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UNITY HOUSE TO STAGE 30th YEAR DINNER DANCE CELEBRATION



AUBURN – Unity House of Cayuga County Inc., a leading provider of transitional and permanent housing, rehabilitative, and employment services and programs in six Central New York counties to more than 700 individuals a day with developmental disabilities, mental health illnesses, and those recovering from chemical dependencies, will celebrate its 30th year of operation with a semi-formal dinner dance from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Thursday, July 26, 2007 in the main ballroom of Emerson Park Pavilion on

Owasco Lake in Auburn, NY.

“We are thrilled to be able to celebrate with our communities of consumers, families, supporters, and friends our growth and successes of the past 30 years and at the same time also plan for another 30-plus years of equal and even greater success,” said Unity House Executive Director Joyce Williams, in announcing the event. “To honor that need to plan, and in recognition of having to generate additional revenue for our Information Technology and Transportation support functions which are critical to the quality of our services and programs, our 30th year celebration also is a first step in the primary fundraising aspect of our agency’s development efforts.”

Williams said she and the 300-employee agency have been overwhelmed by the response of several local and regional enterprises that have agreed to help sponsor the agency’s event. These include Skaneateles, NY-based WelchAllyn, a world leader in the manufacture and sale of medical and related equipment and services and one of the event’s three presenting sponsors; WALMART, the world’s largest retailer, also a presenting sponsor of the event via its Waterloo-Seneca Falls, NY, Ithaca, NY, and Auburn, NY stores; the Auburn, NY, NUCOR Steel Barmill, the event’s third presenting sponsor; the Auburn, NY facility of Owens-Illinois; Auburn, NY-based Lynch’s Furniture; and several event Contributors, including the Auburn, NY component of Schott North America, a leading fiber optics manufacturer and distributor; Auburn Community Federal Credit Union; Wegmans Food Pharmacy in Auburn, NY; Auburn, NY-based paper distributor Johnston Paper Company, Inc.; the Auburn, NY operations of Seneca Falls, NY-based Goulds Pumps / ITT Industries; Relph Benefit Advisors of Pittsford and Watertown, NY; Kinney Drugs; and Empower Federal Credit Union.

“Our event sponsors have placed great faith and trust in our ability to continue with and expand our mission of empowering lives and securing futures, and we cannot thank them enough for their generosity and confidence in us,” she said. “We fully intend to live up to their belief in our mission by greatly enhancing our Information Technology and Transportation support functions with any and all proceeds from our dinner dance event which, in turn, will enhance the services and programs we provide consumers.”

Entertainment at the dinner dance will be provided by the Stan Colella orchestra, which currently has two CD's that have gone international. The event will include catered food stations prepared and managed by Premier Catering of Auburn, NY, and a 45-minute celebration program with featured speakers. The event will end with a grand fireworks display staged by Telstar Display Fireworks.

Two hundred Unity House supporters, stakeholders, and friends are expected to attend the four-hour celebration.

For more information about the event including purchasing tickets, call Unity House Director of Marketing & Development Paul Marron at 315-258-9531 ext 213 or e-mail to pmarron@unityhouse.com