

Community Outreach Campaign 2011-2012

Agency Overviews

A Better Chance of Clinton

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A Better Chance, Inc. is a national, independently financed program organized to place talented and strongly motivated students of color in academic programs at outstanding public and private schools throughout the United States. The ABC experience focuses on preparation of its graduates for success in college and in life.

Clinton's ABC program began in 1972 through the efforts of Don Potter, a geology professor at Hamilton College, and a group of like-minded colleagues and local citizens. Each year eight students attend Clinton High School and live at the ABC house on Campus Road, supervised by Resident Directors who receive room and board. A part-time cook is paid to provide the evening meal. Support for the Clinton A Better Chance program comes entirely from local sources with no aid from the national organization. Hamilton College work-study students act as tutors for the program.

Abraham House

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Abraham House is rooted in the philosophy that we provide our guests with a secure, loving environment while providing physical care as well as emotional and spiritual support for the terminally ill in our community at absolutely no cost to the guest or their family.

AIDS Community Resources

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Syracuse, NY 13204
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AIDS Community Resources (ACR) is a not-for-profit, community-based organization providing prevention, education and support services to those infected with and affected by HIV/AIDS in the Central, Northern, and Mohawk Valley regions of New York State. From July 2005 – June 2006, ACR provided support services to a combination of 1119 HIV positive clients and their families. 10,927 individuals were reached through prevention and education services.

American Red Cross

Utica Chapter
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Utica, NY 13501
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The American Red Cross Utica Chapter is committed to providing emergency response and preparedness services including disaster, health and safety, elder services, service to the military and their families, and a wide array of youth services. Through our Strategic Plan we are working to • Mobilize volunteers and donors • Inspire new volunteers and supporters • Maintain strong financial and support systems • Ensure quality and effective service deliver. Serving Augusta, Boonville, Bridgewater, Deerfield, Forestport, Kirkland, Marcy, Marshall, new Hartford, Paris, Remsen, Sangerfield, Steuben, Trenton, Westmoreland, Whitestown, The Town of Web and the City of Utica.

Boys and Girls Club of the Mohawk Valley

755 Lansing Street
Utica, NY 13501
Contact: Wayne Baran, Executive Director
Tel: (315) 724-2524

In every community, boys and girls are left to find their own recreation and companionship in the streets. An increasing number of children are at home with no adult care or supervision. Young people need to know that someone cares about them. Boys & Girls Clubs offer that and more. Club programs and services promote and enhance the development of boys and girls by instilling a sense of competence, usefulness, belonging and influence. Boys & Girls Clubs are a safe place to learn and grow -- all while having fun.

Catholic Charities of Oneida-Madison Counties

1408 Genesee Street
Utica, NY 13502
Contact: Kathleen C. Eichenlaub, Executive Director
Tel: (315) 724-2158
Fax: (315) 724-5318
Web: <http://catholiccharitiesom.org/>

Catholic Charities is dedicated to enacting Christ's teaching by responding to people and their needs through service, advocacy convening and empowerment. The Community assistance program serves more than 10,000 people each year by providing food, infant formula, diapers, clothing, or financial assistance to purchase needed medicines or help with housing costs. Catholic Charities provides an array of confidential support services to persons of all backgrounds, without regard to their religion, gender, marital status, ethnicity, race or financial means.

Center for Family Life and Recovery, Inc.

401 Columbia Street

Utica, NY 13502

Contact: Cassandra Sheets, CEO

Tel: (315) 735-2236

Web: <http://www.familyservicesmv.org>

Family Services of the Mohawk Valley, Inc. established in 1912, provides a broad variety of professional counseling, case management, school based social work programs, and related services to individuals, families, couples, children and seniors throughout Oneida and Herkimer County. Services are provided in the communities through home visits, at school sites, and at our sites in Utica, Rome and Herkimer

Mission Statement

Family Services of the Mohawk Valley strengthens family life through advocacy, education, prevention, counseling and a diverse variety of quality human service programs in the home, school and community.

