

## Welcome Two New Directors

### **Deputy Executive Director of Administration - Paul M. Joslyn**

Filling the spot vacated by Liz Werner when she stepped into the role of executive director, Paul Joslyn began his duties as Unity House's deputy executive director on April 1. He was eager to join the agency's administration and brings a significant amount of experience and expertise in all areas of administration – finance, human resources, property management, corporate compliance, and marketing and development.

"I am excited to be part of the exceptional administrative team at Unity House," he said. "I look forward to working with the entire Unity House staff in supporting the outstanding programs and services the organization provides to its consumers and other stakeholders."

Paul most recently served as president of RCB Fund Services, LLC, an affiliate of Greenwich, CT-based Richard C. Breeden & Company, since its inception in 2004. Prior to that position, he was an assistant to Richard Breeden from 1997 to 2004, when Breeden was the trustee overseeing the management of the Bennett Funding Group bankruptcy.

In addition to his finance background, Paul has also taught business at East Syracuse-Minoa High School; served as vice president of servicing operations for Equivest Capital, an affiliate of the Bennett Funding Group; and worked as a utilities analyst and manager for Syracuse's Pyramid Management Group.



Paul holds a B.S. in business administration and finance from Susquehanna University, an M.S. for Teachers from LeMoyne College, and a Master of Business Administration, also from LeMoyne College.



### **Director of Marketing and Development - Kelly D. Buck**



Kelly Buck will lead Unity House's public and community relations efforts as well as manage the agency's fundraising program. She began her duties on July 1.

"Kelly brings with her a tremendous amount of experience in fundraising and public relations," said Paul Joslyn upon her hire. "Her knowledge and familiarity with regional media outlets will be valuable to our organization as we continue to spread the word about the success of the agency's programs and services."

Kelly was most recently employed as director of publications and media relations at Wells College, where she worked for almost ten years. In that position, she was editor of the quarterly alumni magazine, managed the college's media relationships, monitored the Web site and institutional messaging, and promoted Wells' arts and cultural enrichment programs.

She earned an A.A.S. degree in hotel and restaurant management from Paul Smith's College, and a B.S. in

corporate communication from Ithaca College. She is actively involved in both the Auburn and Aurora communities, serving as a board member of the Cayuga County Chamber of Commerce and the Cayuga County Chapter of the American Red Cross. She is the president of the Finger Lakes Ski Club in Auburn, serves on the Aurora Free Library Preservation Committee, and is a member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, PRNewswire, and the Aurora Book Club.

As director of marketing and development at Unity House, Kelly is responsible for directing the agency's fundraising efforts, overseeing the development of its publications, and increasing the visibility of Unity House in central New York.



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## Executive Director's Perspective

*F*all is in the air and exciting things are happening at Unity House. This spring and summer, we made some significant shifts in our operations, and I want to tell you about other changes that are on the horizon.

We've welcomed two new directors since April. Paul Joslyn has come on board as deputy executive director for administration, and the agency is fortunate to have attracted a candidate of his caliber. Paul has done a remarkable job of immersing himself in the intricacies of his new position. His intelligence, skilled background, and quiet confidence inspire trust among the staff, who respond positively to his leadership.

His past work experience has lent itself well to his work here, most especially in the areas of finance, human resources, quality assurance, and maintenance. Paul demonstrates on a daily basis the core values that are integral to Unity House's mission: respect, trust, teamwork, and integrity. I'm looking forward to continuing our work together into the new year.

Kelly Buck, our new director of marketing and development, comes to the position with unique and applicable skills in communications and media/public/community relations. Like Paul, she has made it a priority to really get to know Unity House, and asks thoughtful questions that encourage us to reevaluate certain courses of action and consider critically where we'd like to go in the future. Kelly has hit the ground running and is busy updating our current development plan, producing this newsletter, laying the foundation for a viable fundraising program, and getting the face of Unity House out into the community on a more consistent basis.



