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YEARS

MARCH 2023



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ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER FOR TWO FUNDRAISER

Dinner includes Appetizer, Salad, Irish Beer, Corned Beef Cabbage Dinner, Irish Soda Bread, topped off with a delicious dessert.

MARCH 16, 2023

6 PM - 8 PM

Troy River Street Market
433 River Street, Troy NY 12180

Come enjoy live music by Maggie's Clan and Irish dancers in true Irish fashion while you pick up your dinner or dine in!

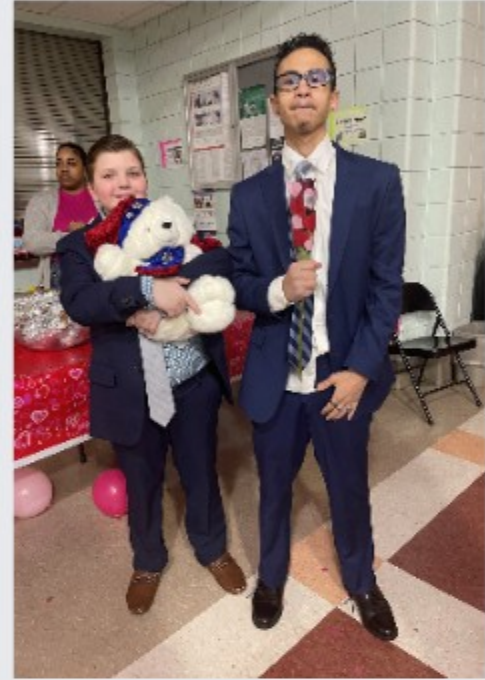
TICKETS:
\$150 HONORARY
\$120 GENERAL
\$75 YOUNG PROFESSIONAL



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VALENTINES DAY

Our students at Vanderheyden school had a fantastic time at the Valentines Day Dance. They dressed their best and enjoyed dinner and a night of dancing.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



Thanks to our generous donors, the holidays were enjoyed by every individual in the agency. Our Residential Treatment Center individuals were adopted by a number of donors, who delivered wrapped gifts according to their wish lists.



CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Vanderheyden's annual Christmas Tree Lighting had a special guest appearance. Thank you, Santa Nick C., for bringing some Holiday Spirit to campus.



THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving Dinner was greatly enjoyed across the agency, a tradition at Vanderheyden for the last 40 years. Our amazing kitchen staff at Vanderheyden School prepared and served nearly 300 dinners, provided by the help of generous donors in the community. An incredible way to celebrate togetherness and thankfulness!



TURKEY TROT

Vanderheyden's 41st Annual Turkey Trot was a great success. Thank you to Ferras Automotive for being the shirt sponsor this year. There were smiles, hot chocolate and awards! Fun was had by all the participants.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Vanderheyden team members always know how to make Halloween extra special! Things are looking a little spooky at Vanderheyden School today! Our amazing team members at the school always know how to use their talents and creativity to make everyday fun.



VANDERFEEST 2022

A spectacular night celebrating 189 years of Vanderheyden! We enjoyed a night of delicious Oktoberfest themed food, drinks, desserts, live music and a photobooth.



MEET PATRICIA

DAY PROGRAM



Where are you from?

I am from Brooklyn, New York.

How long have you been a part of the Vanderheyden family?

I have been with Vanderheyden for about five years.

Who is a staff member that helps you out?

Alexia, David, Makenna and Destiney!

What advice would you give to someone who is coming to Vanderheyden?

I would tell them to do their best and to try hard with their work here.

What is something you are passionate about? What are some of your goals?

I love school. My goal is to graduate and receive a GED. I am hopeful that with Vanderheyden's help, I can get a job and work. I hope to continue with counseling and stay on the right track. Church is also something that is important to me, and where I spend a lot of my time.



MEET PATRICK HUGHES

BOARD OF DIRECTOR



Tell us a little about your yourself.

As a lifelong resident of the Capital Region, I am actively involved in the community and enjoy giving back through roles on several local nonprofit boards. Professionally, I am a member of the executive management team and Chief Financial Officer for Pioneer, a full-service financial institution, which provides a broad array of deposit, lending, and other financial services to individuals, businesses, and municipalities throughout the Capital Region of New York. Prior to joining Pioneer, I developed my career and industry experience at UHY LLP, one of the nation's leading professional services firms, where I was a trusted advisor to a variety of clients in the public and private sectors while specializing in the financial services industry. Outside of work, I like spending time with my family, and enjoy biking, the outdoors, as well as the arts.

What is your role at Vanderheyden?

I am a volunteer member of Vanderheyden's board of directors and have had the opportunity to hold several officer roles on the board. Currently, I am serving as secretary, and have previously served in the roles as chairperson, vice chairperson, and treasurer.

What do you like about Vanderheyden and your role?

I value the opportunity to interact with Vanderheyden's talented staff and it is inspiring to me to see how the staff are providing life-changing care to the youth, individuals and families that Vanderheyden serves.

Can you share an interesting story or memory from your time at Vanderheyden?

One of my favorite memories from my time at Vanderheyden is of attending graduation each June. I look forward to hearing the stories of each of the graduates and how Vanderheyden's staff has worked hard to provide them with the skills necessary to enhance their self-esteem and self-confidence. It is very moving to learn about the experiences that have led to each of the graduate's personal growth and to hear about their plans for the future.

What would you say to someone thinking about joining the Vanderheyden team?

From my perspective, I see Vanderheyden as a great place for someone to grow their career, and have the opportunity to provide life-changing care to a diverse group of individuals.



Family Engagement

Participation 🌐 Communication 🌐 Partnership

Please contact us at family@vanderheyden.org



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.

OTHER WAYS TO DONATE



Donate to the Blue Box!

Vanderheyden is paid 5 cents per pound for the clothing collected. Any amount raised goes directly back to Vanderheyden and benefitting our individuals.



Tools for Schools is a program at Price Chopper Market 32 that allows customers to shop with their AdvantEdge Card and earn for their local schools. Our school can use the earnings to choose from a catalogue of school equipment.



Donate with Amazon Smile!

- 1.) go to: smile.amazon.com
- 2.) Choose your Charity: Vanderheyden Inc.
- 3.) AmazonSmile will donate .05% of the price of eligible purchases

If you would like to learn more about our programs, have questions on those we serve or schedule a possible visit, you can contact Cathy Yudzevich, our Director of Development and Marketing. She can be reached at (518) 874- 4901 or by email at cyudzevich@vanderheyden.org

