

Liberty Bell

LIBERTY BELL IS BACK!

Liberty House has relaunched the Liberty Bell newsletter to provide updates on all of the fun activities going on at the house, as well as highlight employment and other success stories regarding members. Our goal is to publish this newsletter on a monthly basis. We will look to both members and employees to help provide content to this publication. The Liberty Bell will be available in both print and electronic form for members, staff and the community. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this first publication.

Jason Enser
Executive Director, Liberty House Foundation

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

The staff here at Liberty House want to extend a warm welcome to our new members **Graciella** and **Ashley**! We're so glad to have you and be able to help you reach your career goals.



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9 DRAGON'S

Liberty House took a trip to 9 Dragons in Queensbury. The members were able to enjoy lunch with their peers and staff and just a have a chill and independent day!

Here are some of the members favorite parts:

- ◇ The food was delicious
- ◇ Our friends were fun
- ◇ And the staff were friendly!

What's a hungry dragons favorite day of the week? Chewsday

DECEMBER SOCIALS

Here are the socials to look out for in the month of December!

December 9th:
Holiday Shopping at
Colonie Center

December 16th:
Bowling at King Pins

December 18th:
Liberty House
Christmas Dinner

December 30th:
\$8 Movie

**Liberty House
is closed:**

December 24th
December 25th
December 26th
January 1st
January 2nd

CORY

Cory is a member of our program who has been with us since 2007. He has been working at Hannaford for 18 years. We are so proud of him not only for his time at Hannaford but also because Cory just received Employee of the Month, which is a great accomplishment! He has worked very hard to maintain his job at Hannaford and his work reflects this. Outside of work and program, he enjoys cooking fun meals at home, playing videogames, and traveling when he can. He likes spending time with family as well as regularly attending concerts and comic cons. He told us that he loves working for Hannaford as a company, but his favorite thing about working there is the time he is spending time with his coworkers. Congratulations Cory!





*What's every elf's favorite type of music?
Wrap!*

HOLIDAY SHOPPING AT CROSSGATES

Liberty House headed to Albany were we were able to go shopping for Christmas presents! We split up into small groups and were able to check out all the stores!

Here are some things members mentioned liking in the mall:

- ◇ The food court has delicious food,
- ◇ There were more stores than the malls near us
- ◇ And that they were in the process of decorating for Christmas!

LIBERTY HOUSE STANDARDS

Hey, did you guys know that were getting a **new van**? It's so exciting! With that being said, this is a perfect time to go over van standards.

Things to avoid:

- ◇ No open containers.
- ◇ Keep the vans clean!
- ◇ If you open a window, shut the window!
- ◇ If you have garbage, either take it with you out of the van or make sure it gets to the garbage in the van. Don't leave it in the seats.

ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

Anniversaries:

Eugene T— 4 Years

Mike M—8 Years

Justin S—23 Years

Birthdays:

Carter P—Dec 5th

Abigail F—Dec 7th

Maegan H—Dec 16th

Will C—Dec 17th

Jon C—Dec 18th

Randy W— Dec 19th

Ash G—Dec 22th

Ashton P—Dec 23rd

WHATS HAPPENING AT LIBERTY HOUSE

Here at Liberty House, we are always encouraging our members to get outside and interact with their community.

With the support of her parents and some help from staff, Jess was able to get together presents for a little boy!

And one member did just that.

We want to encourage others to help where they can just like Jess!



*It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving.
—Mother Theresa*

EMILY L.

Emily joined us at Liberty House in 2005. She is a kind and caring woman who brings warmth to everyone she meets. Emily loves people and proudly calls everyone her best friend. Her favorite staff members are always the ones she is currently chatting with. She adores her animals and enjoys asking about her peer's pets as well.

Staff wanted to highlight Emily because she has been working hard toward her personal goals, and we are incredibly proud of her progress. She has also been volunteering frequently with Hop on Home, a program where she helps clean cages at a bunny sanctuary, a role she truly enjoys.

Thank you, Emily, for being a constant ray of sunshine here at Liberty House.



WHAT DOES COMMUNITY MEAN TO YOU?

Community, to me, means being able to give back to the people around me and contribute positively to the place I live. I've struggled to find my place in a community when I wasn't from that area, but I overcame it by taking initiative and getting involved myself. I believe people feel like they belong when they actively participate and help others. Today, communities face challenges such as rising housing prices, homelessness, and a culture of hyper-independence. Technology also impacts our sense of community because people spend too much time on their phones; instead of looking everything up online, we should get out and ask questions, fostering real human connections.

-Jess

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GLENS FALLS

Until Dec 31. 5PM Spirits in the Trees

Crandall Park

Fire Road and Glen Street

Glens Falls NY

Thurs Dec 18th Free Screening: It's a Wonderful Life

The Chapman Museum

348 Glen Street

Glens Falls NY



LIBERTY HOUSE

Liberty House holds dear a belief in the recovery and potential of all people whose lives have been disrupted by any challenge.

We also believe that work, especially the opportunity to aspire and achieve gainful employment, is a deeply generative and integrative force in the life of every human being.

As a parallel concept of the importance of work, men and women require opportunities to be together socially. The program provides a place for social interaction, relaxation, and social support.

A program is incomplete if it offers a full set of vocational opportunities and a rich offering of social and recreational opportunities and yet neglects the circumstances in which its members live.

Liberty House provides these guarantees and demonstrates

NOVEMBER POLL RESULTS

Apple Pie vs Pumpkin Pie

38 people voted

Staff and members

And we have a winner

21 against 17

Our winner is...

APPLE PIE!!

Make sure you get your December votes in!



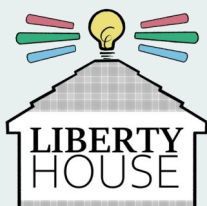
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DECEMBER POLL

How are we celebrating the holiday?

Real Tree? OR Fake Tree?