Clinton Arena

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Clinton, NY 13323

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Tel: (315) 853-5617

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Web: <http://townofkirkland.org/content/Parks/View/1>

Clinton Central School District Foundation

75 Chenango Avenue

Clinton, NY 13323

Contact: Glen MacGregor

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Web: <http://www.ccs.edu/community.cfm?subpage=27746>

The mission of the Clinton Central School District Foundation is to promote and support excellence in education in the Clinton Central School System. The Foundation's basic premise is that there is no more important gift we can give to our students and to our society than a high quality educational program.

The Foundation will provide additional resources to the Clinton Central School District in collaboration with the School Administration and the Board of Education to support programs that would be beyond the scope of the annual operating budget of the school system.

Clinton Early Learning Center

198 College Hill Road

Clinton, NY 13323

Contact: Amy Franz, Director

Tel: (315) 859-4176

E-mail: childcare@hamilton.edu

Web: <http://www.hamilton.edu/childcare/>

The Clinton Early Learning Center is a non-profit organization which has been providing quality care for children aged 18 months through 5 years since 1973. The Center is housed in Root Dormitory at Hamilton College, but is otherwise independent of the college. The Center offers programs for three different age groups:

- Toddlers range in age from eighteen months to three years.
- Preschool range in age from young threes to young fours.
- Pre-K range in age from four to five years.

Greater Utica Community Food Bank

112 Bleeker Street

Utica, NY 13402

Contact: Yanet Stanley

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The Greater Utica Community (GUC) Food Bank is the largest pantry in 11 upstate counties providing nutritious food to between 3000 and 4600 families per month -- 64% of whom are children. Since 2002, the number of people served has risen at a rate of up to 30% per year yielding an increase of 100% over that time period. The GUC Food Bank is the only pantry that delivers meals to clients who are disabled or home-bound or who have no transportation to the city from rural areas. Other programs include a back to work program that helps train people in interviewing skills and other life skills to make gainful employment possible, and a free clothing/furniture/baby item give-away program for those in need.

Hope House

130 Eagle St.

PO Box 161

Utica, NY 13501

Tel: (315) 793-3723

Email: info@hopehouseutica.org

Web: <http://www.hopehouseutica.com/>

Established in 1992, Hope House served 74,939 meals in 2006. The hungry and homeless of the inner-city Utica area have come to rely upon at least one daily meal at Hope House. We have also provided countless hours of safe haven from the streets for the people who are our guests, many of whom feel that they come to Hope House to be with "Family". In many instances, we constitute their only stable and caring environment. We also help our guests find the other resources in the community which they may need to make their lives bearable. We allow our premises to be used for health screenings as well. We are here for them, seven days a week, including weekends and holidays.

Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc.

4277 Middle Settlement Road
New Hartford, NY 13413
Tel: (315) 735-6484 or (800) 317-5661
Serving Oneida, Herkimer and Eastern Madison Counties

Hospice is a comprehensive health care program for people who have been diagnosed with a terminal illness. Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. is an independent nonprofit organization governed by a community-based Board of Directors; and staffed by trained professionals and dedicated volunteers. Hospice neither hastens nor postpones death. It is a support system designed to promote quality of life, explore goals of care and enable the patient to remain at home in the company of loved ones or any other environment of the patient's choosing. Caregivers receive instruction and support from Hospice staff in caring for their loved one. Hospice adds life to one's days, not days to one's life.

The Kirkland Art Center

9 ½ East Park Row
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Clinton, NY 13323
Contact: Kathleen Teodoro, Executive Director
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Web: <http://www.kirklandartcenter.org>

The Kirkland Art Center was established more than 40 years ago in the second floor of the town library as a meeting place. From the beginning there were classes, exhibitions, films, concerts and lectures. The KAC is now an active, regional, multi-arts center, located in an old church, barn and connecting addition, on the village green. The nature of the activities and mission has stayed steadfast, but with the support of the community, members, volunteers, funding sources and guidance from the NYSCA, our programming has broadened. Demonstrating quality, diversity and multi-cultural programming, both at our facility and off-site, the KAC has become a major cultural force in central New York and through cooperation with other cultural institutions has developed a network of services and opportunities for artists and art lovers of all disciplines.

