

Transforming lives and building community through housing and the arts

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## A Message from Executive Director, Lisa Silverstone



This was another year of tremendous growth for Safe Harbors! The development and opening of Safe Harbors Green has created an urban park for everyone to enjoy ... a beautiful, peaceful, environmentally friendly and accessible oasis in our downtown. Further anchoring lower Broadway, the Green encourages walkability, increases safety and provides a venue for performances, public art, community celebrations and lunch with friends!

Safe Harbors has also partnered with affordable housing developers RUPCO and Dubois Street Associates to grow our model for unique, beautiful, affordable housing, opportunity and equity in the City of Newburgh, through the management of several historically restored buildings in the Newburgh Community Land Bank neighborhoods just north of our award-winning Cornerstone Residence.

This type of growth will allow Safe Harbors the opportunity to increase our programming, extend our community reach and strengthen our mission of transforming lives and building community through housing and the arts.

Please take a moment to look through the newsletter, to catch yourself up on new projects and old favorites. Please know that your support makes it all possible! Thank you and happy holidays!

## It Truly Takes a Village to Build a Park!

In just 16 months, the half-acre of land adjacent to Safe Harbors went from a vacant lot to a beautiful park! Though it came together lightning fast, it didn't happen without a considerable outpouring of talent, generosity and manpower. Bryan Quinn, from One Nature, designed a beautiful space, but before that space could become a reality there was engineering and planning board approvals, there were water restrictions, permits and more permits, there were work crews and materials, grasses, trees, plants, benches and lights. There were volunteers and more volunteers ... lovingly pulling weeds and planting trees, cleaning trash and watering beds! A hale and hearty thank you to Jackson Galati who rallied the Boy Scouts of Newburgh Troop 007 and to the Bruderhof community who dispatched their young men to haul rocks and plant more trees, plants and shrubs. Our gratitude to the volunteers from the neighborhood, to those who drove from the surrounding towns and others who took the train from Brooklyn, to the master gardeners and the neophytes — and to the generous donors! It truly took all of you to create the beautiful park at the corner of Liberty and Broadway and I hope you feel as proud as we do about bringing this gift to life!



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## Annual Gala - Celebrating Community Progress Honoring Sister Yliana Hernández and Taylor-Montgomery, LLC

It was a beautiful September night on Safe Harbors Green at this year's annual Gala *Celebrating Community Progress*.

Safe Harbors was thrilled to honor Sister Yliana Hernández and Taylor-Montgomery, LLC as its 2016 Cornerstones of the Community. We are grateful for their generosity and positive impact on our community.

Thank you to our sponsors, donors and attendees for their support.

Save the date for our 2017 Gala - Thursday, September 14.



## Over 13 Tons of Trash Removed from City of Newburgh Streets

This year's community cleanup received record support with over 250 volunteers coming out to clean their city! A recycled art contest had 140 kids sharing their flair for repurposing trash into treasure and young singers from the Nora Cronin Presentation Academy worked with singer/songwriter, Lydia Adams Davis, to compose and perform original songs with an environmental theme.



## Off-Broadway 5K Fundraiser - A Great Success!



Safe Harbors hosted the 10th annual *Off-Broadway 5K* in May. We had incredible support from local businesses and it was a successful fundraiser once again! Over 250 runners turned out in perfect running weather to support our mission of transforming lives and building community through housing and the arts!

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers, City of Newburgh Police Officers and Auxiliary, our sponsors and all who came out for the event! Our 2017 5K will be held on Sunday, May 21.

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## A Celebration of Downtown Revitalization

Safe Harbors was pleased to take part in a ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the opening of Safe Harbors Green and other recent revitalization efforts in Newburgh's downtown. In addition to the Green, the revitalization projects included building stabilization and facade improvements at 96 Broadway, a beautifully-designed new bus stop at the corner of Liberty and Broadway, blooming container gardens and traffic calming measures — all of which create a more walkable, accessible, safe and beautiful Newburgh. These projects were all funded, in part, by a Main Street Revitalization grant awarded by Central Hudson Gas and Electric.



