

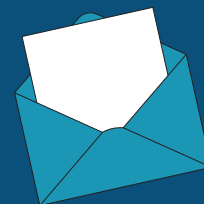


Welcome to our community newsletter!

We are very excited to showcase some of the incredible work and resources within and beyond our Continuum of Care.

Please note that by featuring an organization or individual in our newsletter, the Homeless Alliance does not endorse any religious or political beliefs/stances of these individuals or organizations.

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The Homeless Alliance of WNY's
*20th Anniversary
Luncheon*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH | 11:30-3 PM

at

Samuel's Grande Manor
8750 Main St, Williamsville, NY 14221

≡ **NEW** ≡
BLOGPOST

[Check out our latest blog posts for
brand new content!](#)

[Homeless Alliance of WNY hosts
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National Panel in organization
history](#)

[Liftoff WNY hosts important
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Childhood Development panel](#)

A Message from the Executive Director...

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Homeless Alliance of Western New York. As I reflect on this milestone, I think about the people, partnerships, and persistence that have shaped this journey. What began as a small coordinating body has grown into a network of more than 300 partner agencies, all rooted in one deeply held conviction: a community committed to ending homelessness.

Over time, we've built a stronger, more connected system—one that this year brings **\$23.7 million through the federal Continuum of Care program to Western New York**. These funds support housing and services for more than 1,700 individuals and families each year. Behind those numbers are real stories: a veteran who finally breathes easier, a parent able to tuck their child in at night, someone who no longer has to choose between medicine and rent.

I've been reminded recently of a line from *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah:

"In love we find out who we want to be; in war we find out who we are."

In this work, love defines our vision—what kind of community we want to build. But it's in the struggle, the fight for what's right, that we discover who we truly are. The challenges of this past year—shifting federal priorities, funding uncertainty, and rising housing costs—have revealed our community's true character: resilient, compassionate, and unwilling to give in.

Even amid change, the Alliance has stepped forward to fill critical gaps—strengthening coordination, expanding access to essential services, and ensuring that no one falls through the cracks. I see people across Western New York showing up every day with heart, integrity, and hope. The Alliance is proud to stand beside you—to coordinate, to amplify, and to lead.

As we look ahead, the work will not be easy—but I know who we are. We are a community that fights for what's right, leads with love, and acts boldly. Together, we'll continue building a future where homelessness is rare, brief, and nonrecurring.

To everyone who has walked beside us these 20 years—thank you. Your trust and commitment make this work possible. Together, we carry forward not only the legacy of the past but also the promise of what's to come.

Kexin Ma
Executive Director, Homeless Alliance of WNY

The Homeless Alliance celebrates 20 Years on December 5

For the past two decades, the Homeless Alliance of Western New York has proudly led, supported, and advocated for a more effective and compassionate homeless service system across our region.

During our milestone 20th Anniversary event, we will honor outstanding individuals whose dedication has brought hope, stability, and support to people experiencing homelessness in our community.

Proceeds raised from the luncheon go towards the Homeless Alliance's mission to end homelessness in Western New York. Specific activities include coordinating intake and referral to over 40 permanent housing programs across Erie, Niagara, Genesee, Orleans, and Wyoming counties, providing technical assistance for these programs, coordinating with mainstream providers such as hospitals, emergency services, the Department of Social Services, and more to reduce people experiencing homelessness falling through systemic cracks, compiling homelessness data to inform best practices and trends, as well as providing direct outreach to unsheltered people.

In this milestone year, we are looking to make our event even more special. Support from our community is critical not only for this year's celebration, but to continue our agency's mission to end homelessness.

Interested in supporting the Homeless Alliance's 20th Anniversary luncheon? Below are all the various ways to support:

Sponsorships

We are seeking event sponsors.

[Click here for sponsorship package information.](#)

Advertisements

Advertise your business or organization to 300+ engaged attendees from diverse sectors throughout Western New York!

