



VANDERHEYDEN

Giving new life to youth, adults and families

CELEBRATING
190
YEARS

FALL NEWSLETTER

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FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL



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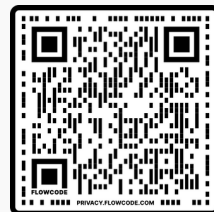
FUN ACTIVITIES

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. It also assists 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:
 - Vanderheyden; Development Department, PO Box 219, Wynantskill, NY 12198



First Day of School

September 2023

Each year, Vanderheyden team members are greeted on the first day of school with goodie bags on their way in by President and CEO Karen Carpenter. Seeing everyone's smiling faces after an enjoyable Summer makes for another great start to the school year.



Outback Dinner

October 2023

This year, Vanderheyden's Human Resources Department organized a free Outback Steakhouse Dinner for all Vanderheyden Employees to enjoy. All attendees received a special 190th Anniversary Golf Umbrella. Thank you to Nate and his team from Outback Steakhouse of Colonie for their partnership in providing over 350 dinners to Vanderheyden Team Members!



Celebrating 190 years

October 2025



Vanderheyden returns to their roots in Troy to Celebrate 190 years

Vanderheyden celebrated 190 years of changing lives to save lives by giving back to the Troy Community. Vanderheyden hosted a Free Fall Festival with 30+ Vanderheyden team members who volunteered to make it a spectacular day.

Vanderheyden's roots began in the winter of 1800 as the Benevolent Society of Troy to assist Indigent Women and Children. In 1833 the Society opened the Troy Orphan Asylum, which was soon incorporated by the State of New York.



Photos by Joan Heffler Photography.

Halloween at Vanderheyden

October 2023

Across the agency, Vanderheyden celebrates Halloween all week long. Many of our team members dressed for the occasion to participate in the festivities with the individuals. The festivities begin with costumes contests and costume parties, along with Trick or Treating at the Administrative offices. Lots of sweets were enjoyed alongside many community events.



The Vandy Thrift Shoppe

October 2023



Much more than just a store:

Vanderheyden students, team members, clients, and volunteers work collaboratively to operate and manage the Thrift Shoppe.

This project-based approach focuses on the operation of the storefront to teach valuable and transferable work specific skills that can be applied to a variety of industries as they continue their employment journey.



Visit

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Albany, NY 12207

Contact

(518) 650 -6770
vandythrift@vanderheyden.org

Shopping with a purpose



Our Day Habilitation program promote skill building in the areas of relationships, community inclusion, and self-advocacy for overall greater independence.

The Day Hab Without Walls Program is out in the community each day. The individuals participate in activities such as volunteering at nursing homes, senior centers, churches and The Vandy Thrift Shoppe.

Annabella, Amanda & Laura are at The Vandy Thrift Shoppe each week working on their job skills. They all hope to eventually work in retail using the skills that they learned at The Vandy Thrift Shoppe.

We are hiring!

Are you retired? In school and have an hour free? Are you looking to make a difference with your time? The Vandy Thrift Shoppe is hiring a Per Diem team member.

Visit our website to apply today or contact:
vandythrift@vanderheyden.org

Hours

W F 11 - 2 | TH 11 - 6 | SAT SUN 12 - 4



Home for the Holidays

October 2025

Help Provide HOPE this Holiday Season!

At Vanderheyden, lives are being transformed for those that are seeking to overcome challenges and trauma in their lives. Each day we serve more than 500 youth, individuals and families, and are dedicated to making this Holiday Season a success. With your help, we can make that happen.

All of our individuals and families have been hit hard financially, emotionally and socially from the impact of the pandemic and inflation. Families are struggling to support their basic needs. With the holidays fast approaching, many are unsure if they will be able to experience the Holiday Season at all. Can you envision what it is like not to have any family gifts or a holiday meal? Our hope is that we can join together and provide these individuals and families with a bit of hope and happiness.



[Click here to download this years Holiday Form](#)



How to get involved:

- [Click here to Make a monetary donation](#)
- [Click here to Shop from home from our Amazon wish list](#)
- **Fill out a form and shop for a resident**



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If you have any questions, please contact Dominique Madore by email at dmadore@vanderheyden.org, or calling (518) 283-6500 ext. 719. For planning purposes, your donation would be most appreciated by Monday, December 11th.



Community News

August 2023



A very special thank you to **Kasselman Electric** for their generous donation of \$7,500 to Vanderheyden's programs. We are so very thankful for your support.

Thank you to our Sponsors who donated to Vanderheyden's Community Fall Fest:

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Vanderheyden is committed to moving the focus of care from our residential facilities into homes and the community. The Family Engagement Committee seeks to involve individuals and their families in shaping Vanderheyden's commitment to serve the entire family, not just individuals. Please contact us at family@vanderheyden.org to ask questions, share information, give feedback, and request resources from our Vanderheyden Team.

Family Engagement

Participation • Communication • Partnership

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