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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.

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This issue highlights the momentum building across Western New York!

From major investments in affordable housing and new opportunities for families to the latest data on homelessness across our region, this edition takes a closer look at both the challenges we face and the progress being made to address them. You'll also find local resources and upcoming opportunities as we head into the holiday season.

WNY is stepping up — and this edition captures it all.

WNY HOMELESSNESS RISES AS 3 IN 4 PEOPLE ENTER THE SYSTEM FOR THE FIRST TIME

The Homeless Alliance of Western New York's annual report points to an affordable housing crisis that is pushing more households into homelessness faster than the community can house them in FY2025.

An estimated 8,602 people experienced homelessness across Western New York in FY2025, according to the latest annual report from the Homeless Alliance of Western New York. But behind the total number is a more significant finding: 76.9% of people entering the region's homeless response system were experiencing homelessness for the first time, as the affordable housing crisis continues to push more households into housing instability across the region.

The report also confirmed a long-term trend, finding an 8.0% increase in the number of people experiencing homelessness across Western New York from FY2015 to FY2025.



The FY2025 Homelessness Summary Brief, which examines homelessness across Erie, Niagara, Genesee, Orleans and Wyoming counties, shows that more people are entering homelessness even as the region's homeless response system continues to produce positive results. Exits to permanent housing increased during FY2025, while the rate of people returning to homelessness within six months of exiting to a permanent housing situation remained stable.

"The data tells us the system is working, but it's working against a housing crisis that's becoming increasingly difficult to overcome," Nate Pyzikiewicz, HMIS Director at the Homeless Alliance of WNY said. "Our service providers are doing a good job helping people find housing and regain stability with the resources they have. The challenge is that more people are entering homelessness, most for the first time and faster than our system can help them, and there isn't enough affordable housing to meet that need."

A Housing Crisis Is Driving More People Into Homelessness

The report points to housing affordability as a central factor behind the region's growing homelessness crisis.



UNDERSTANDING THE FY2025 ANNUAL REPORT AND HOMELESSNESS IN WNY

Nearly half of Western New York renters (49.5%) are spending 30% or more of their income on rent, a level defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as unaffordable. At the same time, 34% of clients identified eviction as the primary reason they became homeless, making it the leading reported cause in the region.

Among clients who reported a primary reason for losing their housing, 23.4% cited an informal eviction, while 12.8% cited domestic violence or abuse and another 10.6% cited a court-ordered eviction. Loss of job or income, including public benefits, accounted for another 8.0%.

"Homelessness is not simply someone sleeping outside," Tracy Schmidt, Director of Community Impact said. "Especially in today's economic climate, homelessness is one crisis away for a lot of people."



It can begin when a family's car breaks down the same week rent is due, when someone's hours at their job are cut back, or when another crisis makes it extremely difficult to remain housed. The fact that more than three-quarters of people entering the homeless response system are experiencing homelessness for the first time should challenge all of us to think differently about who homelessness affects and what it actually looks like."

The System Is Working, But Needs More Housing

Despite the growing demand, the report finds that the region's homeless response system continues to help people move toward permanent housing.

In FY2025, 1,694 people exited a NY-508 homeless service provider to a permanent housing situation, representing 28.9% of all clients who exited the system. The proportion exiting to a permanent housing situation increased from FY2024, even as the overall number of people experiencing homelessness also increased.

However, the lack of affordable housing is making it harder for providers to build on those successes. As more people are priced out of housing and fewer affordable units are available, people already receiving services are staying in shelters longer while providers work to find permanent housing.

UNDERSTANDING THE FY2025 ANNUAL REPORT AND HOMELESSNESS IN WNY

“When someone is able to remain housed, that is a win for the entire community,” Schmidt added. “It means a family avoids the disruption and trauma of homelessness, a child can remain in their school, a person can remain connected to their job and community, and our homeless response system can focus its resources on people who truly need crisis intervention. Prevention isn’t just good policy, it’s an investment in the stability and well-being of our entire community.”