[Click here for advertisement information.](#)

Donations

We are in need of items for our large item and basket raffle!

[Click here for donation information.](#)

Want to donate but needs ideas? [Click here to see our Amazon Wish list.](#)

For more information on supporting the 2025 Homeless Alliance Western New York Luncheon, please contact:

- Sponsorships: Tracy Schmidt, Director of Community Impact at
schmidt@wnyhomeless.org | (716) 923-4477

- Advertisements/Donations: Sara Carlson, Permanent Supportive Housing System
Coordinator at carlson@wnyhomeless.com | (716) 923-7779

WEST SIDE HOMES COMPLETE; \$23 MILLION PROJECT IN DOWNTOWN BUFFALO



New York Governor Kathy Hochul announced the completion of West Side Homes on Sept. 30, a \$23 million affordable and supportive housing development in the city of Buffalo. The project includes 11 new buildings constructed on vacant lots.

The West Side Homes project creates 49 affordable apartments, including 16 with supportive services for individuals struggling with homelessness.

“Every New Yorker deserves a safe, affordable place to call home, and West Side Homes is a testament to our unwavering commitment to making that a reality in Buffalo,” Hochul said.

“This \$23 million development was constructed with direct input from residents and contributes to the continued revitalization on the city’s West Side. Today’s announcement demonstrates how my administration is creating pathways to prosperity for families as part of our historic \$25 billion housing plan.”

West Side Homes consists of 11 new buildings on vacant lots featuring 45 affordable departments and the substantial rehabilitation of two two-family buildings. The development sites were chosen through a 2017 planning process, led by BNSC, in which West Side residents identified areas where energy-efficient affordable housing could be constructed. The 13 sites are spread over an approximately two-mile area. All 49 apartments at West Side Homes are affordable to households earning at or below 50 percent of the Area Median Income.

Sixteen apartments with supportive services are reserved for households struggling with homelessness. These residents have access to on-site supportive services and rental subsidies funded through the Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative and administered by the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS), including care management and behavioral health treatment services.

Residential amenities include laundry facilities, porches, balconies and community space. The development includes five apartments that are fully accessible for people with mobility impairments and two apartments that are equipped for people with hearing and visual impairments.



AMY'S PLACE OF HOPE NOW A REALITY IN BUFFALO'S EAST SIDE



The ribbon has been cut and the doors are now officially open for a truly special development in the east side of Buffalo!

The celebration of the grand opening of Build Promise's Amy's Place of Hope took place on October 9 in front of a packed crowd that was eager to see the 24,000 square foot state-of-the-art, men's homeless shelter in one of the hardest hit areas in the city of Buffalo.

The facility, located at 1297 Sycamore Street, features 96 semi-private beds, 80 code blue beds for when the weather is freezing, as well as shower, laundry and medical services that are directly on-site.

"We'll be able to offer everything from mental health services to peer services to medical services to job training here," Sam DiVincenzo, executive director of Build Promise told WKBW. "Emergency beds for men. We'll have all this. We have the...

...VA hospital. The DMV has committed to being here to help everybody with a driver's license. The Erie County Department of Social Services – never before have they been in a satellite building."

Build Promise will be collaborating with a number of community partners to offer a host of additional on-site resources that include mental health care, dental care, legal assistance and housing placement.

Those organizations include Jericho Road, BestSelf Behavioral Services, OLV Human Services, Evergreen Health, Feedmore WNY, US Department of Veterans Affairs, Mental Health Advocates of WNY, The Restoration Society, Neighborhood Legal Services, and others.

The facility will also features other important resources like family and financial literacy along with haircuts so guests can look their best as they get back on their feet.

The shelter honors the legacy of Amy Betros, co-founder of St. Luke's Mission of Mercy, who passed away unexpectedly this past Spring.

