

Liberty Bell

LIBERTY BELL IS RINGING IN THE NEW YEAR!

Winter is in full effect in Glens Falls NY as we started 2026. The end of January brought some of the coldest weather we have seen in quite a while, as well as a big snowstorm. However, members were still eager to come into Liberty House to strengthen their work skills and build their personal relationships. Probably the most exciting thing to happen in January of 2026 was our purchase of a brand-new Ford Transit van. We have been looking to replace one, if not more, of our vans for awhile and members were thrilled to ride in our new 15 passenger van. Staff were also very pleased to see a backup camera and power windows making it easier and safer to drive. The purchase of the new van was made in part due to donations from Arrow Bank (formerly Glens Falls Bank) and the Glens Falls Lions Club.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

This month has been a busy one for new members here at Liberty House and we would like to take this opportunity to welcome them! So from all the staff and members, we welcome: Grace Allens, Cassidy Bubar, Zachary Perkins, and Myia White We love having you here and cant wait to see how much you all grow here at our program!

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COLONIE CENTER



In December, Liberty House took a trip to Colonie Center for some holiday shopping. Our members really liked visiting Colonie Center. They enjoyed checking out the card shop, admiring the Dolly Parton calendar, and

taking in how big the building is. Overall, the relaxed and inviting ambiance made it a fun place to spend time.

Highlighted Meal: Kelly's Pesto Chicken Sandwiches

FEBRUARY SOCIALS

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

- ◇ 2/4 - Hockey Game
- ◇ 2/10 - BJs Shopping Trip
- ◇ 2/12 - Valentine's Day Crafts
- ◇ 2/17 - Tax Day (sign up with Jolene)
- ◇ 2/19 - Game Day at Liberty House

Liberty House is closed:

- ◇ 2/16

BRITTANY

Brittany G has started working at The Bond 1786, and after a long wait, her patience has truly paid off. She enjoys her role in housekeeping, especially making beds, which she finds satisfying. While she doesn't like working with the dishwasher, she really appreciates the cooks who step in to help her out. Overall, she's happy to be settling into her new job and finding what she enjoys most about it. Congratulations Brit, we're so proud of you here at Liberty House. Keep up the good work!



*I was going to write a really bad bowling pun, but I thought I'd **spare** you.*

KINGPINS BOWLING

In December, we headed to South Glens Falls to enjoy some bowling at the Kingpins Bowling Alley. Our members had a great time going bowling. They loved getting strikes, knocking down pins, and cheering each other on. Watching everyone have fun and just hanging out together made the experience even better.

LIBERTY HOUSE STANDARDS

Wearing proper clothing when coming to Liberty House is important because it helps everyone feel prepared, confident, and professional. Dressing as though you are heading to work shows respect for yourself, the program, and those around you. Being appropriately dressed and well maintained also helps create a positive environment and sets the tone for a productive and successful day.

LIBERTY HOUSE HOLIDAY DINNER

ANNIVERSARY LIST

Anniversary

- ◇ Ashton P 2/4
- ◇ Mike H 2/6
- ◇ Mike L 2/8
- ◇ Cory E 2/12
- ◇ Michael V 2/13
- ◇ Mary U 2/21
- ◇ Jon C 2/23
- ◇ Bonnie B 2/28

Birthday

- ◇ Ben M 2/6
- ◇ David H 2/9
- ◇ Linda K 2/9
- ◇ Eugene T 2/12
- ◇ Zach S 2/22
- ◇ Melissa F 2/23



Our members really enjoyed the Liberty House holiday party. They had fun sharing finger foods, playing cards, and celebrating the season together. Seeing past staff members and

exchanging gifts added to the warm, welcoming feeling, and the strong sense of community made the day extra special.

JON

Jon has been with Liberty House for many years and has been a great addition to the program ever since. Jon is a kind and caring person who is always willing to lend a helping hand to everyone he knows. There has never been a time that if someone asks Jon if he would do something, he would say no. He always puts others first and is a friend to everyone.

Staff wanted to highlight Jon this month because he deserves to be recognized for the hard work he puts in and how good of a person he is. Everyday he is working to maintain his goal and build new friendships, and we are incredibly proud of him and thankful for him everyday.

Thank you, Jon, for being the caring person you are everyday at Liberty House!

GLENS FALLS HIGHLIGHTS

- ◇ Silent Movie Valentine – Family Concert 2/14 @ The Strand Theater Hudson Falls
- ◇ Jeff Dunham 2/11 7 PM @ Harding Mazzotti Arena
- ◇ Lake George Winter Carnival February- Early March

WHAT DOES COMMUNITY MEAN TO YOU?

Community, to me, means kindness, happiness, and love, and it is built through acceptance and understanding. While I have struggled at times to find my place in a community, the support of my family and friends helped me overcome those challenges. Feeling accepted for who you are plays a major role in helping people feel like they belong. However, many communities today face challenges such as not being open to accepting others as they are. Technology has also impacted our sense of community, sometimes creating spaces where harassment and bullying can occur rather than connection.

-David

David has helped create the Liberty House Pride group to help our members find community.

“Embrace change, it’s where growth happens” -Amy

REGAL CINEMA

Liberty House took a trip to Queensbury to catch a movie! Our members really enjoyed going to the movies. They loved the popcorn with extra butter, sipping on slushies, and just relaxing while watching the films. Overall, it was a fun and easygoing experience that everyone looked forward to.



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

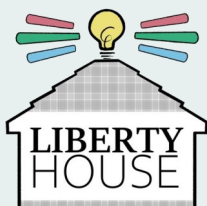
CLIFTON PARK SHOPS

Our first social in January was to the shops of Clifton Park. Our members really enjoyed their trip to the Clifton Park stores. They had a great time exploring Bass Pro Shop, especially looking at the different goods, checking out the stuffed animals, and watching the fish in the tanks. Everyone also loved stopping at Chick-fil-A and treating themselves to Crumbl Cookies, which was a big highlight of the day. Overall, it was a fun, relaxed outing with something for everyone to enjoy.

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FEBRUARY POLL

What would you rather get for Valentines Day?

Chocolate or Candy Hearts

