



BUILDING THE BRIDGE TO AN INDEPENDENT LIFE ~

Chances and Changes management and staff are committed to helping those who come to us, with or without families, to transition to a better and safer independent life. Over the many years the agency has been in existence as an emergency shelter and safe place for victims of domestic violence, there has always been a desire to reach out to individuals affected by domestic abuse in more ways than were possible in the early years.

During the past three years, following the amending of our license to officially house those who may be homeless from domestic abuse or closely related causes, Chances and Changes has worked ardently to secure approval for and move forward with plans to put transitional housing options in place. We know from experience that part of the issue that almost all of our clients eventually deal with is finding decent, affordable housing. And while some of our clients need only short term assistance in shelter or in our non-residential programs, others face numerous barriers to achieving independence free from abuse or experience other barriers to housing.

During the past twelve months, we have received some funding and have moved ahead with our supportive housing programs on several levels. The New York State Office of Temporary and Disability

Assistance (NYSOTDA) has approved a grant to enable support to deliver the Solutions to End Homelessness Program. Federal Housing and Urban Development Funds have also been secured to support these programs.

NYSOTDA and Chances and Changes have recently reached an agreement with PathStone President & CEO, Stewart J. Mitchell, to partner with PathStone Management Corporation in Rochester as part of our transitional housing program. PathStone is a not-for-profit visionary organization that helps empower individuals to attain economic and social resources for building better lives. Their project housing goal, like ours, is to help build long-term family and individual self-sufficiency.

PathStone's initial support to our transitional housing program is contracting with us as owner and manager of the property known as Jemison Place in Mt. Morris. They have already begun the remodeling work to revitalize the building's six apartments. Jemison Place will be an attractive, safe and affordable residential building where residents have the opportunity to live for up to 18 months, working with our support staff and participating in an individualized Self-Sufficiency Program.

In order to meet all of the objectives associated with Jemison Place, we will continue to coordinate with many other community providers to develop the life skills needed to maximize the efforts of our programs to help build a bridge to independence.

We believe the key to building this bridge is being proactive in our approach to preventing homelessness and providing long term services to help meet individual and family needs. We look forward to our collaborative work with community partners to achieve these goals.

Make a donation

October is National Domestic Violence Prevention and Education Month. Please consider using the enclosed donation envelope to make a contribution in support of the work we are doing to help clients
BUILD A BRIDGE TO INDEPENDENT LIVING AND AN ABUSE-FREE LIFE by creating housing options outside of emergency shelter.

Your contribution is tax deductible.

Recognizing Community Volunteers and Organizations ~

There are many organizations and individuals who have reached out to our agency over the past year - either as new or dedicated volunteers. We are grateful for the efforts contributed by all of them. There were more than 122 hours of volunteer time spent at our shelter in 2012 in addition to external groups and individuals who gave generously of their time. We would like to share some of the volunteer works that have helped to benefit our programs and services.

Forged Alliance Riding Club - Finger Lakes Chapter 18



believe in being charitable, family-oriented, law-abiding bikers!

In October 2012, Forged Alliance helped advertise for Amy's Walk, participated in the walk and placed in the top three fundraisers! In addition, during this past Christmas season, the Club contributed a large amount of gifts for a very special family in need. And, on June 2, 2013, the Club sponsored a Poker Run, raising money and spreading awareness about domestic violence issues.

For all of these reasons, we give a Very Special Thank You to *Forged Alliance Riding Club, Chapter 18*. We look forward to your continued support. You are making a difference!

And, Special Thanks to Mike Smith

We would like to recognize *Mike Smith* of Nothnagle Realtors for his continued dedication to Chances and Changes. Mike was a Partners in Change award recipient in 2004 and has kept us as a charity of choice for over nearly ten years. Each time Mike sells a home, he donates a portion of his proceeds to support the programs and services that benefit victims of domestic violence. We applaud Mike for not just "talking the talk," but in fact "walking the walk."

Pottery Festival Donates to Chances & Changes

In June, the *Western New York Pottery Festival*, developed and created by Mike Carroll, owner of Studio Sales in Avon, generated more than \$700 in proceeds to benefit Chances and Changes again this year. This annual event brings together many pottery and ceramic artists who each donate a pottery piece to the silent auction held at the festival. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this event.

