

# Albany Damien Center

## 2017 Annual Impact Report



*Welcome Home!*

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**Our Mission:** is to enhance the lives of people affected by HIV/AIDS in an affirming environment and to reduce new infections in the communities we serve.

**Our Vision:** is a community where people with HIV/AIDS achieve their desired potential and are respected as coworkers, neighbors, and friends, while striving for an HIV free generation.

## Message from our Board President

***"[It is not] AIDS that is not the worst ill in our world: The most horrible disease in the world is hate"*** - Alejandro González Iñárritu

Hate **IS** the worst ill in our society. Hate, born of ignorance, leads to stigmatization and the marginalization of whole communities of people. Since the very beginning of the Albany Damien Center, our mission has been to provide a stigma free and supportive environment; one that celebrates the lives of each and every member who has walked through our doors. For 29 years, our model has been based on providing members with a sanctuary from the stigma that continues to affect their well-being. Our mission remains focused on nurturing the spiritual, emotional, and physical wellness of our members; a model that supports the whole person and affirms their dignity and worth not only to the Damien Center but the community at large.

This year, I am proud to say that our mission has not changed, and even while growing into a larger and more comprehensive service model, the notion of sanctuary continues to guide all that we do. This is due in no small part to an incredible group of donors who have given so generously over the years to support this mission. This is also due to the tireless work of very dedicated and loving volunteers, some of whom have been with us since the early days of the Center and the epidemic. I am also very grateful for an extremely supportive and talented staff that continues to work their magic despite the challenging growth pains that have come with moving into our new home on Madison Avenue.

The list of services we offer continues to grow and allows our members access to increasingly meaningful support. This is due in large part to my colleagues on the Board of Directors. Their passion for this agency and clear sighted vision has given rise to a very robust strategic plan that grows the Damien Center, making it a viable and healthy organization as we move into our 30<sup>th</sup> year and beyond. That plan will also allow us to provide increased services and to reach even more people in need.

The health of any non-profit can be measured by the working relationship between the Board, Board President, and Executive Director. While the Board has set an ambitious plan, it has been the ED who has done much of the heavy lifting to bring us to where we are today. The shared passion for this agency that both Board and ED have has helped propel us into a strong position as one of the only HIV/AIDS specific providers in the area. This relationship has not only been instrumental in growing the agency but has been the foundation for developing and providing innovative services to a population increasingly in need.

We do not have the power to wipe out stigma and hate, but we can nurture our little sanctuary that allows our members a place to join us in celebrating their lives.

**Jeffrey Hallenbeck**  
Board President



## Message from our Executive Director

**Phoenix Rising** - 2017 for me was the realization of an ambitious vision set forth from the depths of despair.

The day after a fire in August 2013 destroyed our Damien Center home, we were faced with what felt like an insurmountable task of how to move forward. Stopping was not an option as we saw the needs of our local HIV community struggling with poverty, stigma, trauma, and other issues that continued to grow, despite all the medical advances in decreasing deaths from AIDS. Our journey from the fire to our new building in many ways reminds me of our community's journey from the despair of the early days of AIDS to where we are today: full of hope now, but with the reality that there is much work to be done to End the Epidemic.

We sure dreamed big, making a plan for combining permanent supportive housing into a new building with increased wrap-around services delivered in a comfortable, sanctuary setting. After 3 years of planning and 14 months of construction combined with overwhelming community support, valued partnerships with our state, county, and city government, the leadership of our Board of Directors, and hard work of our staff, volunteers and members, and support of our neighborhood, we moved into our beautiful new building at 728 Madison Ave, Albany on Nov 6, 2017.

As construction crews walked out of the building, our new tenants who were homeless that morning came past them to find a fully furnished apartment waiting for them with the love and support of the Damien Center members who came to join us for a homemade breakfast, lunch, and dinner in our comfortable living room setting.

While the 26,000 square foot building is indeed amazing, the true beauty is found in what happens inside 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The same sanctuary feeling I had walking into the Damien Center back in 1995 when I needed help is present today for each person who needs us. I remain determined, with your help, to move us to a day where each person with HIV/AIDS has unfettered access to the care and support they deserve, free of stigma, and the milestone where new HIV infections are rare and death from AIDS non-existent.