*Liz Werner, Executive Director*

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Since becoming executive director, one of my key focus areas has been upgrading our physical plant to provide better quality housing and program and administrative space for consumers and employees. The first tangible result of that work is the move of our Auburn administrative offices to newly configured space in the former Red Star building on Wright Avenue. While it was sad to leave the Case mansion on South Street, I am pleased that we are now housed in another historical community building – it brings a sense of belonging and continuity. Our technology needs have been met more efficiently and the clean bright offices have provided a real morale boost. We got to show off our new space at a successful open house in June, which drew many friends and community leaders. I welcome you to stop by during business hours to see our new location, and encourage community business colleagues to consider utilizing our high-tech conference room for meetings.

While administrative offices have been moved from 108 South Street, Unity House still maintains a 14-bed community residence there. Looking ahead, we are making plans to vacate the Case mansion by the end of 2011. We are busy collaborating with Cayuga County's Mental Health Office and the New York State Office of Mental Health to reconfigure our certified mental health residential programs, and hope to build a brand new residence with six apartments at a yet-to-be-determined location in Auburn.

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## Recognizing Dedication and Passion



*Doreen Wagner and consumer Melvin Belchern at the celebration event in Ithaca last spring.*

Doreen Wagner, program manager of the State Street IRA in Ithaca, has received a Tompkins County Community Mental Health Services Board Outstanding Service Award.

Through her daily work with residents, Doreen became aware that one particular consumer, Melvin Belchern, was in recovery from alcohol dependency. Melvin shared with Doreen that he drank when he felt overwhelmed by daily pressures. Doreen and her staff provided education and training to Melvin, revising his residential habilitation goals and offering Melvin other options to relieve his stress besides drinking alcohol.

Melvin now understands that he can relieve stress in more positive ways – he talks out stressful situations with Doreen and other Unity House staff, takes walks around town using his community access time, and visits with old friends to relax. Doreen also introduced Melvin to non-alcoholic beer, which he now drinks exclusively.

Doreen and Melvin were recognized at a celebration event in Ithaca this spring. The award they received states in part: “The Board recognizes the dedication and passion you show, Doreen, working with individuals with disabilities through Unity House. They are particularly impressed by the assistance you provided to Melvin in helping him overcome his challenges. [He] represents hope and determination to others looking for their own journey to recovery, making you both truly successful.”

Through her efforts, Doreen has provided Melvin with a safe, healthy, and positive outlet to relieve stress instead of depending on alcohol. Congratulations to Doreen for her dedicated service to consumers, and to Melvin for his success and progress in self-improvement.

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The remaining eight beds will be scattered throughout Auburn and Cayuga County.

Much has been happening at our Ithaca offices as well. I am delighted to report that we recently negotiated the favorable sale of our aging building at 408 East State Street. While the sale and move of administrative offices to temporary space at 507 West Green Street were relatively simple, moving our day habilitation program is quite

Catherwood Road in Lansing before the end of this year. This advantageous location will offer easy accessibility to multiple venues of interest to our consumers – the YMCA, restaurants, Pyramid Mall, and more. The bright new space also features plenty of free parking, beautiful office suites, is on the public bus line, and best of all, offers day habilitation space that is five times larger than our former downtown facility.

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complex. We have been working with the New York State Office of Mental Retardation and Development Disabilities to formulate a permanent relocation plan for our Ithaca day hab program, which serves more than 80 individuals a day. Approval has just been received from Albany, and I anticipate a permanent move to new office and day hab space on

The move to Catherwood Road offers tremendous opportunity for creative expansion of our program, and I am very excited to lead this process over the next few months. Renovations are underway, and as soon as our new facilities are ready for us, we will begin the move to Lansing. Stay tuned for updates in the next issue of *Spirit*.

## Join Our Team!

Seeking meaningful employment with competitive salary and good benefits? Join our team! Unity House is looking for caring individuals who are interested in working with those with mental health illnesses, developmental disabilities, and/or chemical dependencies. 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.

View our current job listings and complete an online application at [www.unityhouse.com/employment/employment.asp](http://www.unityhouse.com/employment/employment.asp).

## On the Radio!

**In recognition of Direct Care Professionals Week (Sept. 14-20), Executive Director Liz Werner was on Finger Lakes Radio! Hear her interview online at: [www.fingerlakesdailynews.com](http://www.fingerlakesdailynews.com) and click on WAUB box**



## Celebrating Success

### Debra Kellogg - From Homebody to Phlebotomist

Sometimes, helping others is the best way to help ourselves. Such is the case with former consumer Debra Kellogg.