The People Behind the Numbers

The data in the latest annual report represent more than a year-over-year increase. They represent families, children, people living with disabilities, survivors of domestic violence and community members who can spend months navigating homelessness while searching for a place they can afford to call home.

In FY2025, 971 families experienced homelessness across Western New York, continuing an upward trend that began in FY2021. Children accounted for 26.9% of all people experiencing homelessness in the region, meaning more than one in four people experiencing homelessness was a child.

People living with disabilities are also disproportionately represented among those experiencing homelessness. Nearly half (46.7%) of people experiencing homelessness were experiencing a disability, compared with 14.3% of the overall NY-508 population. For someone already facing the challenges associated with a disability, losing stable housing can make accessing employment, health care, transportation and other essential supports even more difficult. At the same time, nearly half of Western New York renters are already spending at least 30% of their income on rent, making the search for an affordable home even more difficult.

The data also reveals significant racial disparities. Black, African American or African residents represented 48.5% of people experiencing homelessness, compared with 10.6% of the overall NY-508 population.

For some, homelessness is the result of an immediate and dangerous crisis. 581 people identified domestic violence or abuse as their primary reason for losing their housing in FY2025, 12.8% of clients reporting a primary reason for homelessness. That represents a 34.5% increase from the previous year, when domestic violence accounted for 9.5%.

And for thousands of others, homelessness is not brief. 4,301 people experienced Long Term Homelessness in FY2025, defined in the report as experiencing homelessness for more than 92 days within the NY-508 Continuum of Care.

UNDERSTANDING THE FY2025 ANNUAL REPORT AND HOMELESSNESS IN WNY

Behind every number is a person trying to regain stability, a parent trying to keep their family together, a child trying to maintain a sense of normalcy, a survivor trying to find safety, or a person with a disability trying to navigate a housing market that may not offer an affordable option.

That is why preventing homelessness before it happens matters. Keeping someone housed is not only better for that individual or family, it reduces the disruption homelessness creates throughout our community and allows our homeless response system to focus resources on people who need them most.

What Can the Community Do?

Homelessness cannot be solved by homeless service providers or a single organization alone. Expanding affordable housing, preventing homelessness before it occurs, improving access to existing housing and investing in supportive services are all necessary to make homelessness rare, brief and non-recurring.



The report specifically recommends expanding the supply of affordable housing, strengthening eviction prevention and emergency rental assistance, increasing housing navigation and landlord partnerships, expanding permanent supportive housing and continuing investment in the region's existing homeless response system.

And addressing homelessness requires the entire community to better understand what homelessness looks like in WNY and the role each of us can play in addressing it.

"Ending homelessness is not just about helping someone after they lose their home," Ashley Matrassi, Director of CoC Programs said. "It's about creating communities where people have a real opportunity to remain housed in the first place. That takes all of us, from community members and nonprofit organizations to businesses, landlords, elected officials, health care providers and others. When we invest in keeping people housed, we are investing in stronger, safer and more stable communities for everyone. We all want communities where everyone can be safe and have a place to call home."

The Homeless Alliance encourages community members, organizations and local leaders to review the FY2025 Homelessness Summary Brief to better understand the scope of homelessness across Western New York and the solutions needed to address it. The full FY2025 Homelessness Summary Brief can be found here.

HOPE HAS A HOME: SALVATION ARMY CELEBRATES PHASE I OPENING OF HOPE ON MAIN IN BUFFALO



There's a new home for Hope on Main Street!

The Salvation Army of Buffalo recently celebrated the grand opening of Phase I of its Hope on Main development, marking an important milestone in expanding housing and support for families experiencing homelessness in Western New York.

Located at 954 Main Street, the approximately $20 million Family Emergency Shelter features 32 private residential units with capacity for up to 80 people.

The new facility is designed to allow families to remain together while navigating a housing crisis and working toward greater stability.

But the opening is just the beginning.



Hope on Main represents a larger, multi-phase investment that will bring approximately 140 affordable apartments, 17 three-bedroom townhomes and additional community resources to the area *(see page 12)*.

Together, these efforts will create more opportunities for families to access safe, stable housing and build a path forward.