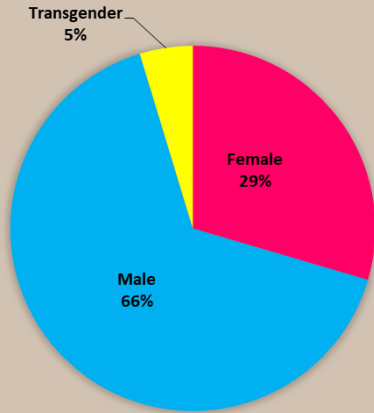
**Perry James Junjulas**  
Executive Director & Person Living with AIDS

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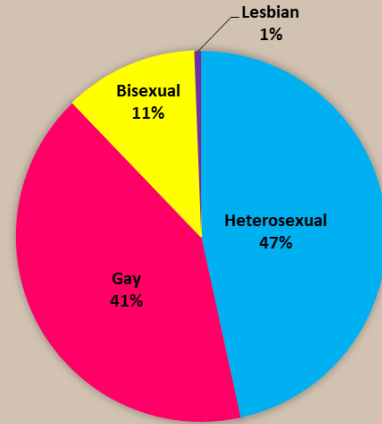


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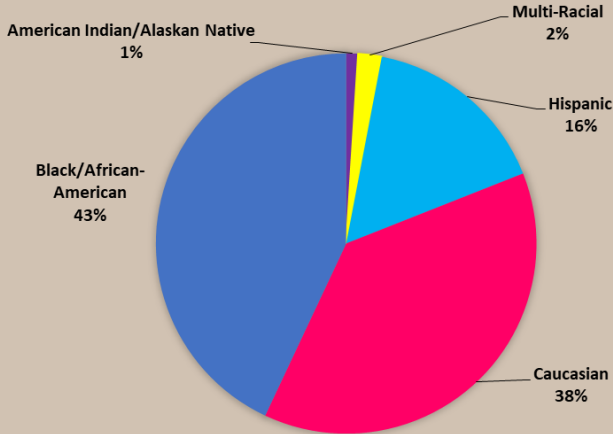
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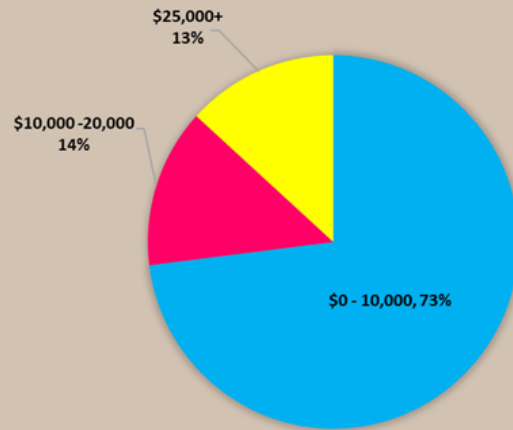
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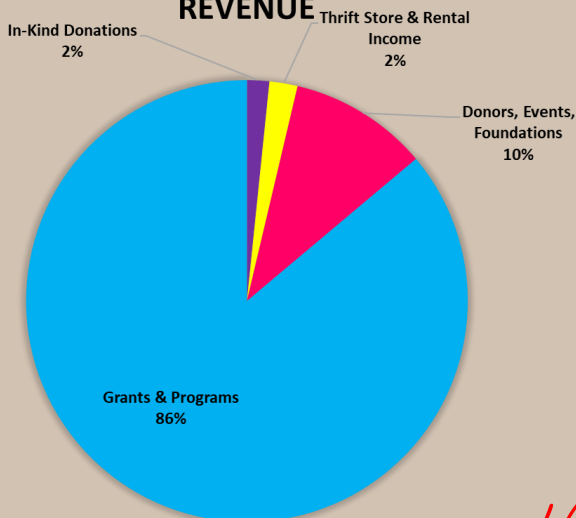
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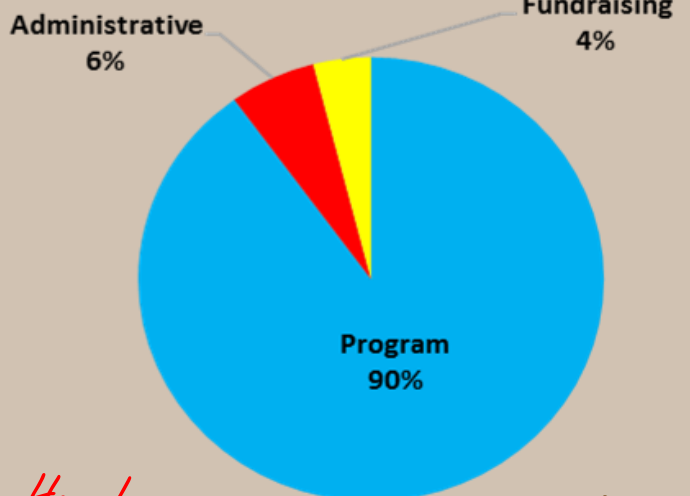
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# How We Do It

