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UNITY HOUSE RECEIVES GRANT FROM WALMART

Workforce development funds provide computer training for staff, consumers

Auburn, New York – Paul Joslyn, deputy executive director of Unity House of Cayuga County, Inc., has announced that Unity House has been awarded a \$1,000 workforce development grant from the Auburn Walmart Supercenter. The funds will be used for staff computer training, and were secured with the support of Walmart’s Community Involvement Associate Sheryl Walker Jones.

Unity Employment Services (UES) will use this funding to provide ten of its staff with a one-day Microsoft Office Suite “train the trainer” workshop. In collaboration with the Community Education and Workforce Development Office at Cayuga Community College, a contract class will be taught later this fall. Once trained, UES employees will in turn be able to teach new skills to Unity House consumers, enhancing their computer skills and increasing their chances of obtaining gainful employment.

“We are deeply grateful that Sheryl and Walmart have selected Unity House to receive these funds,” said Joslyn. “This award is a testament to the value of our services. Such computer training will greatly benefit our consumers, who will be able to take their newly-learned skills into the workforce with them.”

Unity Employment Services assists its consumers in developing their employment skills and interests so that they may pursue attainable careers. UES also collaborates with employers to match their needs with qualified, job-ready workers.

For more information about this grant and Unity Employment Services, please contact Director of Marketing and Development Kelly Buck at 315.253.6227 x 313 or kbuck@unityhouse.com. Additional information about Unity House may be found at <http://www.unityhouse.com>.

Unity House of Cayuga County, Inc. provides transitional and permanent housing, rehabilitative, and employment services for individuals with mental health illnesses, developmental disabilities, and/or chemical dependencies from which they are recovering. A nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, Unity House partners with these individuals to develop their personal skills and potential, enabling them to live more full and independent lives. The agency serves more than 700 consumers a day in six central New York counties. Unity House is committed to freeing our communities of misconceptions associated with disabilities through innovation, education, and advocacy.

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