



# VANDERHEYDEN

Giving new life to youth, adults and families

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

**HAPPY PRIDE MONTH!**



**SPLASHING INTO SUMMER!**



**ACTIVITIES**



**VANDERHEYDEN PROM**



**GRADUATION**

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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.

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# Graduation

June 2025

JUNE 23, 2023 | RICHARD A. DESROCHERS EDUCATIONAL CENTER



## *Kevon*

Kevon received the Vanderheyden Leadership Award in addition to giving the Senior Graduate Speech. During his time at Vanderheyden, he exhibited outstanding leadership and has been recognized as a student and resident advocate for his peers. He plans to attend College in the Fall. We are so encouraged by his ability to overcome adversity and succeed.

## *Moving Up to High school*

Graduation Day is a favorite day at Vanderheyden. In addition to the eight seniors who graduated were thirteen middle school students who received their certificate of completion. They will be attending their first year of high school in the fall. We are so very proud!



## *Thank you Tasha Hudson of Proctors*

Thank you to our guest speaker at graduation, Tasha Hudson, a liaison from Proctors who shared her story and inspired our youth. Pictured here with Tasha are graduates Ryan and Everett.

Congratulations to Ryan (far left), who has become an employee of Vanderheyden's Maintenance Department upon graduation. Congratulations to Everett, who plans on attending culinary school in the fall.



## Boxing With Roscoe



Community Services team member Roscoe conducts a boxing class for Vanderheyden youth and adult residents twice a week.

The program has successfully provided a healthy coping mechanism for the individuals we serve, while getting the body moving, having fun and getting stronger. Thank you, Roscoe!

## Juneteenth Celebration



To celebrate Juneteenth, Vanderheyden's Community Services Program hosted multiple black-owned small business vendors at the Troy Offices. A special thank you to Center for Law and Justice for being our Special Guests.



## The Student Council Carnival

The Student Council Carnival is always a wonderful day at Vanderheyden. The carnival is a great way to celebrate the end of the school year and have some fun.

This year, the Carnival was jam packed with fun - a petting zoo, delicious BBQ, lots of sweet treats, water slides, dunking your favorite staff, and much more!

Thank you to the many donors who made this year's carnival a success.



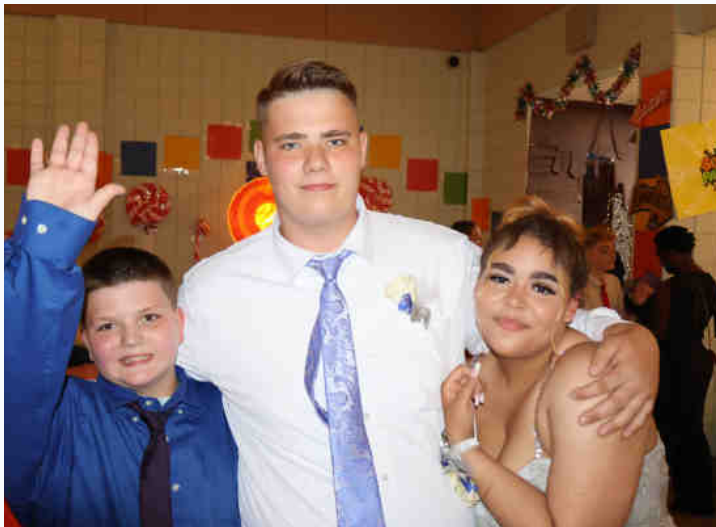
# Vanderheyden Prom

June 2023

JUNE 10, 2023 | RICHARD A. DESROCHERS EDUCATIONAL CENTER

This year's Vanderheyden's 2023 Prom Theme: Candy Land! It was quite the magical night. Great times were had, memories were made, and LOTS of candy was enjoyed!

A special thank you to the donors whose generosity allowed us to have a spectacular Prom. In addition, thank you to the Vanderheyden team members who spent countless hours planning, creating and organizing this special night for the individuals we serve.



*Thank you North Greenbush Kiwanis*

Thank you to the North Greenbush Kiwanis for volunteering their time and smiling faces to serve dinner at Vanderheyden Prom.

We appreciate your continued support to our agency.



## Volunteering at Vanderheyden



Thank you to Broadview Federal Credit Union for volunteering your time to clean up Vanderheyden's Ropes course and Career Center

The volunteers spent the afternoon pulling weeds, laying mulch, raking leaves and moving fallen debris, helping us beautify the Rope's Course.



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, you are making a difference in the care we provide to our youth, individuals and families.

[Click here to inquire about volunteering at Vanderheyden!](#)



## Stewart's Holiday Match Program grants Vanderheyden \$5,000



Thank you, Stewart's Shops, for your continued Holiday Program support through their Holiday Match Program.

Stewart's Shops in Wynantskill presented a check for \$5,000 towards Vanderheyden's Holiday Program, along with an additional donation of Ice Cream Kits to celebrate 75 years of Stewarts "Make Your Own Sundaes."

## KeyBank takes Vanderheyden to the Tri- City Valley Cats game



Thank you to KeyBank for generously donating 50 tickets to the Tri-City ValleyCats game. Each ticket contained a \$20 food voucher. Thank you, KeyBank, for your continued support.