## REVENUE



## EXPENSES



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# Welcome to our new home!

Construction began on August 4, 2016 and was completed on November 6, 2017. The new building at 728 Madison Avenue, Albany, NY is a renovation of an existing historic building (c. 1875) and construction of a new addition. The new 26,000 square foot Damien Center now provides 20 permanent supportive apartments (18 studios and 2 one bedroom apartments) for 22 chronically homeless people living with HIV and AIDS, the overwhelming majority of which were living in our Albany neighborhoods on the street or in places not fit for humans to live.

- The \$5.2M funding cost for the construction project is provided in part by a \$4.3 million grant from the NYS Homeless Housing & Assistance Program administered through OTDA and a \$269,000 grant from the Dormitory Authority (DASNY). We will continue to raise funds to furnish rooms in the building.
- The building is fully ADA accessible, LEED Gold Certified for maximum energy efficiency that includes solar power and a generator.
- Aureus (dba Town Total) Pharmacy moved their services from Northern Boulevard to the New Damien Center on December 8, 2017. Aureus is a specialty pharmacy that provides delivery and medication adherence services to people with HIV/AIDS and other chronic illnesses. The pharmacy portion of the new Damien Center will also pay school and city taxes, helping to decrease the tax burden for residents in the City of Albany.
- The expansion of services at the New Damien Center has brought 23 new jobs to Albany, and the Damien Center has committed to a \$15 per hour minimum wage for all staff positions.

We employ a “Housing-First” model, the first of its kind in the region for people with HIV. This proven approach views housing as the immediate and primary need. The result is long-term housing stability, improved physical and behavioral health outcomes, and reduced use of crisis resources such as emergency departments, hospitals, jails, and Medicaid; saving taxpayers between \$25,000 and \$50,000 per person, per year. Thus, the new Damien Center apartments are anticipated to save taxpayers \$550,000 to \$1.1m per year!

The new building also houses the staffing and programs to help people with HIV/AIDS that is available for our 22 residents, which includes:

- Two comfortable drop-in living room areas
- Full service kitchen for serving homemade breakfasts, lunches, and dinners for tenants and members
- Food pantry with walk-in freezer
- Multi-purpose community conference room
- Four counseling & support group rooms
- Fitness room with shower area
- Healing room (massage, Reiki, chiropractic, et al.)
- Computer room with 10 computer workstations
- Front porch & raised bed garden areas
- Front desk staffed 24/7 with video surveillance
- Pet washing station for our PAWS program
- Aureus Specialty Pharmacy (formerly Town Total Health) – providing delivery medication services to the community and in house for our members and tenants



# PAWS - Pets Are Wonderful Support (Est. 1993)

With increasing demand for services, PAWS continued to help people living with HIV/AIDS keep their pets, often when they need each other the most. PAWS provided in-home pet care when members were ill, pet food & supplies for those in need, safe pet guideline information, and assistance with veterinarian care.