The opening represents more than a new building. **It's an investment in families, stronger communities and the belief that everyone deserves a place to call home.**

Because ending homelessness starts with hope. 💙



IN THE SPOTLIGHT: A LOOK AT LOCAL COVERAGE AROUND WNY

We're grateful for the local news organizations and journalists who continue to shine a light on homelessness and housing in Western New York. Their coverage helps bring greater awareness to the challenges facing our community, the work happening across our region, and the people and partnerships helping build the road home.

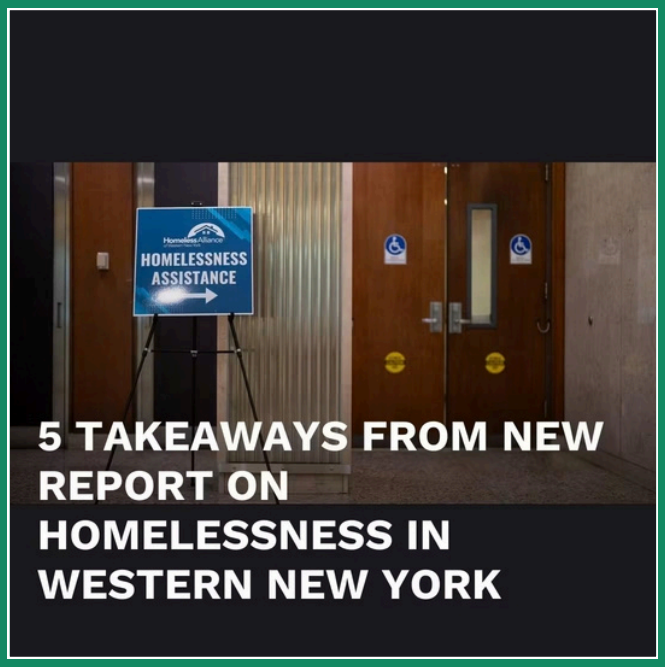
Thank you to the reporters, editors, photographers and news teams who have taken the time to tell these stories and help keep homelessness and housing at the forefront of the conversation.

Click on the story image to view story.

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The Homeless Alliance of WNY's

Annual Buncheon

Friday, December 11, 2026

10AM-1PM

at

Samuel's Grande Manor

8750 Main St, Williamsville, NY 14221

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of Western New York

FAMILY PROMISE OF WNY CELEBRATES 30 YEARS, LOOKS TO EXPAND SERVICES FOR FAMILIES EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS WITH NEW FACILITY

Family Promise of Western New York recently celebrated its 30th anniversary of helping families experiencing homelessness find stability and a path toward permanent housing. As the organization marks three decades of service, it is also looking toward its next chapter with plans to expand its ability to serve local families.

Family Promise is proposing a second Family Stabilization Hub in Buffalo that would provide temporary housing and supportive services for up to 10 families at a time. The organization currently has capacity for six families and serves more than 100 families each year through its programs.

The proposed expansion comes as families continue to represent a significant share of homelessness in Western New York. Family Promise reports that 75% of the people it serves are children. The Homeless Alliance of Western New York's regional data similarly demonstrates the significant number of children and families affected by homelessness across WNY, and how that number has continued to rise in recent years.

The proposed facility would be located on Franklin Street on property owned by Trinity Episcopal Church. Family Promise is currently working through the planning, fundraising and community engagement process and is seeking community feedback as it develops the project. The organization has partnered with Hallmark Planning & Development to support its community engagement efforts.

For 30 years, Family Promise has focused specifically on keeping families together while helping them overcome housing instability. Its work extends beyond temporary housing, with families receiving assistance with employment, education, financial stability, transportation, documentation and connections to other services.

As Family Promise begins its fourth decade of service, the proposed expansion represents an opportunity to help more families access the support they need during a housing crisis. Community members can learn more about the organization's work, provide feedback on the proposed project and support its ongoing efforts to prevent and end homelessness among families with children at **fpwny.org**.