Christine Walker, One of Many Members of Local Delta Kappa Gamma Beta Tau Chapter

The Beta Tau Chapter members of Delta Kappa Gamma are local current and retired school teachers dedicated to helping victims and families of domestic and relationship abuse move toward independent lives. They have been very supportive to our organization over many years.

In this issue, we would like to recognize one member, *Christine Walker*, for her dedicated weekly grocery shopping for our shelter over the past two years. Christine is dependable and does an excellent job in support of our clients. With a limited staff, no one can easily leave shelter during the day, so we count on her help each week to accomplish this important task. We are very appreciative of Christine's volunteer work on our behalf and as part of the Beta Tau Chapter which was a Partners in Change award recipient in 2008 and continues to be a partner giving on-going support.

Silver Lake Ladies Golf Club Charity Tournament

On June 27, 2013, more than 100 area golfers came together for the Ladies Golf Invitational at Silver Lake Country Club in support of our organization. The hard work and time commitment by the members of the *Silver Lake Ladies*



Golf group was beyond terrific! They presented more than \$3,100 to benefit our agency programs and services. We are extremely grateful that they chose Chances and Changes as benefactor of their hard work!

With Appreciation

Special Thanks to *Tammy Morgan* for working to relaunch "Friends of Chances and Changes" and for organizing our first "prom."

12th Annual Charity Golf Tournament at Caledonia Country Club Another Success ~



Our largest fundraiser of the year is our own charity golf tournament. This year's tournament, held again at the Caledonia Country Club, raised close to \$14,000 for our agency. This is truly a "sharing and caring" event

with many individuals, businesses, and organizations in our local communities coming together with Chances and Changes staff to make the event a success. Thank you to everyone, and especially to Doug Emblidge of 13 WHAM TV as our emcee this year, who helped to make it another great event! Mark your calendars for next year's tournament on September 9, 2014.

WAC Coalition at SUNY Geneseo Provides On-Going Contributions ~

Since 2004, the Women's Action Coalition from SUNY Geneseo has donated just under \$10,000 to our organization. As part of their continuing support, in March 2013 we were presented another check for more than \$2,400 as part of their efforts to help support the programs and services we provide.

WAC is dedicated to the eradication of domestic and relationship abuse in the community and society as a whole. We salute their efforts and greatly appreciate their varied donations to our agency as well as all of their volunteer activities on behalf of our local communities. They are a Partners in Change award recipient and continue to exceed our expectations!

Dating Violence Prevention Programs Expanded ~

The 2012-2013 school has been an exciting one for Chances and Changes. In addition to our core dating violence prevention programs in the local high schools, and presenting the Safe Dates Program for Avon's junior high students, we had the opportunity for some new and different ways to help prevent dating violence.

In April, Chances and Changes, in conjunction with Rape Crisis Services, presented to a local school's "Life Skills" class - a class of junior high students with developmental delays. These students had a real need to be educated about dating violence and sexual assault, and are often especially vulnerable to being taken advantage of. We received sincere appreciation for adapting our instruction to these students because so many times they are overlooked when it comes to challenging topics.

Also in April, again in tandem with Rape Crisis Services, we presented to SUNY Geneseo's Peer Advocacy Group. This special group has been trained in active listening skills, and to provide support and referral information to their peers in need at the college. Professor Jennifer Katz, who led the group, initially contacted us with the idea that the training would help peer advocates to identify risk for or actual ongoing abusive dating relationships and then be able to assess a caller's safety and behaviors/feelings about the situation experienced. We applaud Dr. Katz's efforts.

Chances and Changes and Rape Crisis Services continue to explore innovative ways to present information on dating violence and sexual abuse in the home while continuing to focus on the core presentations that are a major part of our outreach programs.

Chances and Changes to Co-Host Community Event ~

On Friday, October 25, 2013, The Livingston County Domestic Violence Consortium will host a community training program with the theme, "It Takes A Community." The training will be held in the Hampton's Corners Highway Department building at 4389 Gypsy Lane, Mt. Morris, New York, from 8:30 am-4:00 pm. Registration will be from 8:30-9:00 am with breakfast snacks and coffee; other beverages will also be available. The program includes presentations from Chances and Changes, Inc., the Livingston County Department of Health, Livingston County Probation Department, the Livingston County District Attorney's Office, Livingston County Family Court, The Work Justice Center of NY, and Livingston County DSS Child Protective Services Unit. The Keynote will be delivered by Sheriff John York and is a free event. Lunch is on your own. Check it out on our website or give us a call (658-3940). Hope to see you there - it really does take a community!