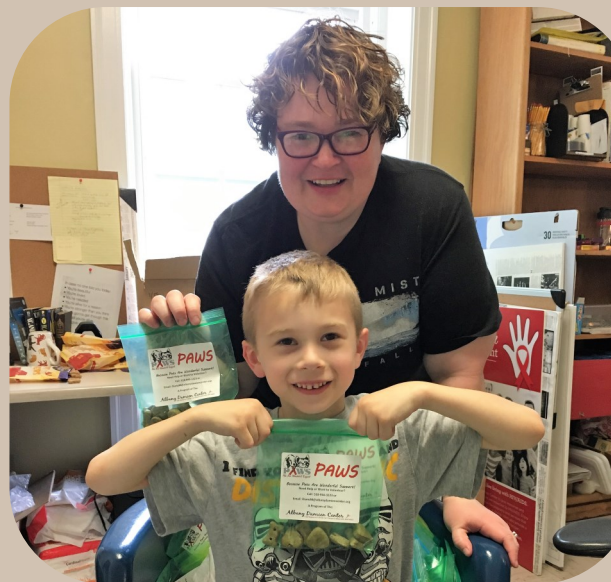


## 2017 Statistics

- 139 clients & 211 pets received PAWS services
- 17,482 lbs. of pet food, litter, and treats distributed
- 226 times pets received veterinarian assistance
- 20 pets received in-home and foster care assistance totaling over 657 days of help

Me and my partner recently became homeless and had to live in a hotel for six months. During that time, PAWS was able to place our two cats into foster care. We were able to find an apartment and now have our cats back with us! With all thanks and gratitude to Diane and Jessie and the foster parents!

- PAWS Member Testimonial



## Saint Damien of Molokai, Hawaii

The Damien Center was named after Father Damien, a Catholic Priest in the late 1800s who ministered to terminally ill lepers on the island of Molokai, Hawaii. Under his leadership basic laws were enforced, shacks became painted houses, working farms were organized, and schools were established.

Leprosy was thought to be very contagious, and thus, ships would come close to the island and toss lepers overboard to swim to the island. Fr. Damien ended up contracting leprosy and died in 1889 at the age of 49. Father Damien was canonized on October 11, 2009 by Pope Benedict XVI.

Thus, in 1988, The Damien Center was named in honor of Fr. Damien as a Ministry of the Capital District Episcopal Churches and their friends in response to the Episcopal Church's call to meet the crisis of the AIDS Epidemic. The Damien Center is not a faith-based organization, yet invites persons from all religious and spiritual traditions to receive our services.



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# 2017 FUN-Raising Events

We are so grateful for the generosity of our community who joined us for our fundraisers and who held fundraisers on our behalf!

## 7th Annual Bowling for PAWS

- February 19, 2017
- \$16,685 raised!

## 12th Santa Speedo Sprint

- December 16, 2017
- \$16,000 raised!

## Phoenix Rising

- November 4, 2017
- Over \$50,000 raised!

Our thanks to all for the other numerous events held on our behalf!



I felt so welcomed by staff and members, particularly in the early days when I was so frightened by my diagnosis. I thought it was a death sentence. But everything was done with love. At the Damien Center, I found a place where I could come to be myself including being open about my diagnosis. It's about love." –Member Testimonial

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## Drop-In Living Room (Est. 1988)



### 2017 Statistics

**412** Members served

**8,865** Member visits

Since 1988, the Albany Damien Center has provided programs in a comfortable living room environment. Membership is open to anyone living with or directly affected by HIV who commits to being respectful in a community atmosphere while making strides to improve their lives.

Our comfortable drop-in Albany Damien Center space is open 5 days a week from 8 AM to 6:30 PM, plus Saturdays & Sundays for special events; providing multiple opportunities for our members to drop in!

Programs & activities include socialization & support, educational speakers, access to care, computer access, support Groups, holistic therapy (Reiki, massage, spiritual care), recreational activities & so much more!

## Smart Meals (Est. 1991)

*Cultivating nutritious lifestyles for the heart, mind, and soul.*

Through our hot meals prepared fresh on-site, pantry bags, and food gift cards, the Smart Meals program supported our members in improving their nutritional well-being. The program combines food and meals with group and individual Nutrition Health Education aimed at improving diet quality, physical activity, food safety, and food security, and shopping savvy.

### 2017 Statistics

**16,140** quality meals served through lunches, dinners, barbecues, pantry bags, and food gift cards.

**730** Nutrition Health Education sessions held in group and individual settings

Coming for meals when Sue was struggling helped her eat when she had no appetite but knew she needed nutrition. "This place gave me a purpose," she says. "It's been a Godsend for me."



