

**Rescue Mission of
Utica's
33rd Annual
Fall Fundraising Event:**



September 7, 2025

Hart's Hill Inn
135 Clinton Street • Whitesboro



Mission Statement

The Rescue Mission of Utica, Inc.
is a Christian Ministry,
established to proclaim, in word and deed,
the life changing Gospel of Jesus Christ,
by unconditionally endeavoring to
assess and meet the physical,
emotional and spiritual needs
of anyone seeking assistance.

Vision Statement

Be a conduit for God's love, grace and mercy;
from which individuals can be
healed, empowered and restored.

Our Core Values:

- We believe in the God-Given potential of everyone (staff and clients).
- We believe that it is God who changes lives.
 - We believe in building relationships throughout our community to establish better care for those we serve.
- We strive to instill hope in those who come to us.
 - We value 'mutual ministry' to every member in our community, includes not only our clients, but co-workers, staff, volunteers, and all those we interact with and we strive to assist care receivers in rebuilding key relationships in their lives.

Board of Directors

President: Robert Sylvester (2019)

Vice President: Emilie Bell (2017)

Treasurer: Scott Shatraw (2016)

Secretary: Richard Williams (2021)

Larry Beasley (2019)

Paul Davidson (2015)

Cynthia Jones, MD (2012)

Philip King (2020)

Steven Kowalsky (2011)

David P. Lisi (2007)

Paul Sears (2015)

Toby Taylor, MD (2012)

Emeritus Board Members

Ann Canfield (1987)

Catherine Clark Cardamone (1977)

L. Michael Fitzgerald (1986)

Dr. Harry C. Love (1992)

James S. Kernan (1996)

Robert S. Loomis (2000)

Rev. Nelson B. Soggs (1987)

Tom Wattles (1995)

Our Programs and Services

Founded in 1890, Rescue Mission of Utica is a faith based, non-profit, multiple service, charitable organization serving Utica and the Mohawk Valley.

Open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, The Mission “endeavors to meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of all people coming for assistance”.

Rescue Mission provides safe lodging, food, clothing, case management, counseling, advocacy, education, referrals and support services for individuals overcoming homelessness, abuse, addictions and disabilities.

Addiction Stabilization Center—A 25 bed Residential Stabilization Service regulated by the New York State Office of Addiction and Support Services for adult men and women with Substance Use Disorder.

Drop-In Center—Provides services to disenfranchised individuals including: mental health, recovery, peer support, healthcare, health insurance enrollment, housing applications, job applications, and obtaining IDs. Provides free meals, clothing, and access to the food pantry.



Emergency Shelter for Men—The 59-bed Emergency Shelter provides safe lodging, meals, clothing, critically needed counseling, education, advocacy and referrals to agencies that meet the needs of the clientele. The overall goal is to help homeless people improve their quality of life, become self-sufficient and get reestablished in the community.

Community Services Programs

Dr. Alap A. Butala Food Pantry—Offers food boxes for those in need. One box provides 15 meals for each family member.

Community Clothing Closet—Thanks to the generosity of a caring community, we are able to provide free clothing to our residents, clients, and community members.



Enriched Living Center— New York State licensed, 52-single room residential program for adult men and women with mental illness. Trained staff are available on site 24 hours each day.

Our Programs and Services

Food Service—Free, nutritious meals are served daily to individuals and families in our community who are hungry, and in need of breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Skills for Success Program—A job training program which educates and equips students in the construction field, giving them skills for successful and meaningful employment.

Spiritual Life Program—Provides weekly chapel services as well as one on one spiritual counseling to clients in our programs as well as the public.



Parker House Aftercare Program—The Parker House Residential Aftercare Program is a six-month Christian discipleship program offering men a safe environment in which to grow spiritually while healing from addiction and other destructive behaviors. Residents receive one-on-one counseling, case management, Bible study, Chapel services, outpatient treatment, and advocacy.

Thread of Life Thrift Store—Offers quality clothing, shoes, small appliances, books, household items, toys, and more at bargain prices.

West Street Apartments—42-unit complex at 1013 West Street. Provides quality, affordable housing, located on the bus line, near daycare, with access to Mission programs and services.

Representative Payee Program—Provides bill paying and adult protective case management services to people in the community who are unable to manage their own financial affairs. Clients are primarily referred from area case management service providers, Social Services, Veterans Administration and Rescue Mission programs.



From the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Welcome to our 33rd Annual Fall Fundraising Event – “A Mission of Hope”!