Debbie joined Unity House's independent housing program in May 2007, and soon found herself in an apartment on Perrine Street in Auburn. She credits Senior Counselor Cindy Gibson with helping her make arrangements for the apartment, and Program Manager Judy Fisher for assisting her with her finances. Judy and Cindy truly admire Debbie's resolve. "Debbie possesses a great deal of drive and determination to succeed despite having a mental illness," says Cindy. "She is a role model for others with mental health challenges, with her positive attitude and willingness to share her own struggles."

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Shortly after joining Unity House, Debbie began her career with the American Red Cross in Syracuse. She is quick to credit the vocational services staff at Seneca Cayuga ARC for assisting her in obtaining her position there. During a blood drive, Debbie works with up to three donors at a time for about 20 minutes each. She is also trained to do "double reds," which is a process that separates the donor's

red blood cells from the blood plasma. Blood drives vary in size, but at one collection event this spring, Debbie and her coworkers received donations from over 140 donors.

Shortly after starting with the Red Cross, Debbie pursued another goal – attending college. She enrolled at Onondaga Community College, where she successfully completed a two-part phlebotomy certification course approved by the American Society of Clinical Pathologists. She completed 44 hours of classroom instruction, followed by 120 hours of clinical experience at a medical facility. After passing a New York State examination, she earned national certification in the field.

This summer, Debbie transferred to

the Red Cross' Albany office and moved closer to the state capital for her new position. She says it was a challenge to move back to the Albany area, where her mental health problems started. "But what I learned through counseling really helped me get through it," she said.

Debbie is settling into her new life and becoming more of a country person. "I used to be a city girl," she laughs. "But it's nice and quiet in Ballston Spa,



and I'm getting used to living in a rural area." She is staying with her uncle now, but through good financial planning, is hoping to get her own apartment in the spring.

For someone who once considered herself to be a homebody, Debbie has made some amazing changes in her life and become much more outgoing – forging connections with Unity House staff, seeking out new jobs, moving three times, and building relationships with coworkers and others. She says that having a support system in place with Unity House employees, family, and friends played a big part in her growth over the past two and a half years.

"Unity House gave me 100% of my security – they were always there for back-up," said Debbie. From the perspective of the Unity House staff who worked with her, the credit for Debbie's success lies with one person – Debbie herself. Bravo!



## Grants Help Meet Important Needs

Unity House is the grateful recipient of funds from three sources:

**Member Item Grant, New York State Assembly - \$3,000**

Assemblywoman Barbara Lifton (Ithaca) has secured funds for training materials to be used in Unity House's residential day treatment program. The innovative DVD series, developed by YAI/National Institute for People with Disabilities, offers insight and guidelines about developing relationships for people with mental retardation and developmental disabilities. The three-disc Relationship

Series trains consumers' supervisors and managers on relationships and sexuality.

**Walmart Workforce Development Grant - \$1,000**

Through a "train the trainer" workshop to be scheduled this fall at Cayuga Community College, Unity Employment Services (UES) employees will broaden their understanding of Microsoft Word and Excel, and be better able to share that new knowledge with consumers. UES works with consumers to develop their employment skills and interests so that they may pursue attainable careers. Many thanks

to Walmart's Community Involvement Associate Sheryl Jones for her help in awarding this grant.

**Member Item Grant, New York State Assembly - \$1,000**

Assemblyman Gary Finch (Springport) provided monies for the purchase of a Hoyer hydraulic patient lifter. Unity House's respite service cares for more than a dozen consumers per year, some of whom are wheelchair-bound. Having the lift on-site prevents Unity House from having to turn away consumers due to lack of appropriate equipment required to care for them.

# Summer Celebrations

When the warm weather hits, staff and consumers alike look forward to bonding with their friends and coworkers outside of their everyday environment. Here's a sampling of the fun we had this summer:

## Staff Appreciation Picnic

A little rain didn't dampen spirits at the annual staff appreciation picnic on July 17. More than 100 Unity House staff gathered at Myers Point Park in Lansing for good food catered by Dewey's of Seneca Falls, games, music by Dale the DJ, and camaraderie. The U.H. Board of Directors makes the picnic possible every year. More than 60 employees were honored for three, five, ten, and 15 years of service to Unity House, with special recognition for Connie Fritts and Helen Stearns, who celebrated 20 years on staff.