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# Mpower! (Est. 2014)

Mpower!, located at 77 Central Avenue in Albany, NY provides a drop-in space for persons at high risk of contracting HIV and persons living with HIV. Mpower offers access to HIV/Hep C/STD testing, treatment, and access to PrEP: the once a day pill that prevents HIV transmission.

Mpower staff break down barriers to provide support, transportation, and access to the care each person needs in a safe, welcoming environment.



**2017 Statistics**  
**108** clients with **400** encounters and  
**1,198** services

# Treasure Chest Thrift Store (Est. 1999)

*Making Every House a Home*

In 2017, we offered estate liquidation services, which provided tax deductible benefits and a hassle-free way of selling household contents!

Our Treasure Chest thrift store provides items for our members in need, vocational training to help members return to work, and HIV/AIDS awareness within our community.

The Treasure Chest is thankful for the steady stream of donations for inventory supply and volunteers to staff the store.



**2017 Statistics**  
**\$56,000** in sales  
**4,821** items provided to members (free)  
totaling over **\$19,452!**

**295 Hamilton St, Albany**  
**(518) 436-7451**    **Discount days! 20% off**  
**Mon – Thurs 11-6**    **Thurs: Senior Citizens 55+**  
**Fri 11-7**    **Fri: Military/State/County/Fed Employees**  
**Sat 11-4**    **Sat: College Students**  
(discounts do not apply to furniture)

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# 2017 Financial Information\*

## ASSETS & LIABILITIES (as of 12/31/2017)

|                                     | 2017             | 2016             |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>Assets</b>                       |                  |                  |
| Current Assets                      | 1,008,639        | 950,872          |
| Fixed Assets                        | 4,909,555        | 1,091,445        |
| <b>Assets</b>                       | <b>5,918,194</b> | <b>2,042,317</b> |
| <b>Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b> |                  |                  |
| Liabilities                         | 831,158          | 196,100          |
| Net Assets                          | 5,087,036        | 1,846,216        |
| <b>Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b> | <b>5,918,194</b> | <b>2,042,317</b> |

## 2017 INCOME STATEMENT

### Revenue

|                              |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Grants & Programs            | 2,688,822 |
| New Building Construction    | 3,145,331 |
| Donors, Events, Foundations  | 315,843   |
| Thrift Store & Rental Income | 63,210    |
| In-kind Contributions        | 50,486    |

### Total Revenue

6,263,692

### Expenses

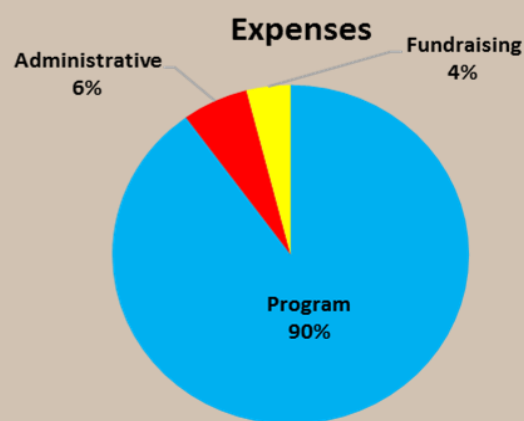
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| Program        | 2,734,085 |
| Administrative | 182,272   |
| Fundraising    | 121,515   |

### Expenses

3,037,872

### Excess or (Deficiency) of Revenue Over Expenses

3,225,820



\*Note: Financial information is from internal fiscal statements. Our audited financial statements are available upon request.



# Volunteers In 2017

Volunteers make a world of difference at the Damien Center. Each year, our registered volunteers contribute their time and energy on a regular basis to people living with HIV/AIDS. Many members of the Damien Center also volunteer as a way of giving back for the services they receive.

In 2017, our active use of volunteers helped us leverage funding that made your donations and our grants go farther, and added to the support and love that each of our members received. We sincerely appreciated the time, devotion, and compassion of our volunteers in 2017 in helping us fulfill our mission!