5th Annual Amy's Walk to Be Held in October, National Domestic Violence Prevention & Education Month ~

Our annual Amy's Walk last year was another dedicated effort to acknowledge the prevalence of intimate partner/relationship abuse and raised more than \$2,500 for our organization.

This year's Amy's Walk will be held on October 5, 2013, in Geneseo. Join the many walkers and runners who come together to benefit our organization and support this worthy cause. More information can be found on our Facebook page and our website www.chancesandchanges.org.



Events and Opportunities

Annual Giving Appeal

The enclosed donation envelope is an easy way to give to our **Annual Giving Campaign**. Domestic violence and homeless situations know no season, they happen every day. So we hope you will take this opportunity to include us in your charitable gift-giving and get a tax deduction to boot!

Give a Gift In Honor Of ... Or In Memory Of - These kinds of gifts can be given at any time.

The IRA Charitable Rollover provision of the Pension Protection Act of 2006 provides an annual exclusion from gross income - and, thus, from Federal income tax - for "qualified charitable distributions" of up to \$100,000. Is this option right for you and us?

Support Group meetings

... are held on Mondays and Fridays at various locations. Babysitting may be available by calling ahead. Call 585-658-3940 for times and locations each week.

Save These Dates:

- **13th Annual Charity Golf Tournament** will be held September 9, 2014.
- **6th Annual Amy's Walk** will be held on October 4, 2014.
- **Charity "Poker Run"** with the Forged Alliance Motorcycle Club in June 2014. Date to be announced.

Does your partner ever act in ways that make you feel afraid?

Call Chances & Changes Domestic Hotline at 1-888-252-9360



Choose. Give. Matter.

December 11, 2013

Make your direct contribution to Chances & Changes, Inc.
www.roctheday.org

Chances & Changes "Easy Recipe" Cookbook

Available by calling our office at 585-658-3940 and asking for Dawn. A donation of \$10 to help support our programs and services is requested.

Collectible Custom Artwork

Chances & Changes continues to make available custom copper artwork in the form of garden stakes, ornaments and other items that make great gifts. Call us to order. All proceeds go directly to help provide our services.

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Chances & Changes, Inc.

2012 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Chances & Changes, Inc. maintains high standards of accountability in handling all cash accounts, volunteer services, and in-kind donations. Financial statements are prepared in compliance with generally accepted accounting principles and submitted to independent auditors on an annual basis. Government grants were provided to the Agency primarily through the State of New York and Livingston County. Public support was provided by United Way of Livingston & Wyoming Counties and concerned individuals and organizations. Program service revenues were received from various Departments of Social Services for in-shelter and out-of-shelter victims and/or survivors including individuals who are homeless due to domestic violence or inter-related causes. In-kind donations, such as clothing and household items, provided invaluable support to victims and their families as they worked to transition to independent abuse-free lives.

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012 AND PRIOR YEAR COMPARISON

	2012	2011	Increase/ (Decrease)
Total Public Support and Revenue	\$ 613,292	\$ 613,913	\$ (621)
Includes the following key sources of revenue:			
Program Services	\$ 248,960	\$ 213,929	\$ 35,031
Government Grants	\$ 302,223	\$ 323,558	\$ (21,335)
United Way of Livingston & Wyoming Counties	\$ 27,703	\$ 30,490	\$ (2,787)
Total Expenses	\$ 617,476	\$ 598,337	\$ 19,139
Includes payroll, employee benefits, and related expenses	\$ 476,471	\$ 446,071	\$ 30,400

During 2012, the organization received more than 94% of its support and revenue from day-to-day Program Services and from various government agencies in the form of grant income. For the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, revenues from the Departments of Social Services amounted to 40% and 33% of total revenue, and revenue from government grants amounted to 48% and 56% for the same time periods, respectively. We are a participating agency of United Way of Livingston & Wyoming Counties.

