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***CAP COM CARES FOUNDATION EXTENDS PLEDGE  
TO THE VANDERHEYDEN CAREER CENTER/THRIFT SHOPPE BY \$50,000***

*Since 2018 CAP COM has supported the Vanderheyden Career Center with \$100,000*

Wynantskill, NY – In 2018 we began an endeavor of educating and training **Vanderheyden** individuals for their future career. As we have explored greater ways in which to accomplish our mission, an immense demand was discovered. We found it was vital to develop a Career Center in a supportive learning environment. All too often our population of students and individuals are left unemployed. Not because they are unable to work, but because they lack the skills, confidence, and knowledge about the workplace and their own capabilities. From the beginning CAP COM was there to support our Career Center with a \$100,000 pledge over a five-year period. That pledge was completed in March. We are thrilled to announce that CAP COM has extended that pledge to another \$50,000 over the next two years.

Our latest undertaking is our retail program that is supported at the Career Center through instruction for students on the cleaning, sorting, pricing and preparation of clothes we procure for sale at **The Vandy Thrift Shoppe located at 412 Broadway, Albany NY 12207**. We have been fortunate to receive donations from individuals, organizations and companies over the years which included clothing, shoes, toys/games, household items, etc. As these donations continued to increase, we recognized this as an opportunity to open a thrift store that would benefit the community and our vocational programs for the individuals we serve.

“We are thrilled to support this program and the launch of The Vandy. The new shop is an exciting addition to a revitalized, Downtown Albany neighborhood, and is helping to train and build a foundation of critical skills for the many individuals that Vanderheyden serves,” said Chris McKenna, President/CEO CAP COM Federal Credit Union.

“We are so appreciative of CAP COM’s leadership in philanthropy. Their dedication to our community along with the impact that they create for a better life for those we serve is outstanding. This is an extraordinary demonstration of support for which we are very grateful,” said CEO & President Karen Carpenter Palumbo.

**Vanderheyden** began as the Troy Orphan Asylum in 1833 and has been providing services for more than 185 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](http://www.vanderheyden.org) and follow us on social media.



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