## Fall Favorites: Cupcake-a-Palooza and Bells on Broadway



Annual cupcake competition, *Cupcake-a-Palooza* attracted a record number 430 confection connoisseurs who tasted their way around the Lobby at the Ritz to select the crowd favorite cupcake of the day ... which was awarded to Daniela Garrison Haughland of Sugarbellies!



We welcome our neighbors to the annual *Bells on Broadway Holiday Market and Children's Festival*, a beloved annual community tradition, on November 19 in the Lobby at the Ritz and the Historic Green Room. Community members of all ages will enjoy live music, crafts for the kids and photos with Santa and Frosty while getting a jump on holiday shopping. The Market features local artisans and vendors offering a beautiful selection of jewelry, scarves, handbags, pottery, candles, soaps and more.

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## Time is Valuable ... Volunteering is Invaluable!



Like so many non-profits, Safe Harbors depends on a loyal cadre of volunteers and in-kind donors to make our mission a reality. Each year, we show our gratitude to the individuals, businesses and organizations that make our work possible with special awards for the Volunteer of the Year and In-Kind Donor of the Year. This year we were very pleased to recognize **David Kohl**, as Safe Harbors volunteer of the year. David is a stalwart volunteer who many of our Ann Street Gallery patrons will recognize as the gracious and smiling man serving at our Gallery openings. What many may not see, is David busily posting event flyers and information in City Hall and the Newburgh Waterfront Kiosk, ensuring people are always aware of Safe Harbors' happenings! The In-Kind Donor of the Year went to **Torino Bakery**. Throughout the year Torino Bakery generously donates delicious breads and desserts to so many of our events! Our friends and neighbors at Torino Bakery never hesitate to step up and give us their support.



## News and Noteworthy at The Cornerstone

Cornerstone GED just celebrated its 10th year! With more than two dozen graduates to date, we are excited to now have a college prep class for those graduates wishing to pursue a college degree.

**Cornerstone Collective** - A group of artistically inclined tenants have formed the Cornerstone Collective. Partnering with a local business, the Collective provides tenants the opportunity to sell their artwork at local festivals and events.

**Civic Engagement** - In this all-important election year, our residents have had the opportunity to become engaged in local and national elections, with on-site candidate debates, town hall meetings and voter registration. Becoming more civically active, this past year, 32 residents of the Cornerstone registered to vote for the first time!



*Through the Eyes of the Cornerstone*, a photography workshop that has matched Cornerstone residents, world-class photographers and Pentax cameras, has resulted in a wonderful photo essay series. The latest in the series, *Newburgh's Ole Faithful*, featured a rich history in photographs of 15 long-time Newburgh businesses and drew over 150 people to its opening reception.

**Outings, Experiences and Events** - Tenants enjoyed several trips this year, highlights of which included a guided tour and picnic at the Storm King Art Center and a Hudson Valley Renegades game enjoyed from the luxury of a skybox at Dutchess Stadium.



The Cornerstone Community is flourishing with a variety of events and activities. There are herb gardening workshops for Earth Day; a Tenant Gala where Cornerstone neighbors celebrate their community while enjoying great food and lively dancing. Cornerstone Fitness brings DYBO, Zumba, Tai Chi and Qigong to our residents and Vet2Vet activities engage our veterans and bring them together with others who have served. These events and programs create a true community of support and opportunity at the Cornerstone.



### Resident Spotlight – Anthony Moorer

Anthony Moorer has been a resident of the Cornerstone for nearly three years. He brings a variety of interests and passions to our community that include a love of motorcycles, the arts and volunteering his time and talent.

Mr. Moorer is a veteran and active participant in the Cornerstone's Vet2Vet activities. As an avid musician, Anthony will be playing bass guitar, piano, drums and trumpet for an upcoming *Veterans Artists Showcase* at the FDR Library.