**Build
Promise**

Amy's Place of Hope

NYS HOMES AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL ANNOUNCES OPENING OF 150-UNIT AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT



New York State Homes and Community Renewal Commissioner RuthAnne Visnauskas announced the completion of Pan-American Square Apartments on Thursday, October 16, a \$93 million, 150-unit affordable housing development in Buffalo.

The development consists of three newly-constructed buildings located on the city's westside near the site of the World's Fair in 1901. More than half of the apartments are supportive Single-Room Occupancy units and there are several apartments reserved for seniors.

Pan-American Square Apartments continues this effort and complements Governor Hochul's \$25 billion five-year housing plan, which is on track to create or preserve 100,000 affordable homes statewide.

"Our investment in Pan-American Square Apartments highlights two of our most important goals – it creates 150 much-needed affordable and modern apartments, and it ensures households who need support will have access to the tools and resources that help them live independently," Visnauskas said. "As the revitalization of Buffalo continues, we thank our many state and local partners for making this project a reality, and we look forward to our continued work in communities across Western NY."

Apartments at Pan-American Square are available to households earning up to 60 percent of the Area Median Income. There are 100 supportive apartments for vulnerable residents and those struggling with homelessness, as well as seniors age 55 and older in need of support services. Of these supportive apartments, 80 are Single Room Occupancy units, which are one room that also contains a sink and stove with access to a shared bathroom in the public corridor. On-site support services are provided by DePaul Community Services including case management, healthcare coordination, transportation, community integration, and independent living skills education.

"For individuals experiencing homelessness, mental illness or substance use disorders, access to housing and support can be life changing. It provides a foundation for recovery, stability, and a better quality of life." NYS Health Commissioner Dr. James McDonald said.

VFW DONATES \$50,000 TO WNY HOMELESS VETERANS' HEALTH SERVICES

In a display of solidarity and compassion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) has announced a \$50,000 donation to support health services for homeless veterans in Western New York.

This generous gift represents not only a tangible investment in the well-being of those who have served but also a powerful affirmation of the enduring bonds that unite veterans across generations and backgrounds.

"At a time when the challenges faced by homeless veterans are more urgent than ever, this act of giving stands as a beacon of hope — a reminder that the call to serve does not end with military discharge, but echoes through continued acts of kindness and advocacy, living up to our motto: 'No one does more for veterans,'" VFW officials said in a statement.



17TH ANNUAL PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT ANOTHER GREAT SUCCESS

Over 100 service providers gathered at the Buffalo Convention Center back on Sept. 19 to offer housing assistance, medical care, mental health services and other crucial resources to the city's homeless population during the 17th annual Project Homeless Connect.

The one-day event comes as homelessness continues to surge across Western New York. A report from the state comptroller in January shows roughly 1,500 people are homeless in the region - an 81 percent jump between 2022 and 2024.

The event offered a wide range of services, from housing assistance and mental health support to dental care and free haircuts.

"As rates of homelessness have surged across the nation in recent years, it has become more important than ever that we extend a helping hand to our unhoused neighbors," common council member Zeneta B. Everhart said.

"Project Homeless Connect Buffalo is an opportunity to provide these essential services, helping to meet these individuals' basic needs and equipping them with the assistance and resources to maintain stable housing. I thank Project Homeless Connect Buffalo for their hard work and compassion in providing lifesaving assistance to some of the most vulnerable individuals in our community."

BUFFALO BILLS' HUDDLE FOR HUNGER HAS RECORD-BREAKING YEAR



The Buffalo Bills Foundation partnered with Wegmans Food Markets and 20 different Huddle for Hunger nonprofits that work to provide food access to communities around Western New York.

In 2025, a record-breaking 65,100 pounds of food were donated to the 2025 Huddle for Hunger Community Food Drive to support FeedMore WNY and its nearly 400 hunger-relief partners throughout Erie, Niagara, Cattaraugus and Chautauqua counties. This year's Huddle for Hunger totals surpassed the previous record by more than 27,000 pounds. The annual Huddle for Hunger Drive is made possible through the collaboration of the Buffalo Bills Foundation and Wegmans.

