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NEWS & UPDATES

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A Note from Our CEO Leah Feldman

Welcome 2024!

Dear Friend,

As we step into a new year, our thoughts naturally turn to New Year's resolutions—a commitment to **change** and **growth**. It's within this spirit of **renewal** that we, at Family Services, have been privileged to witness **transformations** that highlight **resilience**, **hope**, and the **impact** of support during moments that matter the most.



This past year, I met a family facing the **complexities** of raising a teenager who had recently been diagnosed with anxiety and depression. They found themselves **overwhelmed** and **uncertain** about accessing the right resources. The stresses on the family caused concerns about **stability** and **safety** for their children. With specialized **nurturing** and parenting **education** and **support groups**, this family discovered a newfound sense of **empowerment**. Today, they proudly navigate life's challenges with **confidence**, armed with the tools and **knowledge** provided by our **dedicated staff**.

Another family, facing unforeseen economic **hardships** and emotional **stressors**, turned to the Family Partnership Center for **assistance**. Through comprehensive **support** to meet their basic needs, financial **counseling**, and programming to address their children's needs, they found a **safety** net.

Equipped with support and **resources**, they emerged **stronger** and more **united**.

These narratives are not isolated incidents, but representative of the **countless lives** touched by Family Services. It's about the **tangible change** in the dynamics of families, the **renewed hope** in children's eyes, and the strengthened **community fabric** that comes from stronger children, stronger adults, and stronger families.

Our **commitment** to supporting everyone's **right to thrive** remains steadfast in 2024 and we are looking forward to your **support** along the way. We cannot do this work alone. There is no better **Family** to join if you want to make a **difference** in your community. Check out the many opportunities to [**get involved**](#) - volunteer, work, give, and more!

I wish you and your families good **health** and **cheer** in the New Year, and I look forward to our days ahead. Thank you for your love, support, and inspiration and best wishes for a great 2024.



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A look back on the incredible happenings that shaped 2023...

We opened our brand new Poughkeepsie Behavioral Health Center! This innovative collaboration with Sun River Health & Genoa Healthcare allows the community access to integrated healthcare in one convenient location!



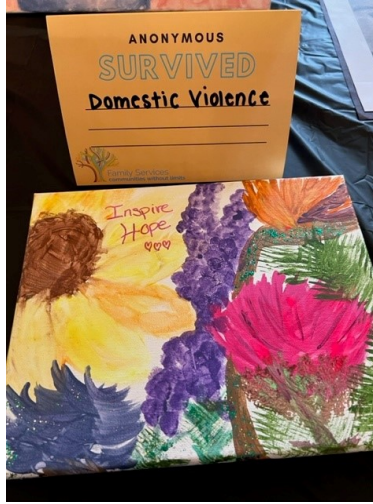
Damian Williams, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of NY, visited the Family Partnership Center and our SNUG team to learn more about their community outreach!



Our Center for Victim Safety & Support hosted their 10th Annual Visions of Hope & Healing Art Show recognizing professionals dedicated to ensuring survivors are treated with dignity & respect.



Leah Feldman, Family Services' CEO with honoree members of the Arlington Professional Firefighters Association



Artwork contributed by a survivor of Domestic Violence



Senator Rob Rolison presenting honoree and Vassar Hospital nurse, Julie Formby, with a recognition award.

We were incredibly fortunate to feel the support of community partners in so many different ways!



M&T employees from 13 branches across the Hudson Valley came together in support of their community and produced an enormous amount of critical items needed by our Center for Victim Safety & Support!



The KeyBank Foundation supported our TRAC program by awarding a \$10,000 grant!



Congressman Pat Ryan toured the Family Partnership Center and brought books from the Library of Congress to the Poughkeepsie Library District's Sadie Petersen Delaney African Roots Library at

We have exciting news to share! We have exceeded our \$9.1M goal for the "Standing Together, Standing Strong" Capital Campaign! This remarkable achievement underscores the enormous generosity of so many supporters from foundations to federal, state, and local government, as well as countless individuals and businesses.

The transformation at the Family Partnership Center is incredible. Visitors stepping through the vibrant new Front Entryway and witnessing the array of enhancements already sense the revitalization we feel. As a pillar on the north side, we take pride in our ongoing commitment to the community. Our historic 110-year-old building has seen many changes and our dedication to its continuous improvement remains. Stay tuned for more exciting updates!



