



VANDERHEYDEN

Giving new life to youth, adults and families



NEWSLETTER

JANUARY - APRIL AT VANDERHEYDEN



EXPERIENCES



ACTIVITIES



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ROYAL BLUE GALA

We need your support!

Please consider setting up a recurring gift, like a monthly or quarterly donation. Constant gifts offer continuous support to our Vanderheyden programs. For only \$18.33 a month, you can assist in our long-term planning and goals.

Ways to donate:

- Scan the QR code to make a donation
- visit our website at www.vanderheyden.org
- Mail your monetary donation to:
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Learning & Growing

Individuals in Vanderheyden Community Services Program are always enjoying activities that promote learning, life skills and socialization. Recently, our adults mingled at a Valentine's Day Brunch, developed their cooking skills making pizzas, and participated in the local rabbit Rescue "Hop on Home" Hoop contest. They took home the first-place prize!



The Impact of Art

Activities are essential to the day-to-day life for the individuals we serve. Individuals enjoy daily recreation activities in our local community. Over the course of the last few months, the residents enjoyed a night out at Proctors Theatre, had an immersive experience at the Van Gogh Art Exhibit, danced the night away at *A Night to Shine*, and got creative in art therapy at Inspired2Evolve!



Recreation is LIFE

At Vanderheyden, it is believed that "Recreation is LIFE!" Vanderheyden's Residential Treatment Center for youth took full advantage of the beautiful weather. A friendly game of kickball was enjoyed by all: team members vs. individuals! President & CEO Karen Carpenter kicked off the game, heels and all! It was amazing to see everyone come together and enjoy the day.

Vanderheyden celebrated its 3 year re- certification of Sanctuary this year, and activities like this showcase our commitment to togetherness, healthy relationships and positive coping mechanisms.



Education Center

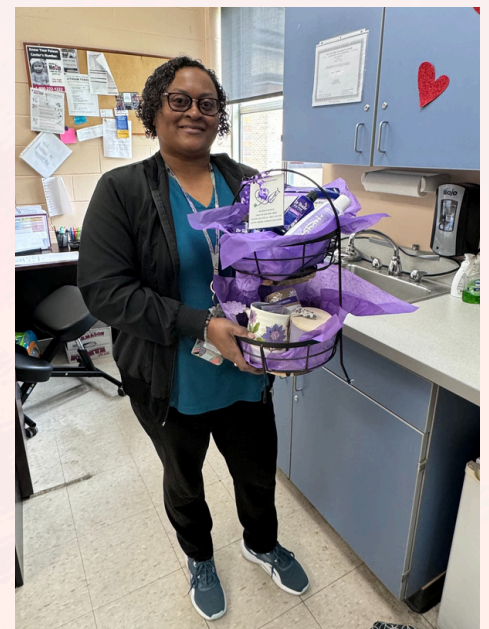
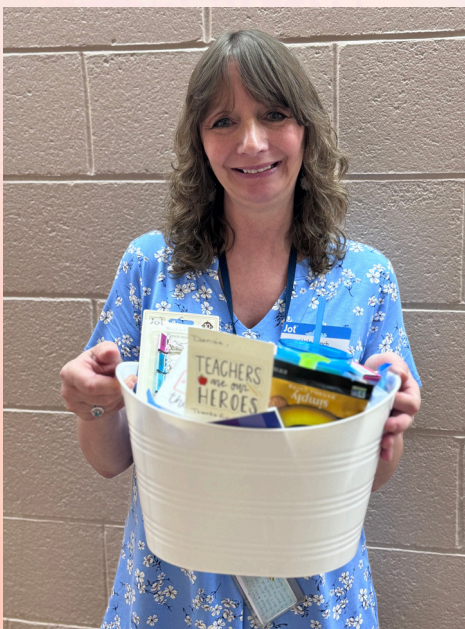
Vanderheyden's Richard A. Desrochers Educational Center is a Regents grade 7 -12 accredited program by the New York State Department of Education. The school offers all required classes for students to graduate with a Regents Diploma, a Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS) credential or a Skills Achievement and Commencement Credential.

Vanderheyden's creative team members are always coming up with new ways to make each day special- From wacky outfits for Spirit Week, field trips to volunteer in the community, to celebrating the Super Bowl. Every week is exciting and educational at the Vanderheyden School!



Celebrating our team

Our incredible team members work tirelessly to provide the best care, education and experiences to the individuals we serve. Vanderheyden recognizes the hard work and dedication of social workers, educators, nurses and administrative assistants. These professionals are the backbone of the agency and are essential to Vanderheyden's success! Thank you for your unwavering commitment to the well-being of our individuals. It is truly commendable!



The Vandy Thrift Shoppe

Celebrating 2 Years in Downtown Albany



In April, Vanderheyden's President and CEO Karen M. Carpenter teamed up with local nonprofit CEOs in celebration of the second anniversary at The Vandy Thrift Shoppe. Each CEO guest cashiered alongside the individuals we serve and assisted with store operations. Thank you for your support!



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Celebrating 190 Years

April 3rd, 2024

Press Conference at the Historic Bessey Home



Vanderheyden kicked off the celebration of our 190th Anniversary at our Bessey Group Home. A special thanks to our honored guests, Mayor Carmella R. Mantello, Senator Jake Ashby, Rensselaer County Executive Steve McLaughlin, President of Capital Region Chamber Mark Eagan and President of Rensselaer County Regional Chamber of Commerce Norris Pearson for celebrating with us. Here's to another 190 years!

Continuing the celebration



Vanderheyden continued the festivities with multiple features on local news channels. Thank you to News Channel 10 and Spectrum News for the opportunity to showcase our life changing work. The individuals we serve were able to share their stories and experiences at Vanderheyden, raising awareness of the importance of our programs.



Royal Blue Gala

April 20th, 2024

190th Anniversary Royal Blue Gala

Vanderheyden celebrated BIG at the 190th Anniversary Royal Blue Gala! It truly was a sea of blue as guests came to celebrate our incredible milestone. We stayed true to our roots by celebrating in Downtown Troy at Loft 433, enjoying music by the New York Players, ending the festivities with a beautiful sunset over Troy. A special thanks to Benita Zahn for bringing her energy and excitement as our Master of Ceremonies. Here's to another 190 years!



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Make a Difference

Volunteer at Vanderheyden

Community groups, individuals, business and organizations come together to help Vanderheyden's youth, adults, and families. At Vanderheyden, we value our volunteers and realize the impact they have to the successful operation of our agency. All types of volunteers are needed at Vanderheyden. Whether it be through volunteering at fundraising events, in an office, building a shed, painting a wall or helping to mentor or tutor a resident. Please help us make a difference in the care we provide to our youth, individuals and families.



Scan the QR code to inquire about volunteering or visit our website at www.vanderheyden.org

Become a \$18.33 Monthly Sustainer



As we celebrate the past 190 years of changing lives to save lives, we look towards the future of Vanderheyden. With your help, we can sustain Vanderheyden and continue the legacy starting in 1833.

Please consider making a monthly donation of \$18.33 to continue our legacy. 100% of your donation will benefit Vanderheyden's Job Training and Foster Care House initiatives. These programs are not funded by the State, so we rely on the generosity of our community to provide funds, so these essential services are available to individuals we serve. Please consider making a difference today!

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