Many thanks to the Staff Picnic Committee for planning a great outing:

Amy Carioggia  
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## Ithaca Day Hab Consumer Picnic

Thirty-five consumers and 20 staff from the Ithaca Day Hab Program celebrated together at the 6th annual consumer picnic at Buttermilk Falls State Park on July 24. In addition to food and games, managers organized a special activity – the Magic Paintbrush Project.



Using special paint and a unique canvas-like material that protects clothing, the consumers were asked to come up with words that best describe Unity House. Some of the terms spelled out in masking tape on the canvas were: awesomeness, cool, joy, family, independence, acceptance, great staff, and fun. Next, consumers and staff were

given paint in squeeze bottles and told to spray away! The bright colors covered the canvas (and the people), and after emptying 50 bottles, picnickers were invited to roll all over the canvas. Josh



Griffin (left) had a particularly good time!

“We were all so proud to be called the ‘messiest group’ the Magic Paintbrush Project has ever seen!” said Karen Walls, day hab manager. “The picnic can be summed up in one word... ‘amazing’. Everyone had such a wonderful time.”

The unique masterpiece will eventually be hung at the new Day Hab Center on Catherwood Road when it opens this winter.

## Syracuse Employment Services Barbecue

August 14 dawned warm and sunny for the Syracuse Unity Employment Services' picnic at Onondaga Park. Each year, the event is geared toward appreciating consumers. “I don't know who looks forward to it more – the consumers or the staff,” said Executive Director Liz Werner. “I know I go every year and have a great time.”

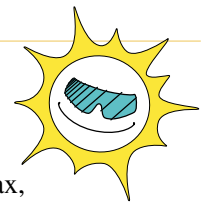
Site Manager Jennifer Damon and her staff organize the gathering each summer. Participants enjoy good food and take part in games and other activities, including arts and crafts, a water balloon toss, and a raffle for a Unity House sweatshirt.

“Our picnic has been growing steadily every year, and the staff love to welcome new folks,” said Jen. “It's a won-

derful opportunity for consumers to meet other participants in the service, unwind, socialize, celebrate successes, network, relax, and have some fun!”

Nearly 40 consumers and staff enjoyed the Hawaiian luau-themed party, wearing leis and taking turns at the piñata.

“This annual picnic is a nice opportunity for me to socialize and talk with our consumers and learn more about the work they're doing,” continued Liz. “I get to hear about their successes and the support the program provides to them – they are so proud of their jobs and all they've accomplished.”



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# Two Decades of Dedicated Service

*Unity House recognizes two employees celebrating their 20th anniversaries*

## A Wealth of Knowledge

Her nickname may be “Sarge,” but **Helen Stearns**, a resident counselor at the mental health apartments in the Case mansion in Auburn, has a soft spot in her heart for the consumers and fellow staff members.

“Working with Unity House for 20 years has been an amazing experience,” Helen said recently. “Our job is to teach people how to do certain things for themselves, but it works both ways – consumers have taught me so much over the years.”

Prior to Unity House, Helen worked for 13 years at Auburn Memorial Hospital. Like Connie, she started as relief staff in early 1989, and when a full-time opening became available that June, she jumped at the chance to come to Unity House permanently.

“We had 21 consumers at the Case mansion back then. We help them maintain their apartments and assist them with shopping, laundry, appointments, crisis intervention, housekeeping – the whole nine yards.”

Helen has worked with hundreds of consumers over the years, and she says the change-over is tremendous: “Many have gone on to independent housing. Knowing that I made a difference in their lives and helped them achieve their goals – some have gone to school, others have gone to work – is very satisfying.”

Apartment Manager Mary Jo Norfolk has known Helen for 17 years; in fact, Helen showed her the ropes when Mary Jo was hired. “Helen takes newer staff under her wing and they say what an excellent job she does of training them; she is a wealth of knowledge,” said Mary Jo. “Helen helped train me way back when, and we’ve formed a great team over the years.”