In late August & early September, the Orange and Ulster County Family Education Programs held back-to-school events on their respective sites. The Orange County team did a pancake breakfast while distributing backpacks, school supplies and art supplies to 26 children, while the Ulster County team held an afternoon

barbeque to give 25 children backpacks and supplies.



Our Family Partnership Center hosted the 2nd Vassar Brother's Medical Center Community Health Day! This successful event aimed to connect individuals and families in need with a variety of free and essential health screenings and services!



Dutchess County Department of Community & Behavioral Health



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Family Services hosted several successful fundraising events! Every dollar earned is poured right back into our community ensuring we can continue providing our critical services!

Our 2023 Family of the Year Awards honored two amazing families for their contributions to the community!

Honorees Michael Fleischer & Michael Dupree pictured with Leah Feldman, CEO and Trish Prunty, VP for Philanthropy



Honorees Alex Reese & Alison Spear pictured with Leah Feldman, CEO and Trish Prunty, VP for Philanthropy

In partnership with the Walkway Over the Hudson, our CEO, Leah Feldman, ran 50 Meaningful Miles representing the journey of overcoming hardships and reaching the finish line of healing and hope. She was accompanied by friends, staff and a tribe of community supporters! This monumental run succeeded in raising our goal of \$50,000!



Leah Feldman accompanied by Kirk Imperati and members of the Dutchess County Sheriff's office and Arlington Professional Firefighters Association.

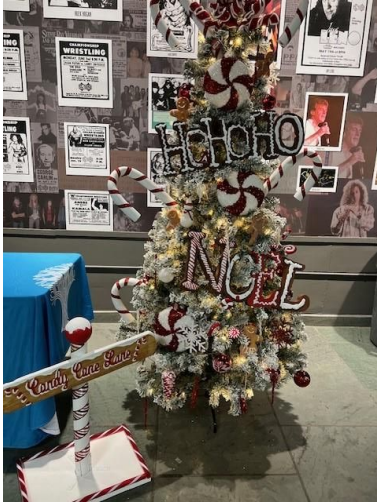


Leah and her tribe crossing the finishing line on September 30th at the Walkway-Over-the-Hudson!

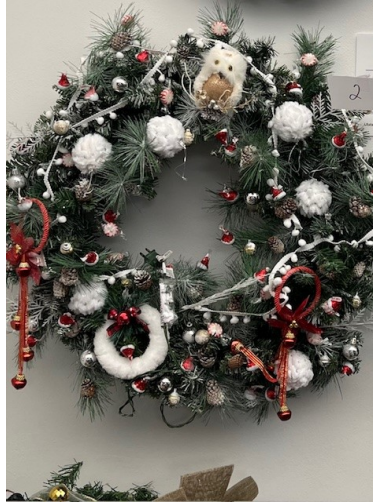


Leah Feldman and friend, Kimm Alexander, who ran the entire 50 miles alongside Leah!

We hosted Winterfest in collaboration with the MJN Center. This community focused event welcomed over 1,000 guests and featured beautifully decorated trees and wreaths donated by generous community members!



"Candy Cane Lane" tree
donated by the
Empower Group at
The Children's Home of
Poughkeepsie



"Five Seasonal Senses"
wreath donated by staff of the
Ulster Prevention Council



"Merry Christ-mizer" donated
by Aspire Financial Group

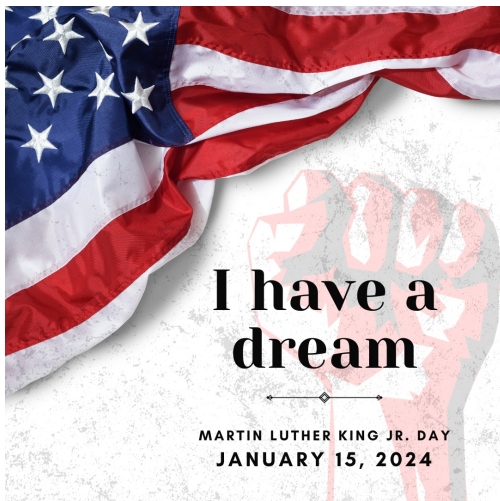
Save the Dates!

Report to the Community- Our annual Report to the Community Luncheon will take place on Friday, March 22nd at The Grandview. We hope you will join us as we highlight all we accomplished in 2023!

Family of the Year Awards- The event of the summer is back on Thursday, July 11th! Please plan to join us as we once again honor outstanding families for their contributions to the community!

**Stay tuned for further invitations and announcements on the above two events!*

Upcoming Holiday Closings!



Family Services & The Family Partnership Center will be closed on Monday,

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