BUILDING TOWARD HOME: WNY'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING PIPELINE IS GROWING AT A MUCH-NEEDED TIME

From new family housing and affordable apartments to factory-built starter homes and neighborhood infill, Buffalo is seeing a growing pipeline of housing designed to give more residents an attainable place to call home.

At a time when the need for safe, stable and affordable housing continues to challenge communities across Western New York, new housing is taking shape across Buffalo.

From the West Side to the East Side and neighborhoods in between, a growing collection of projects is adding affordable apartments, family-sized homes, starter homes and new opportunities for homeownership. Some projects are transforming vacant lots into new houses. Others are creating large-scale affordable apartment communities or combining housing with supportive services.

Together, these developments offer a glimpse of what a stronger housing landscape can look like: more options, more housing types and more pathways to a permanent home.

The projects are also demonstrating that addressing the housing shortage does not have to rely on a single approach. Public agencies, nonprofit organizations, developers, faith-based organizations and community partners are using a range of strategies to create new housing and bring long-vacant properties and lots back into productive use.

Here are several projects helping shape Buffalo's affordable housing landscape:

🏠 HOPE ON MAIN



Taking shape along Main Street, the Salvation Army's Hope on Main project is one of Buffalo's largest housing initiatives. This three-phase project creates a new family shelter and more than 150 affordable homes

The first phase is a new 80-bed emergency family shelter at 954 Main Street. The approximately $20 million facility will provide 32 private residential units designed to allow families to remain together during a housing crisis. The new shelter will replace The Salvation Army's existing 77-bed emergency shelter.

But the vision extends well beyond emergency shelter.

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The next phase of Hope on Main includes approximately 140 affordable one- and two-bedroom apartments along Main Street and 17 three-bedroom townhomes designed for larger families.

The project will also incorporate wraparound services and community amenities intended to support residents beyond simply providing a place to live.

The Salvation Army describes the broader Hope on Main initiative as a three-phase effort that also includes a new East Buffalo church and community center with programs and services for neighborhood residents.

The result is a development that connects emergency housing, permanent affordable housing and community-based services in one larger vision.

AT A GLANCE:

- 80 emergency shelter beds
- 140 affordable apartments
- 17 affordable townhomes
- Family-focused housing and services
- Main Street and North Pearl Street
- Multi-phase project

🏡 40 NEW STARTER HOMES



Affordable housing isn't only about rental housing. Buffalo is also receiving significant investment in affordable homeownership opportunities.

In June, New York State awarded the City of Buffalo $12 million through the MOVE-IN NY program to create 40 new affordable single-family homes.

The program uses factory-built CrossMod homes, which are manufactured in a controlled environment and then transported to their permanent sites. The approach is intended to reduce construction time and costs while creating homes that resemble traditionally constructed housing.

The homes will be sold to income-qualified buyers, with the MOVE-IN NY program targeting households between 60% and 130% of Area Median Income, depending on the market.

The Buffalo award is part of more than $20 million in state funding creating 68 new affordable homes in Buffalo and Niagara Falls.

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The initiative represents a different piece of the housing puzzle: helping households who may be able to afford homeownership with assistance, but who face a gap between their income and the cost of building or purchasing a new home.

AT A GLANCE:

- 40 new single-family homes
- $12 million state investment
- Factory-built CrossMod construction
- Income-qualified homeownership
- Targeted to households at 60–130% AMI, depending on market
- Vacant land transformed into new housing

🏘️ GREY STREET HOMES



Infill development brings new affordable family homes to Buffalo's East Side

On Buffalo's East Side, another project is focused on a familiar Buffalo opportunity: turning vacant lots into homes.

Mt. Aaron Missionary Baptist Church's Community Hope Builders LLC is planning 15 affordable single-family homes on Grey Street, expanding on an existing affordable housing presence in the neighborhood.

The homes are planned as three- and four-bedroom residences, providing larger housing options for families. The project is part of a broader concentration of affordable housing in the area, near Mt. Aaron Village, which includes apartments and townhomes.

The Grey Street proposal demonstrates the potential of infill development to do more than simply add housing. Building on vacant lots can help restore the residential fabric of neighborhoods while creating new opportunities for families to live in established communities.