Highlights from the 2025 Huddle for Hunger campaign included:

- The Community Food Drive & Festival at Highmark Stadium on September 30 saw 65,107 total pounds of food donated for the Western New York Community



- An additional 1,030 pounds of food was collected from the fans of both Jamestown and Bennett in a Rivalries Week Celebration on October 3.



- \$171,656 was raised for the 20 Huddle for Hunger charities as the Bills took on the Patriots on October 5.

The Buffalo Bills Foundation is focused on addressing hunger, increasing access to nutritious food for families and supporting healthy eating in the Western New York region.

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1570 Buffalo Ave, Niagara Falls, NY 14303

Wednesday 9/17 ~ Buffalo Stand Down Veterans Event 10am - 1pm

1001 East Delavan Ave. Buffalo, NY 14215

Friday 9/19 ~ Project Homeless Connect 10am-4pm

Buffalo Convention Center

153 Franklin St, Buffalo, NY 14202

Monday 9/29~ Friends of Night People ~ 3-7pm

394 Hudson St. Buffalo, NY 14201

Wednesday 10/15~ Buffalo City Mission ~ 3-6pm

100 E Tupper St, Buffalo, NY 14203

Monday 10/20 ~ Genesis Center / St. Simon's Church~ 4-7pm

200 Cazenovia St, Buffalo, NY 14210

Monday 11/10 ~ Resource Council of WNY ~ 6:30-8:30pm

347 E Ferry St, Buffalo, NY 14208

Monday 11/24 ~ Niagara Falls Community Missions 12-3pm

1570 Buffalo Ave, Niagara Falls, NY 14303

Wednesday 12/3 ~ Best Self Recovery Center ~ 3-7pm

69 Linwood Ave. Buffalo, NY 14209

Thursday 12/15~ Buffalo City Mission ~ 3-6pm

100 E Tupper St, Buffalo, NY 14203

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or To Donate
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Thanksgiving and Upcoming Holiday Resources

Friends of Night People

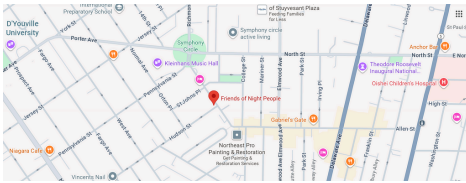
Humanity served daily

FRIENDS OF NIGHT PEOPLE

Provides free meals to those in need daily from 5-7 PM ET

394 Hudson Street
Buffalo, NY 14201

Food and clothing donations accepted Monday through Saturday between 10 AM - 7 PM and Sunday 12 - 7 PM



HEARTS FOR THE HOMELESS MOBILE SOUP KITCHEN

The Mobile Soup Kitchen serves nutritious meals five (5) nights a week, 52 weeks a year!

In addition to food, the mobile soup kitchen vehicle also carries essential clothing items. In the winter months, clients can expect to find brand new and gently used boots, socks, coats, hats, gloves, and scarves.

Buffalo & Erie County Public Library (Central Library)
1 Lafayette Square
Buffalo, NY 14203

Evening Schedule Serving Time
(Tuesday - Saturday)

Tuesday 5:30 PM | Wednesday 6 PM
Thursday 6 PM | Friday 6:30 PM
Saturday 5:00 PM



WEEKLY LUNCH SERVICE | EVERY TUESDAY AT 1 PM ET
1187 E. Delavan Ave., Buffalo, NY 14215

Every Tuesday afternoon, Hearts for the Homeless serves lunch with their Mobile Soup Kitchen bus at the Leroy R. Coles Library branch on E. Delavan in the City of Buffalo.

TOYS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The Salvation Army Family Resource Center
1000 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14202

Now you can sign up to receive **FREE NEW TOYS FOR CHILDREN 12 YEARS AND YOUNGER** with a walk-in or by appointment.