A multi-media artist, Anthony is active in motorcycle design and fabrication and is currently enrolled in multiple classes in photography with internationally-known photographers. He has shown his work at *Newburgh Illuminated*; the *Crafter Showcase* at the Fullerton mansion in the City of Newburgh; and in the Lobby at the Ritz *Through the Eyes of the Cornerstone* photo essay exhibition.

Anthony has become a familiar face in Newburgh, volunteering his time to several causes, one of which is *We Are Newburgh*, where Anthony helps out with fundraisers for Newburgh kids and domestic violence survivors, and he coaches at a kids' summer kickball league. He waters the plants in the building and on Safe Harbors Green. He helps keep the building clean. He promotes movie nights and works at Lobby at the Ritz concerts. Not surprisingly, Anthony won the 2016 "*Jacob T. Coleman Cornerstone Neighbor of the Year*" award.

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## Dynamic Exhibitions and a Performance Series

Gallery Director and Curator of Exhibitions, Virginia Walsh, continues to ignite the gallery and inspire patrons with the amazing exhibitions she conceives and executes in Safe Harbors award-winning Ann Street Gallery. The Gallery attracts artists from across the country and around the globe, while remaining accessible and relevant to our community.

The work on the walls may at times be controversial, enigmatic or confounding, but it is always thought provoking, compelling, engaging and brilliantly installed!

This year, the Gallery explored new territory with *Thread*, a seven week performance series curated by Thomas Albrecht. Eleven performance artists, from Brooklyn, Massachusetts, Vermont, Kentucky and Illinois, performed in the series which drew audiences in, often literally, to their dynamic work.

Other exhibitions included *Comic Art*, *Language of Patterns* and *Politics and Power*, each of which offered a unique perspective on contemporary art and its impact through a variety of mediums. We were especially pleased to have so many artists on hand during this year's opening receptions to meet with our community and explore their work on a deeper level.



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## Community Paint-In Event

### A Hands-On, Collaborative, Community Event

Safe Harbors Ann Street Gallery held its 3rd Annual *Community Paint-In* event in September. This free event drew a diverse crowd of over 100 people of all ages who worked together to create beautiful community works of art.

Thank you to our event sponsors Rhinebeck Bank and Stewart's Shops and to all the volunteers who helped sketching out canvases, mixing paint and making for a fun and creative day.



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## Your support makes a real and lasting impact on your community!

Hear what our supporters, volunteers, residents and partners have to say ...

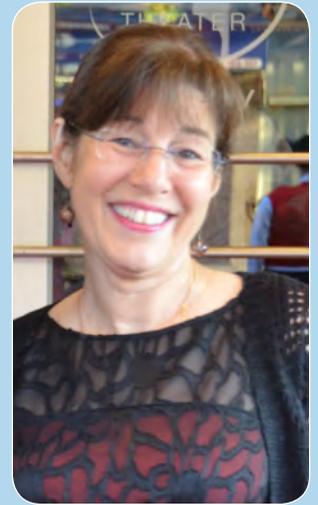


### Joyce Hill, Cornerstone Resident

The Cornerstone apartments are unique in that the atmosphere is more of a community. The people running Cornerstone are pleasant and helpful. We have a library, tenant activities, the Ritz Lobby for concerts, plays and the recent *Cupcake-a-Palooza*, and now a beautiful park to enjoy the outdoors!

### Dr. Hannah Brooks, Board Member and City of Newburgh Resident

When I was first asked to join the Board, I did not hesitate a moment. Safe Harbors of the Hudson is hands-down one of the most socially-responsible, responsive and effective organizations I have ever had the privilege to work with, and we're only getting better and making life better in Newburgh.