AT A GLANCE:

- 15 affordable single-family homes
- Three- and four-bedroom homes
- Buffalo's East Side
- Developed by Community Hope Builders LLC
- Planned for low-income households
- Infill development on vacant land



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🌱 BUILDING BUFFALO ROOTS

BUILDING Buffalo ROOTS

A citywide effort is already putting new homeowners on vacant lots
The three projects above are part of a broader movement toward creating more affordable housing throughout Buffalo.

Through Building Buffalo Roots, the City of Buffalo, Erie County and the Buffalo Erie Niagara Land Improvement Corporation (BENLIC) are working together to construct new single-family homes on vacant city-owned lots.

The initiative has 47 homes under development across Buffalo, with properties spread across neighborhoods including Black Rock, Riverside, Grant-Amherst, Kensington-Bailey, University Heights, the First Ward, Lower West Side, West Side, and Masten.

The homes are designed to provide quality, energy-efficient housing for income-qualified buyers. The initiative uses public investment to bring vacant properties back into productive use while creating new opportunities for homeownership.

And the effort is designed to continue: proceeds from the sale of the initial homes will be used to support additional phases of construction.

The first Build Buffalo Roots home in the City was sold in August, marking the transition of the program from construction pipeline to actual homeownership.



AT A GLANCE:

- 47 single-family homes
- Multiple Buffalo neighborhoods
- Income-qualified homeownership
- All-electric, energy-efficient homes
- Additional phases planned

BUILDING TOWARD HOME: WNY'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING PIPELINE IS GROWING AT A MUCH-NEEDED TIME

MORE HOMES. MORE OPTIONS. MORE PATHS HOME.

No single housing project can solve the region's affordability or homelessness challenges on its own. But the growing number of projects underway across Buffalo demonstrates the importance of building a housing system with more options at every stage.

For someone experiencing homelessness, that can mean an emergency shelter that keeps a family together while they work toward stability. For a renter struggling to find an affordable apartment, it can mean a new unit that fits within their budget. For a first-time buyer, it can mean an attainable path to homeownership.

That range matters.

Western New York continues to face a significant shortage of affordable housing, and the Homeless Alliance of WNY's data shows how closely housing affordability and homelessness are connected. In FY2025, 971 families experienced homelessness across the five-county region, while children accounted for 26.9% of all people experiencing homelessness.

At the same time, new housing is being created through an increasingly diverse set of strategies — from large affordable apartment developments to modular construction and neighborhood-scale infill.

The work ahead remains substantial. But each new apartment, townhome and single-family home represents another opportunity for someone to find stability, remain connected to their community and build a future.

Building more affordable housing is not the only solution to homelessness — but without enough affordable housing, there is no lasting solution to homelessness.

Western New York is building. And every new home is another step toward making sure more Western New Yorkers have a place to call home.



WNY 2026 Free Thanksgiving Meals

Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans & Wyoming Counties

A community resource guide to free Thanksgiving meals and meal support throughout Western New York. All are welcome!

Erie County

- **Route 20 Ice Cream – 2783 Southwestern Blvd., Orchard Park, NY**
  Gratitude Groceries: Drive-thru pick-up on 11/7/26 (3:00–6:00 PM) & 11/10/26 (4:00–7:00 PM).
  No reservations needed.
- **Buffalo City Mission** – Turkey Express Meal Delivery on 11/26/26.
  Reservations begin 11/2/26: Visit https://express.buffalocitymission.org or call 716-854-8181 x436.
- **Friends of Night People – 394 Hudson St., Buffalo, NY**
  Thanksgiving Meal on 11/26/26 from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM. No reservations needed.
- **Response to Love Center** – 130 Kosciuszko St., Buffalo, NY
  Contact 716-894-7030 or visit responsetolove.org for Thanksgiving Meal information.
- **Salvation Army of Buffalo – 960 Main St., Buffalo, NY**
  Contact 716-883-9800 or visit facebook.com/BuffaloSalvationArmy for Thanksgiving Meal information.