Dates to apply will be as follows:

Tuesday, October 28 | Thursday, November 6
Thursday, November 13 | Thursday, October 30
Tuesday, November 18 | Thursday, November 20
Tuesday, November 25 | Tuesday, December 2
Thursday, December 4 (FINAL DAY)

Appointments Only Mon-Wed-Fri:
October 27 - December 5

Please bring: a photo ID, proof of residence, proof of income (last 30 days), social security cards for all of household and birth certificates for all children.

BuffaloSalvationArmy.org

BUFFALO CITY MISSION'S TURKEY EXPRESS



The Mission provides Thanksgiving meals with all the trimmings based on community call-in reservations. On Thanksgiving morning, volunteer teams deliver special Thanksgiving meals based on the maps provided.

Volunteer Positions Open on October 9!

Meal Reservation Begins on November 4!

Full Information:
buffalocitymission.org/thanksgiving-turkey-express

Thanksgiving and Upcoming Holiday Resources

HEARTS FOR THE HOMELESS: HEARTS HOLIDAY THANKSGIVING

Through the Hearts for the Homeless Feed A Family initiative, our neighbors will be able to share in the joy of their family traditions and not miss out on the benefits of Thanksgiving.

Shop & Drop

Purchase items using the suggested shopping list, then drop it off at hearts campus. [Click here to register and view their suggested shopping list.](#) Once registered, you will receive an email with their drop off location at the Hearts Campus and a copy of our suggested shopping list. **Food items can be dropped off now, until Friday, November 11th.**

Sponsor A Family

Donate \$35 to cover the cost of a turkey, canned vegetables, among other items and Hearts will do the shopping for a family to make a Thanksgiving Meal. Click to donate or make checks payable to Hearts for the Homeless. Please memo: Feed A Family. Mail to: PO Box 437, Buffalo, NY 14223. **Deadline to donate is November 11th.**

Volunteer at the Hearts Campus

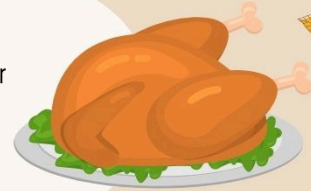
Sign up you, your family, or your group to pack meal kits or distribute to families before Thanksgiving. We have two dates available for "Thanksgiving Grocery Bag Packers" and "Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway", where you would either create meal kits for disruption or distribute the meal kits so that families can cook a Thanksgiving day meal.

Feed A Family

How to get involved

Shop & Drop

Purchase items using our suggested shopping list, then drop it off at the Hearts Campus.



Sponsor A Family

Donate \$35 and Hearts will do the shopping for a family to make a Thanksgiving meal.



Volunteer at Hearts' Campus

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Food Drive

We are hosting a food drive at the YMCA in Amherst and Suerpior Auto Sales in Hamburg.



For details on how to get involved, visit our website:
www.heartsforthehomeless.org/holiday



**CREATIVE
RESTORATIONS**

Thanksgiving

**FREE COMMUNITY
DINNER**

SIGN-UP REQUIRED

CALL OFFICE TO RESERVE SPACE

716-262-0126 ASK FOR DEAN

SPACES LIMITED

4:30 PM START

27 NOVEMBER, 2025

**TRINITY EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**

**371 DELAWARE AVE.
BUFFALO, NY 14202**



Thanksgiving and Upcoming Holiday Resources

GENESIS CENTER OF WNY COMMUNITY SOUP KITCHEN MEALS

The Genesis Center Soup Kitchen serves soup kitchen meals to our good neighbors in South Buffalo.

Everyone is welcome to come and eat a nutritious, meal, which is typically a hot, main dish with sides, fruit/dessert, and a beverage. Please join us for a free meal!

**Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays
4:00 - 6:00 PM**

**Lunch on Saturdays
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM**

2161/2163 Seneca Street
Buffalo, NY 14210

THE SALVATION ARMY LOCKPORT CORPS

FOOD PANTRY

Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

SISTER LORETTO SOUP KITCHEN

Monday - Friday
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

MONTHLY FOOD EXPRESS

Third Thursday of Every Month
beginning at 10:30 AM

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Monday - Friday
3:00 - 6:00 PM
Homework help, recreation,
activities and a meal.

50 Cottage Street
Lockport, NY 14094

THE HOLLEY CENTER - EASTERN ORLEANS COMMUNITY CENTER

LUNCH

Maudie Mae's Community Kitchen serves lunches Monday - Friday from 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM. Open to all residents of Orleans County!

Clothing Closet

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays
1:00 - 3:00 pm

Tuesday's Thursday's
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**Emergency Food Pantry and
Emergency Clothing Pantry**
Serving Residents of Eastern
Orleans County

75 Public Square
Holley, NY 14470

HEARTS FOR THE HOMELESS THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Additional participation for Hearts for the Homeless' Feed A Family can be dropping off non-perishable items for their Thanksgiving Food Drive.

They are in immediate need of:
Canned Green Beans. Boxed Mac & Cheese, Boxed Potatoes and Canned Collard Greens

Look for their donation barrels at:

- YMCA, 150 Tech Dr. Amherst, NY 14221 and
- Superior Auto Sales, 5201 Camp Rd. Hamburg, NY 14075

**Deadline to contribute is Friday,
November 4th.**

GENESEE COUNTY FOOD RESOURCES

Foodlink

Foodlink Pop-Up Pantries bring emergency food relief to parts of our service area that have limited access to traditional food pantries. [Complete Information and Map of Over 40 Distribution Centers here!](#)

Meals on Wheels of Genesee County

Delivers meals to Genesee County residents age 60 and over who are incapacitated, lacking support, and unable to prepare their own meals. [Call 585-343-1611 for more information or visit here for eligibility.](#)

The City Church Food Pantry

Thursdays 11 AM - 1 PM | Saturdays 10 AM - Noon
15 Center Street, Batavia, NY 14020

Le Roy Pantry & Help Inc

Provides food to those who live in Le Roy or have children in the Le Roy School District Monday - Thursday from 10:00 AM - Noon
48 Main Street (Town Hall), Le Roy, NY 14482

Thanksgiving and Upcoming Holiday Resources

GENESEE COUNTY CODE BLUE

Genesee County's Code Blue program is hosted at the Genesee County Sheriff's Office located at 165 Park Road (Batavia, NY 14020).

The location serves as both a extreme cold warming center and a homeless shelter when the temperature drops below 32 degrees.

The office is open 24 hours a day/7 days a week.

For more information please contact Sheriff Joseph Graff at (585)-345-3000.

ADDITIONAL GENESEE COUNTY FOOD RESOURCES

Mustard Seed Food Pantry

The former North Bergen Food Pantry has relocated to the Mustard Seed Food Pantry at Bergen UMC (Bergen United Methodist Church). The pantry provides staples, fresh, and frozen food to those experiencing food insecurity in the rural community, serving residents in the tri-county areas of Genesee, Orleans, and Western Monroe County.

Open to all, regardless of area of residence! Last Saturday (9:00 AM - Noon) and Second Thursday (5:00 - 8:00 PM) each month.

Located at Bergen United Methodist Church on 27 South Lake Street, Bergen, NY 14416.

The Little Free Pantry

Take what you need. The mini pantry movement is a grassroots effort to immediate and local need. Box is located at 300 E Main Street (West Side of Building), Batavia, NY 14020.

The Goose Center (Feeding Our Families Food Pantry)

Servicing Genesee County every Wednesday 10:00 AM - Noon and 5:00 - 7:00 PM at 33 S. Main Street, Oakfield, NY 14125.

ERIE COUNTY CODE BLUE

Information for the Code Blue shelter in Erie County will be available in the very near future following the closure of Sylvia's House in mid July.

