

# CAPTAIN



## Runaway Homeless Youth Programs



### STREET OUTREACH



Street Outreach was invited to Gloversville High School to table for their Wellness fair.

Street Outreach also took part in this year's PIT count. The Point-in-Time (PIT) Count is an annual nationwide effort to count individuals experiencing homelessness on a single night. Our team traveled around the Gloversville and Saratoga area to conduct surveys, collecting data for our area to share with CARES.

## January 2025

### Trainings

This month, The Street Outreach team completed trainings in the following areas to support our program:

- New York State Anti-Harassment Training
- Working with Youth and Navigating Vicarious Trauma
- Boundary-Setting Between service Providers and Youth

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!



### Shout Outs

- **Peace Together Project** for donating 160 pairs of gloves, 140 beanies, 200 pairs of socks, and 100 hand warmers.
- **CAPTAIN's Executive Director, Andy Gilpin**, for receiving the Community Hero Award.
- **Amsterdam High School** for reaching back out to schedule a tabling event at the High School.
- **Glove City Taxi** for partnering with CAPTAIN for servicing our Clients with transportation.
- **The Congregational Church** for the generous \$180 Walmart gift card for Clients needs.

*Thank You!*



Picture above is the Organizer And Owner of Peace Together Project and our Street Outreach Team receiving a very generous donation.



Picture above represents a reward ceremony at the Siena basketball game honoring our Executive Director, Andy Gilpin, who was nominated for the Community Hero Award!!

# Supportive Housing for Homeless Youth

## Envisioning Goals for 2025

January is a time for setting New Year's resolutions and goals. Each month, SHHY individuals focus on achieving one to two short-term goals, such as securing employment, applying for benefits and or, overcoming barriers. The SHHY residents joined in on the tradition this year by creating vision boards together! This month, we transformed our goals from words into visuals by creating vision boards.

Each resident wrote their goals on the back of their poster, then searched through magazines to find pictures and words that represented their goals. One resident was so inspired by the activity that they asked me to hang their vision board in the SHHY office, hoping it would motivate new residents to embrace the program!



## Updates

This month, SHHY partnered with the Street Outreach team to attend the Gloversville High School Wellness Fair. While tabling at the event, we conducted surveys with students on outreach engagement and the hygiene products they find most essential. This feedback will help us better meet the needs of the youth we serve and allow us the opportunity to share more about our program.

SHHY would love to give a huge shout out and thank you to the Saratoga YMCA! The YMCA had organized a shoe drive, and they chose to donate the collected shoes to CAPTAIN. We generously received **60 pairs of shoes** from the community!



Car trunk completely full with shoes

# Youth Shelter



## UPDATES



This January, the youth at our RHY Shelter enjoyed a series of exciting outings. From seeing Moana 2 at the movies, bowling at Spare Time, a fun-filled meal at Subway and Mr. Pizza, and an action-packed day at Sky Zone. These moments of excitement are more than just activities; they provide our youth with cherished memories, a break from daily challenges, and a reminder that they are valued and cared for. We extend our gratitude to everyone who made these experiences possible. Your kindness continues to bring smiles and hope to the youth in our care!

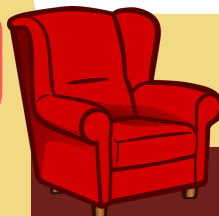
With February break just around the corner, we're looking for ways to keep our youth engaged and creating memories during their school vacation. Whether through in-house crafts and games or outings to local attractions, we would greatly appreciate donations to make the school vacation a wonderful time!



**"I have really enjoyed making friends here!"**

### A Youth's Perspective

Within minutes of arriving at the shelter, the youth was in the kitchen talking to the other kids. Less than 20 minutes later, all the kids were outside playing basketball and listening to music in the fresh snowfall. By their 4th day here, the youth asked if everyone could go to their basketball game to watch them!



## Donations

We're giving our shelter a much-needed refresh, and we need your help! We are on the lookout for **paint, painting supplies, living room furniture, and bed** donations. The Youth Shelter would love to repaint some of our rooms and add new furniture, creating more welcoming space for the youths we serve.

If you or someone you know can donate painting supplies, furniture or even volunteer time, we'd love to hear from you! Every contribution helps make our shelter feel more like home.



**This is an example of a room we are looking to refresh at the shelter**