Genesee County

- **Community Action of Orleans and Genesee** – *Thanksgiving Meal Boxes for income eligible families.*
  Contact 585-343-7798 to register.
- **City Church – 114 Liberty St., Batavia, NY**
  Thanksgiving Dinner on 11/26/26 from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM.
  Text THANKS26 to 585-487-8100 to reserve your meal.

Niagara County

- **Niagara Pride at Kenan Center Civic Arena – 433 Locust St., Lockport, NY**
  Thanksgiving Community Meal: An LGBTQ+ Gathering on 11/21/26 from 5:00 – 7:00 PM.
  Meal is catered and limited to 50 attendees. Register at https://bit.ly/4xIzNzD.
- **Niagara Gospel Mission – 1317 Portage Rd., Niagara Falls, NY**
  Feed The Falls Thanksgiving Blessing Meal Delivery on 11/26/26.
  Call to request your free dinner Nov. 16-20 or Nov. 23-24 from 12:00 – 5:00 PM: 716-298-7819.
- **Salvation Army of Lockport – Sister Mary Loretto Kitchen – 50 Cottage St., Lockport, NY**
  Thanksgiving Day Community Meal on 11/26/26. Meal times: 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM, 12:00 – 12:30 PM, 12:30 – 1:00 PM, or 1:00 – 1:30 PM. Sign up in person at Sister Mary Loretto Kitchen or call 716-434-1276.
- **St. John DeLaSalle Community Care Food Pantry – 8600 Buffalo Ave., Niagara Falls, NY**
  Thanksgiving Food Baskets: Contact 716-297-5010 for more information.

Orleans County

- **Community Action of Orleans and Genesee** – *Thanksgiving Meal Boxes for income eligible families.*
  Contact 585-343-7798 to register.
- **Koinonia Kitchen at Harvest Christian Fellowship – 560 East Ave., Albion, NY**
  Thanksgiving Dinner Meal on 11/26/26 from 4:00 – 5:30 PM.
  Eat-in or take-out available, as well as delivery: Contact 585-319-1578 to arrange delivery.

Wyoming County

- **LaGrange Baptist Church – 7092 LaGrange Rd., Pavilion, NY**
  Harvest Dinner on 11/7/26 at 5:00 PM. Community event featuring Veteran recognition.
  RSVP not required but encouraged – call 585-237-3680 or 585-237-2452 or email lagrangebaptistclerk@gmail.com.
- **The United Church of Warsaw – 22 South Main St., Warsaw, NY**
  Thanksgiving Community Meal on 11/8/26 from 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM.
  All are welcome. Take out available. No reservations needed.
- **Warsaw's Family Life Church at The Warsaw Moose Club** – 13 Frank St., Warsaw, NY
  Community Harvest Dinner on 11/15/26 from 6:00 – 7:00 PM.
  All are welcome. No reservations needed. Questions? Call 585-786-2969.
- **Brick Presbyterian Church** – 6 Church St., Perry, NY
  Congregational/Community Turkey Dinner on 11/19/26 at 6:00 PM.
  Reservations required – call 585-237-2726.
- **Bountiful Blessings by Wolf Creek Deli** – 104 N Main St., Castile, NY
  Free Thanksgiving Dinner for area families and individuals in need on 11/26/26.
  Sign-up is required – contact Kevin at 585-493-2300.
- **Yorkshire Free Methodist Church** – 3172 Main St., Yorkshire, NY
  Thanksgiving Meal on 11/26/26 from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM. No reservations needed.
- **Perry Veterans Club** – 64 Lake St., Perry, NY
  13th Annual Thanksgiving Meal on 11/26/26 from 12:00 – 3:00 PM.
  Free for all Veterans. Non-Veterans: $10.

Please note: Dates, times and details are subject to change. Contact the organization directly for the most current information.