We are grateful that you have joined us this evening as we commemorate 135 years of serving the Mohawk Valley. Tonight, you will hear how the Lord has used the Rescue Mission of Utica, Inc. to reach out and change lives.

We appreciate the support of our sponsors, participating restaurants, volunteers, and staff who made this event possible. A special thank you to Scott Lichorowicz and Hart’s Hill Inn staff for being with us from the beginning and hosting this signature event for 33 years! All proceeds from today’s event stay right here in our community helping those in need.

Because of each of you, we are making a difference. Together we change lives! Thank you again.

God bless you,



Wendy Goetz
Executive Director



33rd Annual Fall
Fundraiser
“A Mission of Hope”
Committee

Wendy Goetz-Rescue Mission of Utica, Inc.
Scott Lichorowic—Hart’s Hill Inn
Leslie Nicolette-Rescue Mission of Utica, Inc.
Morgan Hinman-Rescue Mission of Utica, Inc.
Hannah Bangs-Rescue Mission of Utica, Inc.

Thank You!

Venue Contributed By:
Hart’s Hill Inn

Music Contributed by:
Aaron Browka

Printing contributed by:
Pj Green

Sponsors:

Protect What Matters Most
Personal Insurance for Peace of Mind



HIGHSTREET
Gates-Cole Insurance

We proudly support the



**Rescue
Mission**
of Utica
Reaching Out...Changing Lives



**Scan and start your peace
of mind today.**





BARCLAY DAMON ^{LLP}

WE PROUDLY SPONSOR

**Rescue Mission of Utica's
33rd Annual Fall Fundraising Event
“A Mission of Hope”**

*We're inspired to join the Rescue Mission
in transforming lives with compassion,
dignity, and grace.*

BARCLAYDAMON.COM

ALBANY BOSTON BUFFALO NEW HAVEN NEW YORK
ROCHESTER SYRACUSE WASHINGTON DC TORONTO

125 East Jefferson Street, Syracuse, NY 13202 | 315.425.2700







Helping
Other
People
Everyday



**ADIRONDACK
BANK.**

Bank Local

Proud supporter of
A Mission of Hope.

    ADKBank.com



Member
FDIC



UTICA FIRST
INSURANCE COMPANY

Keeping insurance simple.



Restaurants
Offices
Auto Repair Garages
Apartments
Food Trucks
Retail Stores, & more

www.uticafirst.com

Advertisement Sponsors:



Since 1961

Anthony Barres

CEO/President

321 Niagara Street, Utica, NY 13501

Ph. 315.724.6638 www.mrheating.biz Fx. 315.724.6652
tony@mrheating.biz



**THE
FOUNTAINHEAD
GROUP**

WE ARE
THE FOUNTAINHEAD
GROUP



scan to see who we are

PROUDLY SPONSORING

**Rescue
Mission
of Utica**

A MISSION OF
HOPE EVENT

**IMMEDIATE
OPENINGS!**

engineering • manufacturing
warehouse • technical



www.thefountainheadgroup.com

Participating Businesses:

Acme Pools and Spas
Babe's at Harbor Point
Boards of Hope
Enjem's Flooring
Fitness Mill
Joey's @ 307
Lava Spa
Felix and Jackie Labella
Main Moon
Meats on Main
Meyda Lighting
Motus
Nimey's New Generation Cars

Olive Garden
Packy's Pub
Piggy Pats
Portifino
Stone Soup
Tahan's Furniture
Tailor and the Cook
Tavolo
The Hub Eatery
Twin Ponds
Rome Capitol Theatre
Queen's Closet
Utica Zoo
Lisa Vallee

Participating Restaurants:

**Aly's Sweet Treats
Ancora!**

Aqua Vino Restaurant & Banquets

Bella Regina

Café Canole

Caruso's Pastry Shoppe

China Wong

Chowder House

Delmonico's Italian Steakhouse

Florentine Pastry Shop

Gingerbread Bakery

Heidelberg Bread

It's A Utica Thing

Kitlas Restaurant

Lotus Garden

McGill's Whiskey Tavern and Grill

Nothing Bundt Cakes

O'Connors Feast and Festivities

Roso's Café and Catering

Swiftly's Restaurant & Pub

Symeon's Greek Restaurant

The Grapevine

Tony's Sports Bar

Trackside Restaurant

Utica Caribbean Market

Venice Pizzeria

Ventura's Restaurant

WuKong Asian Restaurant

Zeina's Café & Catering

Your Support Is A Blessing

Rescue Mission of Utica relies on the generosity of friends, neighbors, businesses, churches, foundations, schools and civic organizations to ensure our programs and services are funded in order to continue changing lives and saving lives. All gifts to the Rescue Mission of Utica are tax-deductible.