Kirkland Town Library

55 1/2 College Street
Clinton, NY 13323
Tel: (315) 853-2038 or
TTY: (315) 853-1785
E-mail: clinton@midyork.org
Web: <http://www.kirklandtownlibrary.org/>

The Mission of the Kirkland Town Library is to provide residents of the Town of Kirkland with recreational, informational, and cultural opportunities. Central to its mission are informational services that stimulate intellectual life, preserve cultural and historical heritage, and instill a love of learning among the young and the young at heart.

Legal Aid Society of Mid-New York, Inc

255 Genesee Street, Second Floor

Utica, NY 13501

Contact: Paul Lupia, Executive Director

Tel: (315) 732-2131

Web: <http://www.lasmny.org>

The Legal Aid Society of Mid-New York, Inc. is a not-for-profit law office that provides free legal information for civil (non-criminal) legal problems, advice and representation to people who can't afford a lawyer in Broome, Cayuga, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego and Otsego counties. They also serve farm workers anywhere in New York State.

Legal Aid clients come from many different backgrounds: they are working people, families and people with disabilities; they are senior citizens, veterans, and people who get public benefits; they are U.S. citizens, immigrants and refugees, and temporary workers. Qualification for services is based on income and family size. Those 60 or over, and victims of family violence, may qualify for services even if not low-income. Legal Aid provides free, trained interpreters for people with limited ability in English and people with hearing impairments. All phones have voice/TDD access and access to interpreters in over 150 languages.

Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees

309 Genesee Street

Utica, NY 13501

Contact: Peter Vogelaar, Executive Director

Tel: (315) 738-1083

Web: <http://mvrcr.org/>

We promote the well-being of culturally diverse individuals and families within our community by welcoming our new neighbors, refugees and immigrants, and by providing individual and community-centered activities designed to create opportunity and facilitate understanding.

We aid immigrants by enabling individuals and communities to promote and sustain their cultural identity. We aid refugees by providing people displaced by persecution with a renewed certainty of home and life. We aid our community by forging cultural competence and by building bridges within the community. We offer a combination of programs and services that teach refugees practical life skills that enhance their ability to integrate into the community; that build individual and community capacity to integrate our new neighbor into the local Utica community.

We foster an atmosphere of understanding and tolerance through the engagement of individual clients, the refugee/immigrant community and the local community.

Our services include...Refugee Resettlement, Refugee Health and Family Services and Referrals, Interpretation and Translation, Immigration and Naturalization, Cultural Competence Training, English as a Second Language, Employment, Technical Assistance, Cultural Consulting, Cultural Events.

Oneida County Habitat for Humanity

PO Box 312

Utica, NY 13503

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E-mail: info@oneidacountyhabitat.org

Web: <http://www.oneidacountyhabitat.org>

As the locally run affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, we are an ecumenical Christian organization working in partnership with people in need to build and renovate decent, affordable housing in Oneida County. To accomplish these goals, we invite people of all backgrounds, races and religions to join us in building houses together.

Planned Parenthood

1424 Genesee St.

Utica, NY 13502

Contact: Margaret Roberts

Tel: (315) 724-6146

Web: <http://www.plannedparenthood.org>

The mission of Planned Parenthood Mohawk Hudson, Inc. is to empower every individual to make responsible and informed decisions about sexual and reproductive behavior.