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Saturday, November 21st

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Delavan Grider Center
877 E Delavan Ave
Buffalo, NY 14215

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- Winter coats are available on a first come, first served basis.
- Limit of 3 coats per household.
- Registration through the QR code is REQUIRED to receive a $25 turkey voucher.
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SAT, NOV 14 2-6PM

JFK Recreation Center
114 Hickory St, Buffalo, NY 14204





THU, NOV 19 5:30-7:30PM

Martha Mitchell Community Center
175 Oakmont Ave, Buffalo, NY 14215





TUE, NOV 24 4:30-6:30PM

Roswell Park Community Center
907 Michigan Ave, Buffalo, NY 14204

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2026

9:30 AM – 12:30 PM
BOTH DAYS

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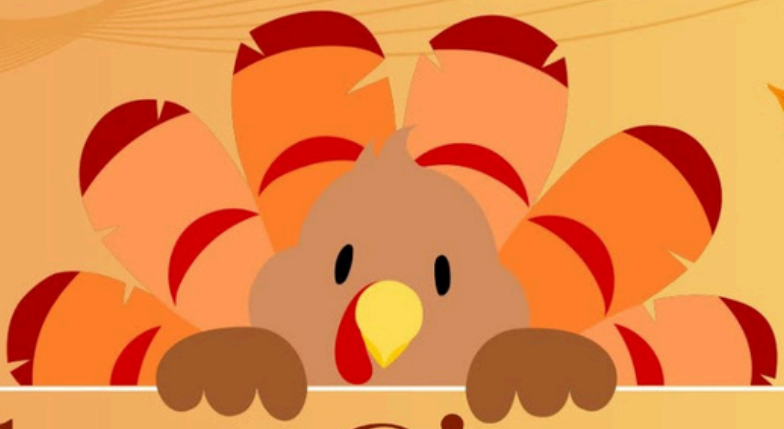
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AN LGBTQ+ GATHERING

SAT 11/21/26

MEAL 5-7PM

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NIAGARA PRIDE INVITES YOU TO OUR ANNUAL FREE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY MEAL
MEAL IS CATERED.
LIMITED TO 50 ATTENDEES. RSVP REQUIRED.

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A THANKSGIVING TEAM UP!



Community Missions is happy to announce that Christian Benford will be returning to serve a Thanksgiving dinner to those in need. Attendees may also look forward to gifts and a special raffle.

No sign up is required.

Tuesday, November 17th
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
1570 Buffalo Avenue
Niagara Falls, NY 14303

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Call 716-854-8181, then press "4" to speak with a meal reservationist!

Monday through Friday beginning November 2nd until November 20th
Between the hours of 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

**Please note: Meals are limited. We recommend that you reserve sooner rather than later to ensure that we can accommodate your request. Maximum of 8 meals per household.*

We will be delivering your meals Thanksgiving Day,
Thursday, November 26th, 2026 between 9:00 AM and 1 PM.
Please be sure to be home to receive your meal delivery.

If you have any questions, please ask the receptionist when you place your meal reservation.

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Harry F. Abate Elementary School

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Lancaster Youth Bureau
Holiday Assistance Programs 2026

Each year the Lancaster Youth Bureau works with the Lancaster Schools, families, and community members to provide assistance to families in need during the holiday season. These programs are funded solely through food, clothing, toy, and monetary donations from our generous community. Our Thanksgiving & Day of Giving food distribution is also in partnership with the Trinity Food Pantry.

Thanksgiving Distribution

Friday, November 20, 2026

Full Thanksgiving meal, including a turkey and sides.
Families must be in the Lancaster or Depew school district with children 21 years and younger in the household.

To sign up, call the Lancaster Youth Bureau
716-683-4444

Deadline to register is November 13th

December Day Of Giving

Friday, December 18, 2026

Children's gifts and holiday meal!
Open to all of WNY- must meet New York State Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)eligibility to qualify for holiday assistance.
Proof of income and ID are needed.

Must apply in person at the Youth Bureau

The deadline to apply is December 11th

Please contact the Lancaster Youth Bureau for more information on how to sign up for assistance programs, or to make a donation.

Lancaster Youth Bureau
200 Oxford Avenue
Lancaster NY, 14086- 716.683.4444

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THANKS FOR READING!

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