Alissa Barnett Mosier  
Wes Bennet  
Estelle Bowen  
Christopher Burniche  
Kelly Bush  
James Bush  
Emma Bush  
David Chico  
Douglas Cohn  
Ed Counterline  
Hassan Elimiyam  
Cynthia Farrell  
Amanda Flynn  
Orin Fries  
Jackie Fulker  
William Gaul  
Paige Gizzi  
Angel Gonzalez  
Toyna Greene  
Richard Hahn  
Eric Huntington  
Sam Huntington  
Rebecca Becky Hutchins  
Doug Jasinski  
Zack Kaplan  
Joshua Keene

Sheila Kelley  
Melissa Kelts  
Robert LaRocca  
Cathy LeBarge  
Katie Markey  
Joanne Martinez  
Cheryl McCathran  
Courtney McCracken  
Emery Miller  
Alicia Miller  
Kelly Morrone  
Erica Mortati  
Stewart North  
Janice Otis  
Chris Pagano  
Cailin Radigan  
Luke Ryan  
Tim Shepard  
Devon Smith  
Caitlin Waggoner  
Larry Waite  
Nance Warner  
James Wezel



**Our Volunteers on  
Christmas Day 2017**



**Sigma Gama Rho Volunteers  
serving meals at our February  
Community dinner.**

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# 2017 Gifts In Honor/In Memory

We are honored to be part of remembering and celebrating special family, friends, and occasions. The love and spirit in which these gifts are given is reflected in the work we do to help each person living with HIV/AIDS in our community achieve their desired potential. We deeply appreciate the choice to honor your loved ones in this way.

## Anyone Living with AIDS

Stephanie Richardson &  
Thomas Clark

## Franz von Bank

Jonathan Gray

## Jonathan Betancourt

Holy Innocents Church

## Douglas Cohn & Barry

### Brown

Nancy Lewis

## Shirley Campbell

Lynne Graves

## David Casey

John Casey

## Mary Cavanaugh

Stephanie Anderson

## David Chico

Heather Boyle

## Douglas Cohn

Edward Baranowski  
Bonnie Brown

## Joseph Blossfeld & Cosmo

Louis & Annette Matonti

## Debbie D

Stacey Agnello

## Scott Daly

Karen Spinelli

## James Dimino

Kathryne Gutto

## Mary Ecker

Wesley Ecker

## Eliza

Kevin Martin

## Robert G. Englebach

Donald Thurston

## Dierdre Fitzgerald

Mark Fitzgerald

## Jim Flagler

Emily Magal  
Tom & Nancy  
Trueblood  
Julie Kaufman & Beth  
Wright

## James & Daniel Borgia-

### Forster

Madeline Williams

## Bill Gaul

William & Alice Gaul

## God

Michael Shirk

## Frank Goggin

Shirley Goggin  
Diane Kempf

## Fr. Anthony Green

Michael & Honey  
Theogene

## Jeffrey Hallenbeck

Beth Bouloukos &  
Anne Bink

## John Hayes

Mary & Patricia Hayes

## Michael William Henry

Mary Jo Henry

## Thomas Neil Holliday

Brooks Carter

## PaddyCat Ivory

Janey Ivory

## Steven Johnson

Kevin Burns  
Jo Anne Dolan

## James Junjulas

Jane Junjulas

## Perry Junjulas

Maureen Kim  
Holly Accardi Theohary

## Jeffrey L. Knight

William Bonsal &  
Robert O'Bara

## Denis Lanoie

Janet Mazur

## Kenneth Leonard

Peter & Connie Ciregna

## Mike Losinger

Barbara Adams &  
Gail Dieter

## Jim Mack

Dennis Ryan

## Joanne Martinez

Anonymous  
MAXIMUS, Inc.