### Mikey Jackson and Aurelia Winborn Owners, 2 Alices Coffee Lounge

We have been working with Safe Harbors of the Hudson for 2 years and it has been a rewarding experience for us on so many levels. Safe Harbors has been supportive of our business and our involvement in growing along with the community. They have spent countless hours, money and energy making Newburgh a better place for everyone — from private businesses like ours, to public space, to adding art and culture to a once empty lot. We can't say enough great things about this organization and all it does for Newburgh.



### Glenda Faison Crawford Community Member

I was out running errands one Saturday afternoon, when my husband called me to hurry back home to pick up him and my daughter to support the community down at Safe Harbors Ann Street Gallery for a fun Paint-In. What a wonderful time we had! In fact we had so much fun that we bragged about it to our friends across the river who told us to include them on the next event. What a great way to bridge the community together by art!



### James Gaylord, Cornerstone Resident

Safe Harbors Cornerstone Residence is a perfect place to get back on your feet. There are lots of opportunities in house and we are near lots of other help if needed. Safe Harbors is a bright light in our community.



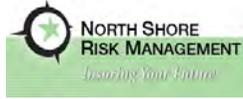
## Please make a year-end donation to Safe Harbors of the Hudson.

Your gift, no matter what size, plays a vital role in our ability to provide supportive, affordable housing and educational programming to our residents; to bring world class visual and performing arts to the community; to attract businesses to our City's main street; to host summer workshops and talent shows for our young neighbors; and to revitalize our downtown.

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## Safe Harbors Receives Generous Support!

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Show your support for Safe Harbors of the Hudson and help us continue to fulfill our mission:

*Transforming Lives and Building Community through Housing and the Arts.*

### Make a donation today!

Visit our website [www.safe-harbors.org](http://www.safe-harbors.org) for simple online giving.





Each year, we expand, extend and explore in the Lobby at the Ritz. This year was no exception, as we forged new partnerships, introduced a Children's Theater Workshop, hosted a Veteran's Music Workshop and highlighted our local Newburgh talent.

## 2016 In Review

The 2016 Lobby Music Series brought a variety of local talent to the stage. Our community enjoyed Jazz, Classical, Gospel, R&B, Soul, Rock, Country Blues and Pop.



## 2016 Upcoming

Children's Theater comes to the Lobby November 20. Performances of *The Tempest* and *The Sword in the Stone* will introduce our young friends to Shakespeare and other classic tales in an interactive, family-friendly afternoon.

Winter Solstice Concert - Join us for a special performance and canned food drive with composer/musician Neil Alexander with his group, NAIL, on December 17.

## 2017 Looking Ahead

We look forward to our 2017 season which will feature a staged play reading; a series of dance workshops; a choreography festival; Shakespeare and a stellar line-up of musical talent.

Thank you to the New York State Council on the Arts and Ulster Savings Bank for their continued support of the Lobby at the Ritz Concert Series.



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## Ritz Kidz Children's Theater Workshop

We were thrilled to host the Newburgh Enlarged City School District's (NECSD) first foray into children's summer theater programming. This two-week multi-media workshop engaged 10 students who experienced, firsthand, fun and learning in a variety of activities ranging from theater games to instruction in directing, script writing, sound design, puppetry, acting, movement, mask making and set design. The workshop culminated in two original works

that debuted on the Lobby stage to an enthusiastic audience! This intensive, creative, team building and confidence building workshop laid the ground work for expanded collaboration and programming opportunities with the school district. In 2017 we will continue and enhance that collaboration with *Ritz Kids Schools Out*, one-day theater workshops during school holidays.



## Ritz Kidz Collaborates with NECSD

Ritz Kidz is further collaborating with the NECSD on *The Washington Project*, a hip-hop version, ala Hamilton, of notable events involving George Washington in Newburgh during the American Revolutionary War.

## Ritz Kidz Talent Show

*The Ritz Kidz Talent Show* brought a whole new crop of Newburgh Talent and featured young opera singers, bands, dancers and pop and soul singers.