Ways to give:

Tribute Gifts—A memorial or honor gift is a meaningful way to pay tribute to a loved one by donating a gift in their memory.

Monthly Miracle Partner— Generously giving a gift once a month ensures that we have a regular, dependable supply of income all year. You can set up gifts to be automatically charged to your credit card/bank account and not have to worry about writing a check.

Planned Giving/Legacy Gifts—Extend your support beyond your lifetime through a Legacy Gift. Examples include:

Through Your Will
Life Insurance
Retirement Account

Stock, Bonds or Mutual Funds
Charitable Remainder Trust

**Thank You For Your Generous Support,
May God Bless You!**

To learn more about ways to give or donate, scan the
QR Code or contact:

Leslie.Nicolette@uticamission.org or
315-735-1645 ext. 2104.

Visit our website at
uticamission.org

Thanks for your support



Save The
Date

This is where your money goes:

Addiction Stabilization Center

181 individuals served
4,162 nights of care provided

Food Service

182,263 hot meals served
\$372,526 – value of donated food
The Mission received

Community Services Programs

Dr. Alap A. Butala Food Pantry

13,807 food boxes distributed
207, 180 meals made from those boxes

Community Clothing Closet

27,700 pounds of clothing given away
15,948 articles of free clothing distributed
6,000 individuals including Mission residents received clothing

Parker House Aftercare Program

85 individuals served
5,167 nights of care provided
9 recent program graduates; 24 individuals established housing

Representative Payee Program

700 individuals assisted with financial management services
Several clients have: purchased homes, cars, had debts resolved

Drop-In Center

412 individuals served
8,867 nights of care provided

Skills for Success Program

Two homes (built by program participants) were gifted to first time homeowners in 2021 and 2024.

Emergency Shelter for Men

400 individuals served
20,085 nights of care provided
100% of the time, the shelter is at or beyond capacity
14 Days – average length of stay per individual

Spiritual Life Program

52 Chapel Services held
960 individuals in attendance

Thread of Life Thrift Store

100% of proceeds from the sale of donated goods goes directly back into Mission programs.

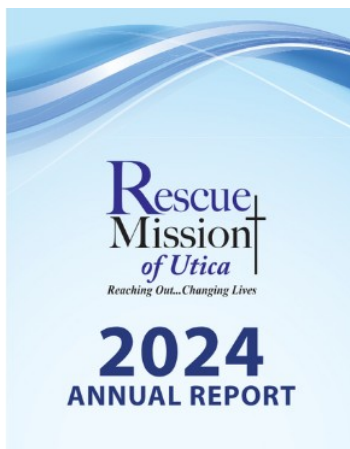
Enriched Living Center

61 individuals served
18,734 nights of care provided

West Street Apartments

Affordable housing/apartments
42 units available; 36 one bedroom and 6 two bedroom

**Want to learn more?
Read our *2024* Annual
Report here:**



**Check out our YouTube
channel to watch inspiring
videos:**



Get Involved



Are you looking for a meaningful way to give back to your community? Do you want to make a positive impact and contribute to a worthy cause? Look no further!

We are seeking
enthusiastic individuals like yourself
to join our volunteer team
and be a part of something truly special!

Together, we can create
positive change and build a better
future for all. To learn more about volunteer
opportunities or to sign up,
scan the QR Code or contact Hannah Bangs at:
(315)735-1645 Ext 2104
or visit our website: Uticamission.org

Career Opportunities

We are hiring!! If you are passionate about helping people overcome homelessness, hunger, addictions and disabilities, then we may have the perfect job for you! Our team members come to the Mission with a common interest of serving on our campus by demonstrating and sharing the Gospel of Christ.



To learn more about our current employment opportunities or to apply for one of our positions, scan the QR Code or contact: Ashley Taylor at Ashley.Taylor@uticamission.org or 315-735-1645 ext. 2181. Visit our website at uticamission.org .

Thank you so much for attending Mission of Hope

If you have any questions about the services we
provide, or would like to come for a tour

Please call Leslie Nicolette at

(315) 735-1645 Ext 2104

or email at

Leslie.Nicolette@uticamission.org

We would love to have you visit our campus and see
firsthand how we put your donor dollars to work



**Rescue Mission of Utica, Inc.
293 Genesee Street
Utica, NY 13501
315-735-1645
www.uticamission.org**