## Kathleen H. Mayo

James & Cheryl Redick

## Clifford McCarg

George & Margaret  
McCarg



Frank Goggin



Ellen Picotte

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# 2017 Gifts In Honor/In Memory

**Clotilda McCarthy**

Dorothy Richards

**Sara McCoy**

Marjorie S. McCoy

**Marvin Meltzer**

D.J. Roche & Lee Helsby

**Frederick Meservey**

Penny Smith-Bogert

**Diane Metz**

Andrea Small

**Roger M. Miron**

Bernadette Miron

**Yale College '67 classmates**

**John Fendya, Doug**

**McNeill & Paul Monette**

Mark Earmer & Paul Lamar

**Grant Ray Moore**

Cindy Moorcroft

**Captain Morgan**

David Chico

**Angel Nieves**

Barbara Rio-Glick

**Buddy Oppedisano**

Roger Blankfein

In The Comfort Of Home

**Orion**

David Christopher

**James Perry**

Ron Gerber

**Ellen Picotte**

Bill & Susan Picotte

Gail Reilly

**James W. Poretta**

James Borgia-Forster

**Bill Lawrence & Alan Ray**

Amy O'Connell

**Norman Rea**

Robert & Patricia  
O'Connor

**Glen Rosengarten**

Neil & Jane Golub

**John Saupp**

Ron Gerber

**Lisa Schaefer**

DJ & Ann Buckbee  
Denise M. Hansen  
John & Patricia Loz  
Barbara J. McNamee

**Linda M. Stuart**

Steven E. Flint  
NYS DEC Division of AIR  
Resources  
Robert G. Sliwinski  
Randi J. Walker

**Peg Stucky**

William David Karchner

**Sally Tillman**

Sally Bratspis

**Anne F. Tower**

Anne Mary Bielawa  
Katherine Cioffi  
Helen McCarthy  
Ellen & John Culliton  
Cornelius Heffernan  
Anne Mary Horowitz  
Sandra & Edward Johnson  
Lela Katzman  
Rosemary Koveleskie  
Anne & Dale Lengkeek  
Thomas Lithgow  
Jean Elizabeth Mackay  
Nancy Mackay  
Mary Mahoney  
Helen McCarthy  
Keven Ostrander  
Dara Shapiro  
Gaylord & John Stopen  
Susan Sulzman  
Anne & Dominick Testo

**Ana Travis**

Bernard Ditanot

**Raymond J. Trombley**

Jean Trombley

**Wayne Trottie**

Laurie & David Bacheldor



NYS DEC Division of Air Resources staff named our new Support Group Room in memory of Linda Stuart.



# 2017 In-Kind Donors

Our in-kind donors have an impact on many parts of the Albany Damien Center. Some items go directly to our members, raffle and auction donations entice people to come and help us raise even more much-needed funds, and Treasure Chest donations provide both inventory that benefits the Center's members and also helps us make their house a home with furnishings and equipment. To all our in-kind donors: thank you!

## In-Kind Donors

Jinny Abrams  
 Adrieno Adrieno  
 Barbara Agans  
 Manmeet Ahluwalia  
 Steve Algier  
 Ramon Ali  
 Alliance for Positive Health  
 Carol Anderson  
 Michele Andre  
 Angels To Each Other  
 Women's Group  
 John Bailey  
 Dan Ballister  
 Mark Barth  
 Mark Bechard & Ronald  
 Farrell  
 Roland Bell  
 Julian Bennett  
 Mike Berger  
 Elaine Bird  
 Anne Boehm  
 Judith Bouchard  
 Beth Bouloukos & Anne  
 Bink  
 Jonathan Bowen  
 Eileen Box  
 Erin Boyce  
 Claudia Bozsik  
 Carol Bradwell  
 Liam Brennan  
 Claire Brockley  
 Phillip Brown  
 Mark & Marjorie Burgasser  
 Morgan Burns  
 Susan Buse  
 Lisbeth Calandrino  
 Capital Wine & Spirits  
 Caplan-Bensley Foundation  
 Ralph Caputo  
 Bianca Carter  
 Theresa Casey  
 Maryellen Casey-Usis  
 Carolyn Casner  
 Centers Health Care  
 Central Veterinary  
 Tom Clancy  
 Michael Clement & Donald  
 Heintze  
 Rachel Clemente  
 Erika Colacino