## Veterans Songwriting Workshop and Concert

In partnership with Safe Harbors, the Vet2Vet program coordinated a *Veteran's Songwriting Workshop* and live performance in the Lobby at the Ritz. The group continues to collaborate and perform in preparation for the *Veteran Artists Showcase* at the FDR Library in Hyde Park the weekend before Thanksgiving 2016.



We are very excited to announce our recent collaboration with *Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival* and welcome this dynamic, innovative troupe of talent to Newburgh, to the Lobby stage, to Safe Harbors Green and to the vibrant cultural scene on this side of the River! Visit our website for information on performances throughout the year!

In 2016, this new found collaboration had the Lobby playing host to auditions for the company's 30th anniversary production of *Our Town*; HVSF teachers partnered with the *Ritz Kidz Theater Workshop*, bringing warm ups and theater games to the young thespians; *So Please You* was performed on the Lobby stage and in late November *The Tempest* and *The Sword and the Stone* will be staged for children ages 5 and up and their families.

## Newburgh Open Movement

Ophra Wolf, local dancer and owner of Force and Flow, is bringing *Newburgh Open Movement* to the Lobby at the Ritz.

This open movement jam creates safe, fun and inclusive space for people from all backgrounds and abilities to express themselves through playful dancing, mindful movement and creative connection to others. *Newburgh Open Movement* will be held each last Saturday of the month, October through December beginning at 2 p.m.



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Your donation or ongoing pledge will help Safe Harbors continue its important mission.

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Consider leaving a legacy to help sustain Safe Harbors. Call Jen D'Andrea at (845) 562-6940 or e-mail [jdandrea@safe-harbors.org](mailto:jdandrea@safe-harbors.org).



## Join our Mailing List

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## Become a Volunteer!

Safe Harbors, Ritz Theater and Ann Street Gallery have a variety of volunteer opportunities. We are seeking dependable, enthusiastic people interested in: marketing, development, special events, performing and visual arts, GED tutoring and computer class instruction. For more information call Jen D'Andrea at (845) 784-1107 or e-mail [jdandrea@safe-harbors.org](mailto:jdandrea@safe-harbors.org).

## Dick Polich Sculpture Installed at Green

A sculptural tree, designed and fabricated by Dick Polich of Polich Tallix Foundry and generously donated by Mr. Polich and his wife, Cathy Kuttner Polich, was installed on Safe Harbors Green in grateful recognition of generous supporters of the park project. The stainless steel piece is surrounded by plaques including the names of donors and serves as a beautiful and unique, artistic gateway into the Green.



## Safe Harbors Green Debuts Functional Art

In collaboration with the Orange County Arts Council, Safe Harbors Green has become the canvas for *Functional Objects*, an installation of six large-scale works by New York artists that was juried by Nora Lawrence, Curator of Storm King Art Center. The exhibition, which will be installed through next summer, features a variety of whimsical, practical, surprising and engaging works, all of which are intended for human interaction and serve to make the park a more dynamic, accessible and interesting experience for everyone.

## Little Free Library

A Little Free Library (LFL) was recently installed on Safe Harbors Green at the corner of Liberty and Broadway. The LFL movement began in 2009, when a Wisconsin man built a model of a one room schoolhouse, filled it with books and put it on a post in his front yard, inviting neighbors and passersby to take a book and leave one behind for someone else to enjoy. There are currently over 40,000 LFL's in all 50 states and over 70 countries around the world! And now, we boast one in our own little corner of the world. Custom designed and built by Newburgh's Stephen Sinnott of Euclid Carpentry and sponsored by Newburgh champion, Cher Vick, of the popular local blog, *Newburgh Restoration*, the Safe Harbors LFL evokes an Andrew Jackson Downing cottage and has its own sweeping view of the Hudson River! All are invited to take a book, grab a cup of coffee at 2 Alices, sit a spell in the park and enjoy!

