wellness Fair Fulton Montgomery Community College April 22nd 1130am-230pm
- Youth Advocacy Group 3/9

#### **Shout Outs**

- JERSEY MIKE'S for holding a fundraiser while donating 100% of the proceedings to CAPTAIN.
- · Healthy Capital District for providing a lunch to CAPTAIN Employees.
- Saratoga Cleaners for providing men and women dress clothes for the RHY Program.

#### **JERSEY MIKE'S** "DAY OF GIVING"









CAPTAIN employees had the opportunity to participate and engage in a Professionalism training that included lunch from Healthy Capital District.

# SHHY

On March 20th, SHHY residents attended the **Saratoga Job Fair**! Transportation is important for securing stable employment, so this fair was particularly geared towards SHHY by featuring all local Saratoga businesses within walking distance or along public transit routes.

Adding to the supportive environment, therapy dogs were on-site to help ease any job-search anxiety, making the experience even more welcoming. After exploring career options, submitting applications, and networking with potential employers, residents took advantage of their time at the Saratoga Library by signing up for library cards.

We wrapped up the day back at Intrada with a **pizza dinner**, where even more residents joined in. Over slices of pizza, everyone shared their thoughts on the jobs they found most exciting, comparing opportunities and talking about next steps. It was a day filled with encouragement, progress, and a reminder that no one is on this journey alone!



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#### Thank You Bikes of TOGA!!!!



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BETTERING MY
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-EM

Bikes of TOGA kindly donated a beautiful bike to one of our residents who was looking for transportation assistance for beginning their new job. The resident also received a brand-new helmet, flashers, and lock to travel safe!



### SHHY's Participation in Community Initiatives

New York State Police Missing
Child Recovery Operation
SHHY was honored to serve as
a "team member" during the
recovery operation. We stood
ready to provide immediate care,
essentials, and comfort for
recovered youths while
documenting key information to
aid the effort.

Jersey Mike's Day of Giving
SHHY was also thrilled to
represent CAPTAIN at the
Saratoga location where we
greeted customers and shared
program information. Thank you,
Jersey Mike's for your continued
support!



# Youth Shelter



#### **Shout Outs**

Elks Lodge: for giving the Shelter a sizable grant for groceries, activities, and hygiene products.

### An Unforgettable Birthday



When asking the youth what they wanted for their birthday/what special meal she wanted. The youth stated, "No one has ever cared about my birthday." Staff made sure she had an amazing birthday while at the Shelter.

#### Needs

- Baking Sheets
- Clothing Racks
- Entertainment gift cards
- Shelving
- Multipurpose Sports
   Table



Jersey Mike' Day of Giving 3/26 Queensbury, NY

This month, youth enjoyed the sneak peek of spring weather by going to Lake George for the St. Patrick's Day Parade. They also enjoyed getting some fresh air at Gavin Park. Thanks to the amazing donors, the youth were able to enjoy a few meals out of the house at their favorite restaurants.