The new selection will be made sometime this fall.

NIAGARA COUNTY CODE BLUE

Niagara County's Code Blue program is hosted at the Niagara Gospel Mission at 1317 Portage Road (Niagara Falls, 14301).

The Code Blue program will be open November 1 - March 31 any day the temperature is below 32 degrees.

For more information, [please visit their website here](#) or call (716)-205-8805.

ORLEANS COUNTY CODE BLUE

An overnight warming center is available for those without shelter at The Christ Episcopal Church, located at 26 South Main St. in Albion. Please call (585)-340-1355 if you need access to the facility.

Daytime Warming Centers are also available at Hoag Library (134 South Main Street, Albion), Community Action Eastern Orleans Community Center (75 Public Square, Holley) and Lee-Whedon Memorial Library (620 West Avenue, Medina).

WYOMING COUNTY CODE BLUE

Wyoming County's Code Blue Shelter is provided by at the Sheriff's Office.

The office lobby is open 24 hours a day and is monitored by security. Officers can also assist with blankets and food. It is located at 151 N Main St, Warsaw, NY 14569.

2026 POINT IN TIME COUNT (PIT COUNT)



Coordinated by the Homeless Alliance of Western New York, the Point in Time (PIT) Count is an overnight survey conducted annually to gather accurate data and create a snapshot of the number of families and individuals experiencing homelessness across WNY at a single point in time.

WHY DO WE HOLD THE PIT COUNT?



RAISE AWARENESS



**PROVIDE RELIEF TO
UNSHELTERED FAMILIES**



**ADVOCATE FOR MORE,
NEEDED FUNDING**



**UNDERSTAND TRENDS,
INFORMED BY DATA**

WHEN?

**January 22 -
January 23,
2026**

WHERE?

**Unsheltered
locations such as
parks, bridges,
hospitals,
sidewalks, etc.**

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Orleans, & Wyoming Counties)
rbatt@wnyil.org

Thanksgiving and Upcoming Holiday Resources

ARE YOU A COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION PROVIDING WINTER HOLIDAY PROGRAMS OR GIVEAWAYS IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER?

SUBMIT MATERIALS TO SCHAFER@WNYHOMELESS.ORG TO BE INCLUDED IN OUR
SPECIAL HOLIDAY EDITION OF THE NEWSLETTER!

THANKS FOR READING!!

CONTACT

Homeless Alliance of WNY
625 Delaware Ave, Suite #410
Buffalo, NY 14202
716-853-1101
wnyhomeless.org



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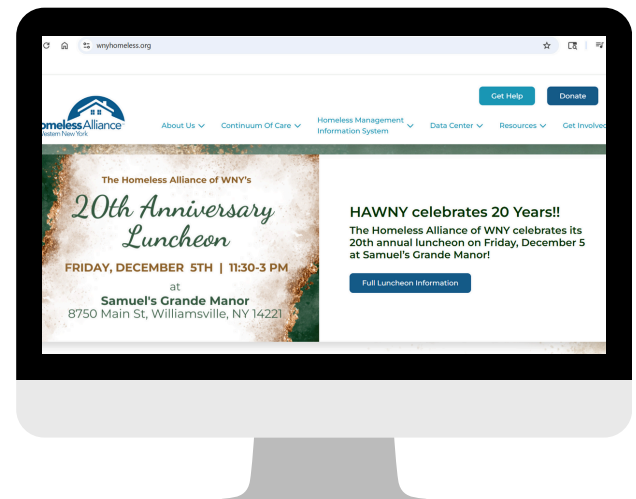
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BFNC event room: 2365 Main St., Buffalo

**Enjoy a festive brunch, fun-filled visit from Kente Claus,
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**JUNIOR LEAGUE
BUFFALO**

For MORE Information contact Letrice Harwell at (716)852-5065 ext. 213

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