The agency's Certificate of Incorporation was amended in 2010 to include homelessness. This continued to be an experimental service provided by the organization in 2012. Throughout the year we continually worked to develop effective processes with our community partners in order to expand services for those who are trying to bridge to self-sufficiency. To this end, three major grants were applied for in support of the expansion of homeless services and all were approved throughout 2012 to be implemented in 2013.

A continuation of a grant through the New York State Office of Children and Family Services enabled strong on-going collaboration by our Family Safety Advocate and Child Protective Services from Livingston County Department of Social Services. This is a unique effort to help address pervasive problems related to domestic/family abuse in the home.

Government support, both federal and state, reflected the difficult challenges due to sequestering and the related economic effects. This past year continued to be one of minimal spending and frugality for planned repairs and facility upgrades except for emergencies pending better funding outlooks.

For our part, we are always seeking new sources of grant funding for the agency. We also seek financial support from local businesses and organizations. This past year saw a significant decline in monetary donations through public support to our agency. We hope this is just a blip on the radar, and ask for your on-going support using the enclosed donation envelope and in recognition of October as National Domestic Violence Prevention and Education Month. As always, all monetary donations are tax deductible. Please contact us at 585-658-3940 if you would like to have a conversation.

A copy of our full financial report may be obtained upon request in writing to
Young & Company CPAs, LLP, Rochester, NY 14623

From the President of the Board

Another busy year for us with the coming to fruition of several important community programs that have been in the works since last year (and some longer) - the results are beginning to be seen as we assist many families with the transition to safer, healthier and more independent lives. Our goal was to assist 35 families with housing issues this year with these new grants - we have already exceeded that number and the need is still great. This is all in addition to the 162 residential shelter clients and the 384 non-residential clients we served this past year.

Change is difficult but necessary - there can be no change unless we do something "different" to cause that transformation to occur. Though it has been challenging, we believe the results of these "new" approaches will make the families we serve and our communities stronger and a better place to live for everyone. With the help of our community partners and stakeholders, we will make positive change a reality. To that very point, we are co-hosting a conference on October 25th titled, "It Takes A Community" - reflective of that very fact, it takes all of us working together.

As we approach the end of this year, please consider making a monetary donation to assist us in the efforts to end abuse and homelessness in our communities. If you are not able to commit to a monetary donation, we are always looking for volunteers, especially now as we continue to grow and take on additional programs, or consider participating in our various fund raising events. As always, thank you to all who have supported us in many ways, past and present. Many challenges still lie ahead but with your support we will continue to make ongoing positive changes - know that your contributions have improved the lives of many families.

All my best,
Andrew Emborsky, Board President

From the Executive Director.....

As can be seen throughout this newsletter, we are continuing to evolve as an agency to enhance and expand services to better address the specter of Domestic/Family Abuse and Homelessness/Risk of Homelessness and all the associated issues that accompany these conditions. We noted in our last newsletter we were working to secure funding for these needed programs, and these efforts have led to the development and implementation of several new housing support services grants via New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (NYSOTDA) with our New York State Supported Housing Services (NYSSHP) grant at Jemison Place and our Solutions To End Homelessness (STEHP) grants. This year has been a continual development and roll-out of these services as well as beginning a new housing grant through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) via our local Continuum of Care processes. We are already working with approximately 35 families from our communities in these various programs. Jemison Place, our NYSSHP transitional housing program for six families, will be up and running within the next month or two. All this progress is the result of a lot of hard work and effort from our community partners and stakeholders, private and public, as well as the many people who contribute monetarily or in-kind, our Board of Directors, etc. We can't do this alone nor can we do it without a lot of collaborative efforts with many other agencies and individuals and a new partner, PathStone Corporation, the owner of the Jemison Place property. Thank you all so very much - you do make a positive difference in many people's lives.

Please give us a call or check out our webpage and Facebook - always updating! If you want to discuss any issue or have any questions, please let us know. If you would like a presentation for your group or class or to schedule a meeting, we will be glad to arrange for that.

We look forward to another year of growth and the challenges it will bring. Onward!!

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Wish List

Space limits prevent us from printing our list here - so please consult our website:
www.chancesandchanges.org or
call us for more information.