Helen too finds the teamwork at Unity House to be important: “One of the biggest things that impressed me when I came to Unity House was the ability of the staff to thank me for my work and efforts. It seems like a small thing, but it really meant a lot to be recognized that way. It’s important for the staff to remain as one, as part of a team – it’s the only thing that makes it all work. And a good supervisor helps – Mary Jo is excellent.”

Helen is known as a practical joker, and apparently has pulled off some really good ones during her 20 years at Unity House. A resident of Auburn, she likes to go to plays at the Merry-Go-Round Theatre and watch sports, especially baseball and football. Her dream is for the Cubs to make the World Series. And liking sports enables her to connect with her consumers, too: “My case load now is all men, so it gives me a good handle on talking sports with them.”

## A True Advocate

**Connie Fritts** is among the last of a dying breed. One of the few remaining original employees of HOMES Inc., which was assumed by Unity House in 1997, Connie came on board in 1989 as relief staff at the Dryden Apartment Program. She was soon called to fill in for a full-time direct staff member, and as they say, the rest is history.

After serving at the Dryden Apartment Program for two years, Connie was moved to the Supportive Apartment Program in Ithaca. She applied for and was selected as a senior counselor (now known as assistant manager) in 1993, which took her back to her roots in Dryden. After Unity House assumed management of HOMES Inc. in 1997, she was named assistant program manager, then was promoted to her current

position as Medicaid service coordinator the following year. Connie now works at the central office in Ithaca, which just moved to its new temporary location on West Green Street.

“The biggest transition for me was switching from HOMES Inc. to Unity House in 1997,” said Connie. “Many of my HOMES co-workers left due to the uncertainty in management, but I stayed mostly for the consumers; I could see they had their own fears about the change.”

Once the changeover was complete, Connie continued to serve these individuals and wouldn’t have it any other way. “In my position, I get to spend one-on-one time with the consumers – to hear them and advocate for them. I feel I can be their voice and help them reach their goals. To see the growth in these individuals is what it’s all about for me,” she says.

Supervisor Amber Amidon agrees. “Connie will support anyone in any way she can – she hates to say ‘no’,” Amber said. “Whatever the consumers need, Connie bends over backwards to help them. She is so dedicated – consumers and their families love her, and her peers go to her for help all the time. I wish I had many more of her.”

In addition to her work, Connie enjoys gardening, spending time with her great nieces and nephews, and riding her four-wheeler. She lives in Marathon, where she was born and raised.

Connie’s heart has always been in Dryden and she continues to visit with consumers there. “I enjoy seeing the changes they’ve made in their lives. Some of these folks have pictures of me sitting and working at my desk in my younger days! Working with them is not always an easy path to take, but I love the challenge.”



*Helen Stearns and Connie Fritts*

# Camp Casowasco 2009

This year's Western adventure kicked off when 27 cowboys and cowgirls moseyed on down to Camp Casowasco to enjoy a hayride around camp, arts and crafts, and a western hoe down. Consumers also got to fish, hike, swim in the lake, take out rowboats, cook marshmallows, and more. Camp is open to MRDD overnight residential consumers and their direct care staff; day hab non-residents are welcome to join in during the day.

Camp Casowasco, the former estate of sound on film pioneer Theodore Case, is located on the western shore of Owasco Lake between Auburn and Moravia. Camp staff prepare all guest meals, and Unity House employees provide supervision and put together a fun, creative schedule of activities.

"The consumers absolutely love summer camp," said Program Director Darlene Podolak. "They save up all year



to go, and we do our best to come up with a fun theme and engaging activities."

## Camp Journal

*The following summary of Camp Casowasco was recorded by Jessi Waldron, program manager at the Oak Drive IRA in Union Springs.*

### Tuesday, August 25

All are very excited upon arrival. Dinner was served at 5:30 pm. The food at Camp Casowasco is awesome! All the consumers really love the buffet-style meals.

After dinner, there was a wagon ride though the camp, followed by karaoke and a bonfire.



### Wednesday, August 26

On Wednesday morning, most of the consumers were up bright and early, ready to start a day of fun-filled activities. Following breakfast, many chose to go for a nature walk, while some played volleyball and kickball or made a western rope belt out of

white and red baling twine. At 10:30 am, there was a social with strawberry shortcake. After the social, many of the consumers had their pictures taken to be featured on a western "wanted" poster, which then decorated the lounge area.