Planned Parenthood Mohawk Hudson (PPMH) grew out of the merger in 2000 of Planned Parenthood Association of the Mohawk Valley and Planned Parenthood Health Services of Northeastern New York. Twelve health centers serve the 12 counties of Essex, Fulton, Hamilton, Herkimer, Madison, Montgomery, Oneida, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Warren and Washington. Because of the steadfast commitment of staff, volunteers, and donors, no one in our area has to try to make it all alone when it comes to reproductive health care, sexuality education or counseling, or advocacy. Planned Parenthood Mohawk Hudson can meet these needs due to our strong base of support. We welcome new clients at all of our health centers. New volunteers and donors may contact either of our administrative offices for information.

Resource Center for Independent Living

409 Columbia Street

PO Box 210

Utica NY 13503-0210

Tel: (315) 797-4642

Fax: (315) 797-4747

TTY: (315) 797-583

Web: <http://www.rcil.com>

“RCIL is a civil rights organization offering a wide range of independent living and advocacy services for and – most importantly – with people with disabilities. Our underlying assumption is that there should be “no limits” placed on people, regardless of disability. The basic human right of participating in society as a self-determining individual must extend to all citizens. Each of us has the capacity – and responsibility – to be a proud, contributing member of our community.

Runaway and Homeless Youth Program (Mohawk Valley Community Action)

9882 River Road

Utica, NY 13502

Contact: Linda Wilkinson, Family Resource Director

Tel: (315) 339-2649

Web: <http://www.mvcaa.com>

This program provides crisis mediation for youth and families. It also offers crisis (short-term) shelter with OCFS certified Volunteer Interim Families as well as referrals and advocacy with the goal of reuniting families.

Salvation Army

14 Clinton Place

Utica, NY 13501

Contact: Captain Frank Picciotto

Tel: (315) 724-8736

Web: http://www.salvationarmy.org/ihq/www_sa.nsf

The Salvation Army is an integral part of the Christian Church, although distinctive in government and practice. The Army's doctrine follows the mainstream of Christian belief and its articles of faith emphasize God's saving purposes. Its objects are 'the advancement of the Christian religion...of education, the relief of poverty, and other charitable objects beneficial to society or the community of mankind as a whole.'

The movement, founded in 1865 by William Booth, has spread from London, England, to many parts of the world.

Stevens-Swan Humane Society of Oneida County

5664 Horatio Street

Utica, NY 13502

(Off Rt. 12N - Just past the Riverside Center)

Tel: (315) 738-4357

Web: <http://www.stevens-swan.org>

The Stevens-Swan Humane Society (SSHS) of Oneida County is a private nonprofit organization that provides a safe haven to all domestic pets that must be surrendered, are stray, abandoned, homeless, abused, or injured. We serve as a safe haven for nearly 3,000 animals each year that need to be sheltered, regardless of circumstance. Taking care of these animals 365 days a year is a tremendous responsibility. At SSHS our mission is to protect the health and safety of both the animals and local communities of Oneida County, New York.

Our staff is here to make sure that the animals are as comfortable as possible, and that they receive the medical attention they need. We also serve as a source for information for all kinds of animal related problems, questions and help. We are here to help you with a most important decision -- adopting a shelter pet.

Thea Bowman House, Inc.

731 Lafayette St.

Utica, NY 13502

Contact: Jane Domingue, Program Director

Tel: (315) 797-0748

Web: <http://www.theabowmanhouse.org>

The mission of Thea Bowman House is to provide a safe, nurturing environment to enable culturally diverse children and families to achieve their full potential. The foundation on which Thea Bowman House is built is Agape, unconditional love. It has been serving low-income, at-risk children and families in and around the city of Utica for nearly 20 years. The hope is to break the cycle of poverty through a structured program of educational and social enrichment.

The foundation began in 1986 as Agape House, an after school program for latch key children in the west Utica area, and became Thea Bowman House in 1996. It now operates out of two sites in the city of Utica, one at 731 Lafayette St., and the other at the former St. Francis de Sales School at 309 Genesee St. It currently serves over 300 children aged 18 months through 18 years. Programs include child care, pre-K, family development outreach, domestic violence support, a clothing closet and a food pantry.

