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VANDERHEYDEN IS THANKFUL FOR HOFFMAN CAR WASH'S PARTNERSHIP THROUGH ITS PRACTICE KINDNESS INITIATIVE AND HELPING HANDS PROGRAM

Wynantskill, NY January 8, 2025 – Vanderheyden is grateful to have Hoffman's collaboration in developing supportive vocational programming for those we serve who have intense mental health and academic challenges.

At Vanderheyden, we believe preparing those in our care for a life of independence and security is one of the greatest gifts we can provide. To accomplish that, we created the Career Center for the purpose of building and maintaining supportive employment services for the individuals we serve. We look forward to adding **car detailing** to our list of job training opportunities.

Recently Vanderheyden students had the opportunity to train at the Latham Hoffman Car Wash location. This resulted in Hoffman retrofitting a garage at our Career Center with all the necessary equipment so our individuals can wash our agency vehicles. As the program progresses, the service will be offered to Vanderheyden team members. The training at our Career Center will provide hands-on experience and a possible opportunity to become a Hoffman employee in the future. Refreshing the landscape around the Career Center was also supplied by Hoffman Car Wash. They will also assist Vanderheyden in this program to elevate the skills and potential of every individual interested in this field as they prepare for a work life to support their future.

Hoffman Car Wash President, Ron Slone, stated, "As part of our commitment to promote kindness and good will in the communities we serve, we are proud to support Vanderheyden's vocational programming. It also provides an expanded work force for our business now and in the future."

"We are thrilled and excited to collaborate with such an outstanding company as Hoffman Car Wash. A company that shares the vision of making a positive impact in the community and addresses a pressing social issue as kindness," said Karen M. Carpenter, President & CEO of Vanderheyden. Together, we are confident that this partnership will bring about meaningful opportunities for our individuals to obtain skills to be successful at a job in our community."

Thanks to Hoffman, Vanderheyden now has a fully operational garage with all the equipment that is needed for car wash/detailing. It is partnerships like this that are life-changing for our individuals. Job experience is KEY to a successful future for those we serve. We so appreciate the continued commitment, patience and generosity of Hoffman.

Hoffman Car Wash is a family-owned and operated business that has been serving the Albany area for close to 60 years. Hoffman Car Wash offers a variety of car wash services, including exterior washes, interior cleans, and detailing. Hoffman Car Wash is committed to providing high-quality car wash services and customer satisfaction. The company has a reputation for providing excellent customer service and for being one of the most reliable and trustworthy businesses in the region.

About Vanderheyden: Vanderheyden began as the Troy Orphan Asylum in 1833 and has been providing services for more than 190 years. Today our facilities offer a safe haven for youth, adults and families who have experienced family disruption, trauma, abuse, emotional difficulty, developmental disability and learning problems. The Richard A. Desrochers Educational Center at Vanderheyden is a Regents accredited 7-12 grade program. It provides education to individuals who are at risk of not succeeding at school, and those in need of a special education. Vanderheyden is a designated Children and Family Treatment and Support Services Provider (CFTSS). The agency is committed to a family focused, trauma informed and community-based system of care. Every day at Vanderheyden, we work to change lives to save lives. For more information visit www.vanderheyden.org and follow us on social media.



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