Kristen Collins & Gretchen  
 Guenther-Collins  
 Martha Corneil  
 Kirkham Cornwell  
 Betsy Cotrona  
 Lindsay Cotrona  
 Carmelita Cruz  
 Donald & Joan Csaposs  
 Robert Curry & Douglas  
 Jasinske  
 William & Cynthia Daly  
 Curt & Sandy Damhof  
 Robert Dansereau  
 Gwen D'Arcangelis  
 Mary Darcy  
 Sharon Couch DeBonis  
 Paul Degen  
 Ashley DeLuis  
 Mike Dirolf  
 David Dobbs  
 Jo Anne Dolan Dolan  
 Margaret Doolin  
 Dutch Apple Cruises  
 Ryan Ebersole  
 Jerry Ellis  
 Tom Ellis  
 Bryan Empie  
 Robert Englert  
 Eileen Faist  
 Jessica Falconiere  
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 Kathleen Fitzpatrick  
 Lauren Ford  
 Julia Franklin  
 John Frederick  
 Liza Frenette  
 Tanya Frink  
 Kayleigh Gakakis  
 Joseph Galu  
 Zanetta Gary  
 Steven Gibbs  
 Barbara Gilman  
 Alma Godi  
 Emmanuel Gomes  
 Elizabeth Griffin  
 Hamilton Street Café  
 Ellen Harris  
 Amber Heiserman  
 Holy Innocents Church  
 Honest Weight Food Co-Op  
 Nathan Horwitz

Dot Howlan  
 Israel AME Church  
 Kitt Jackson  
 Harry Jarvis  
 Alycia Johnson-Dardiz  
 Journey United Church  
 of Christ  
 JrMac Massage Therapy  
 Kevin Kanarek  
 William Karchner  
 Robyn Kearns  
 Diane Kempf  
 Richard Kilroe  
 Amelia Klein  
 Paul Kosachiner  
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 Westerholt  
 Bill Kramek & John Neil  
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 Charles Kuhtic  
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 Landmark Theatres  
 Maya Lane  
 Robert LaRocca &  
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 Cathi LeBarge  
 Laci Lee  
 Thomas LingHua  
 Kathryn Linhardt  
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 Tony Lofrumento  
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 Donna McCrudden  
 Tom McDermott  
 Elizabeth McGarry  
 Colin McKnight  
 Jacqueline McManus  
 Dolores Merkel  
 Janet Mikovich  
 John Miller  
 Linda Miller  
 Silvia Mioc  
 Daniel Morrissey  
 Lillian Moy



*Welcome Home!*

Donna Muller  
 Michael Murphy  
 Adirondack Museum  
 Sudarat Musikawong  
 Hicham Nedjari  
 Tara Needham  
 Melissa Nepl  
 Niskayuna Visibility Club  
 Patrick Noonan  
 Nortre Dame-Bishop  
 Gibbons High  
 School  
 Theresa Nowicki  
 Michael O'Hara  
 Orchard Tavern  
 Bobbi Palma  
 Kate Parks  
 Richard Perras  
 Chuck & Liz Peters  
 Artist Pianos  
 Jay Picker  
 Alexandra Pinheiro  
 Sylvia Pirani  
 Roberta Place  
 John Portelli  
 Price Chopper  
 Supermarkets  
 Proctors  
 John Quinn  
 Cailin Radigan  
 Deborah Reiter  
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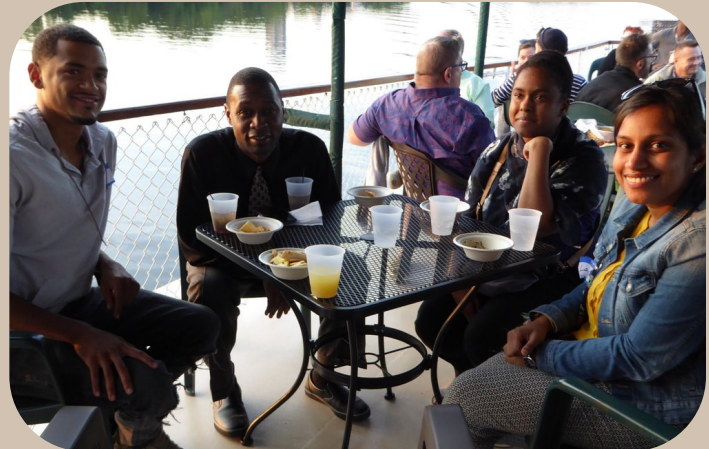


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