Upstate Cerebral Palsy

1020 Mary Street

Utica, NY 13501

Colleen W. Cianfrocco, Division Director Community Development

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Fax: 315-724-6783

Web: <http://www.upstatecerebralpalsy.org>

Upstate Cerebral Palsy is the premiere provider of direct-care services and programs for individuals who are physically, developmentally, or mentally challenged and their families. Upstate Cerebral Palsy currently employs over 1,800 full and part-time employees at 73 locations throughout central New York. As direct-care and education centers, these include medical, clinical and therapeutic personnel, teachers, social service staff, maintenance, clerical and general support staff.

Providing care and support to more than 14,000 children and adults in the last year, Upstate Cerebral Palsy also benefits from the services and support of hundreds of community volunteers. As one of the largest employers in the central New York region, Upstate Cerebral Palsy centers also provide educational opportunities for students from area high schools, as well as partners with several colleges and universities in hosting clinical and major-related student internships.

Utica Safe Schools Healthy Students

(Underground Café Program)

106 Memorial Parkway

Utica, NY 13501

Contact: Anne Lansing, Executive Director

Tel: (315) 792-2205

Fax: 315-792-3636

Web: <http://www.usshealthystudents.org/undergroundcafe.html>

Our mission is to support a comprehensive approach to service coordination and delivery that will enhance student success by reducing barriers to learning. This national program is designed to combine school district personnel and community efforts to support a common goal of helping children to make healthier, safer and more successful choices in their lives. This goal assists students to develop the skills necessary to promote positive mental health development, engage in pro-social behavior, and prevent violent behavior and drug use.

The Underground Café is a program run for students by students. It is a student-run coffee shop, art space and community center hosting youth-initiated and organized activities such as art exhibits, leadership courses, open mic nights, jazz concerts and panel discussions. The Café is run entirely by volunteers and by December 2007 had reached over 300 low-income teens from the City of Utica with programming focused on college preparation, leadership development, disability awareness, outdoor education, creative expression, and global and diversity awareness.

Visiting Nurse Association

2608 Genesee Street

Utica, NY 13502

Tel: (315) 624-4663

Web: <http://www.faxtonstlukes.com/vna>

The Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) of Utica and Oneida County is a certified home health agency and also provides a certified long term home health care program approved by the New York State Department of Health. We were founded in 1915 and remain dedicated to providing the highest quality of individualized health care in the comfort of your home. We currently employ more than 170 people and have 40 full-time equivalent RNs on staff.

YWCA of the Mohawk Valley and New Horizons Program

1000 Cornelia St.

Utica, NY 13502

Contact: Natalie Brown, Executive Director

Tel: (315) 732-2159

Web: <http://www.ywcamv.org>

The YWCA is the oldest and largest multicultural women's organization in the world. Across the globe, it has more than 25 million members in 122 countries, including 2 million members in 300 local associations in the United States. The mission of the YWCA is to eliminate racism and empower women. Strengthened by diversity, the YWCA draws together members who strive to create opportunities for women's growth, leadership, and power in order to attain a common vision: peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all people. The YWCA provides safe places for

women and girls, builds strong women leaders, and advocates for women's rights and civil rights in Congress. Services range from childcare and job training to violence prevention and leadership training.

Founded in 1993, New Horizons was established by a group of residents, clergy and business people who began to share concerns about the alarming increase in drug use, homelessness, prostitution and street activity among girls and young women in the local community. In 2005, New Horizons merged with the YWCA of the Mohawk Valley. It is a residential facility that provides shelter, support services and counseling to female youth ages 16 to 21 that are unable to return to live at home, often due to abuse or neglect. The staff at New Horizons recognizes and nurtures the physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual needs of the residents, while maintaining consistency and structure. Residents benefit from a home-like atmosphere that encourages independence and motivates them to succeed in life and the world.