At lunch it began to rain and it rained a majority of the afternoon. During breaks from the rain, some of the braver consumers went swimming and canoeing in the lake. The rest of the afternoon was filled with singing and dancing indoors. There was a

dance contest amongst the consumers to win colored cowboy hats. Many of them decorated their own cowboy hats and made beaded bolo neckties for the hoe down later tonight. When

the rain stopped just before dinner, the consumers panned for gold outside on the deck. If a consumer found a piece of "gold," they were given a prize (there was plenty of gold to go around!).

Dinner was at 5:30 pm, and afterwards, many of the consumers relaxed

until it was time for the hoe down, while others went for a walk on the nature trails. The rest of the evening was full of dancing, fun and country music. Everyone wore some sort of western outfit and most had on sheriff badges. Chips and salsa were provided for a snack, consumers took turns trying to hit the cowboy boot-shaped piñata, and played "rattlesnake roundup," where you pass a sack around that has a "snake" in it. If the music stops while you're holding the sack, you're out. Each consumer received a country music CD to take home. After the hoe down, many of the consumers were exhausted from the busy day and went to bed, while others went out to the camp fire and made s'mores.

### Thursday, August 27

Sadly, Thursday morning was the day to pack up and leave camp. Breakfast was served at 8:30 am, then it was time to load up the vehicles and head out.

The consumers really enjoy their vacation to Camp Casowasco. It is a nice break for them from their everyday programs, and it gives them an opportunity to hang out with their friends and staff from other houses that they don't get to see every day.

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## Hector Street IRA

Unity House opened another individualized residential alternative (IRA) this summer. Four consumers moved into 1111 Hector Street in Ithaca in mid-June and have been enjoying their new home ever since.

The search began almost two years ago for a new home for the four women who lived at the former Pine Tree IRA. Once approvals were received from OMRDD to purchase a property, a number of homes were toured and the Hector Street location was chosen “because we particularly liked the size and potential,” said Executive Director Liz Werner.

Unity House took possession of the property in February 2009, and Director of Maintenance Gary Fellows and his staff immediately started rehabilitating the 1970s post-and-beam building for occupancy. The crew stripped the hardwood floors, gutted and reappointed the kitchen, and painted the entire house in just three months.

“We have a phenomenal maintenance team,” said Liz. “The amount and caliber of work they accomplished in such a short time was amazing. Our consumers love it, and it is now one of our most beautiful residences.”

The new Hector Street IRA boasts gorgeous views across the valley to the city of Ithaca and the towers of Ithaca

College beyond. The house features a brand new kitchen, full length back deck, six bedrooms, three full baths, a double hearth fireplace, office space for staff, and a laundry room. Hector Street currently serves four consumers, and in the near future, the bottom floor of the house may be certified as a supportive apartment housing two more people. That area is presently being used as office space.

The direct care staff from Pine Tree transitioned with the consumers to Hector Street. All participated in the final decoration of their new home, helping select furniture, paint colors, window treatments, and wall hangings. Once they moved in, consumers were able to also decorate their own rooms.

Sandy Van Cleef, a care provider who has been with Unity House for just over three years, is enjoying the new location. “Our new home is much roomier and the views from the different angles are awesome,” she said. “The atmosphere is so much better and we eat together outside on the deck frequently.”

The residents and the direct care staff are especially contented with their new home because it feels permanent.



“Pine Tree was a lease and our interim spot on Green Street was only temporary, but this really feels like home; we know we get to stay here,” said Sandy. When asked if she’s pleased with the new location, Sandy is quite enthusiastic: “Absolutely. The consumers are happy, which makes me happy. And even the short commute into Ithaca is better – the traffic patterns here are different and less of a hassle. There’s even better parking on the property.”

To celebrate the new residence, Directors of Residential Services Amy Carioggia and Louis Pelino, and Program Manager Renee Post are planning a house warming party on Friday, October 23, from 3:00-5:00 pm. Friends of Unity House are invited to stop by, greet the residents, and tour the new space.

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