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**UNITY HOUSE & DRUG COURT SPONSOR RECOVERY WALK**  
*Annual event recognizes National Drug & Alcohol Treatment Court Month*

Auburn, New York – May is National Drug and Alcohol Treatment Court Month, and Unity House of Cayuga County is partnering with Auburn City Drug Court to host the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Recovery Walk. The walk will take place on Tuesday, May 18, beginning at 6:00 pm in front of City Hall; registration is not necessary and all are invited.

Mayor Michael Quill will kick off the event by proclaiming May as National Drug and Alcohol Treatment Court Month. Then participants will walk down South Street to Clymer Street and back, ending at GRACE House on Osborne Street for an open house; refreshments will be served.

The first Recovery Walk was held in 2006. Tim Durant, a former Unity House employee who was part of the Drug Court team, helped plan the first walk, then passed away unexpectedly one week before the event. Auburn Judge Michael McKeon and the Drug Court team dedicated the Recovery Walk in Tim's memory.

For more information about the Recovery Walk, please call Pam O'Conner at GRACE House (315- 258-3998) or Carol Colvin at Drug Court (315-253-3001). Additional information about Unity House may be found at [www.unityhouse.com](http://www.unityhouse.com).

Unity House of Cayuga County, Inc. provides transitional and permanent housing, rehabilitative, and employment services for adults 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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