

# HOMESPACE HAPPENINGS

## SPRING FINALLY SPRUNG!

Our Therapeutic Grassroots Garden is in full bloom at SILP



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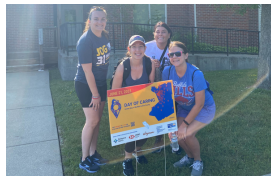
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*Hello from Executive  
Director Michael Hill!*



SUMMER IN WESTERN NEW YORK HAS ARRIVED, AND IT IS WELCOME. I HOPE THIS NEWSLETTER FINDS YOU ALL WELL AND ENJOYING THESE WARM WEATHER MONTHS TO THE FULLEST.

I'M HAPPY TO PROVIDE SOME UPDATES ON RECENT EVENTS HERE AT HOMESPACE:

1. HOMESPACE AND FOSTERING GREATNESS, INC. (AN IMPORTANT COMMUNITY PARTNER) WERE FEATURED ON WIVB-TV IN JUNE OF 2023. MORE INFORMATION ON THIS, INCLUDING PHOTOS AND A LINK TO THE CLIP, APPEARS LATER IN THIS NEWSLETTER.
2. WE WERE AWARDED TWO GRANTS IN RECENT MONTHS. IN MARCH OF 2023, WE WERE AWARDED \$20,000.00 FROM THE CHILDREN'S GUILD FOUNDATION. IN MAY OF 2023, WE WERE AWARDED \$5,000.00 FROM THE CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION OF ERIE COUNTY. WE APPRECIATE AND VALUE THE SUPPORT THAT THESE FOUNDATIONS HAVE GIVEN HOMESPACE.
3. HOMESPACE STAFF MEMBER RONNIE MORRISON TOOK ON A NEW ROLE AS ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR. CONGRATULATIONS MS. RONNIE!
4. IN MAY OF 2023, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MICHAEL HILL ATTENDED AN ANNUAL RETREAT PUT ON BY COFCCA (THE COUNCIL OF FAMILY AND CHILD CARING AGENCIES) IN BOLTON LANDING, NEW YORK. IT WAS AN INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN, NETWORK, AND DISCUSS IMPORTANT CHILD WELFARE-SPECIFIC ISSUES WITH PROFESSIONALS FROM ACROSS OUR STATE.
5. WE WELCOMED A NEW MEMBER TO OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS! NICHOLAS MAGGI, THE ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT OF PHARMACY SERVICES AT EVERGREEN HEALTH, BRINGS A WEALTH OF NON-PROFIT MANAGEMENT AND HEALTHCARE EXPERIENCE TO OUR ORGANIZATION. WELCOME, NICK! WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'VE JOINED US. STAY TUNED FOR INFORMATION IN A FUTURE NEWSLETTER ABOUT TWO ADDITIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS THAT WILL BE JOINING HOMESPACE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

WE HOPE MANY OF OUR NEWSLETTER READERS WILL COME OUT AND SUPPORT HOMESPACE AT OUR UPCOMING FUNDRAISER ON FRIDAY, JULY 21ST FROM 6PM TO 9PM AT MR. GOODBAR (1110 ELMWOOD AVENUE IN BUFFALO). A \$5.00 DONATION GETS YOU A FREE DRINK! COME ENJOY SOCIALIZING WITH HOMESPACE STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS AND ENJOY A BIT OF LIVE MUSIC COURTESY OF THE MOON OWLS. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

-MICHAEL

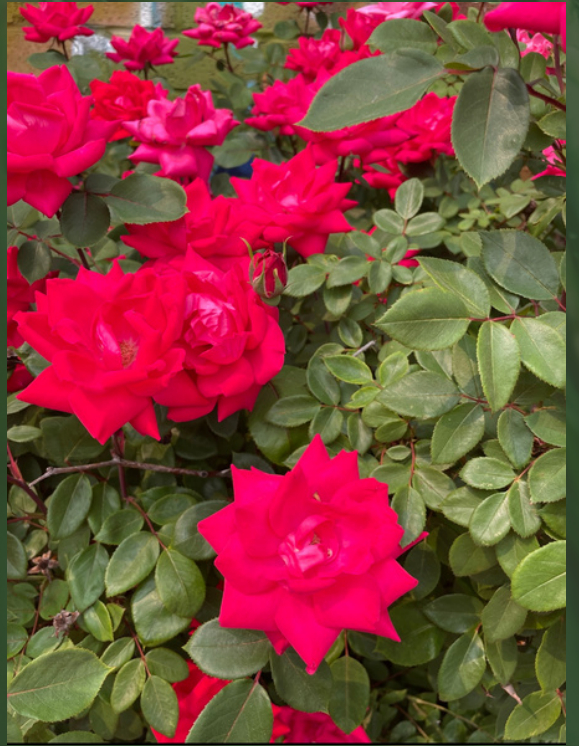


# Grassroots Garden



*Our therapeutic garden at SILP is in full bloom! Thank you to the members of The Garden Club and employees of Grassroots Gardens WNY for tending to the garden this spring. We have planted petunias, poppies, marigolds, portulaca, creeping jenny, cucumbers, peppers, tomatoes, squash, kale, and collard greens. At the end of the season, we'll even be able to eat the veggies we planted! We also created space for a plaque adorned to the wall in the therapeutic garden honoring and remembering the victims of the Tops tragedy on May 14th, 2022.*





● LIVE



*On Tuesday June 6th we were happy to partner with our community partner Fostering Greatness and be featured on Channel 4 Daytime Buffalo to bring more awareness to the foster care system. Michael and Leah did a great job of informing the public on how Homespace helps our youth, and ways to get involved. For a full clip, visit our website or [wivb.com/daytime-buffalo](http://wivb.com/daytime-buffalo).*



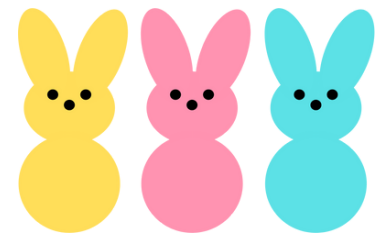
# FOSTER CARE MONTH / MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND BBQ COOKOUT



# Easter



46 Easter Baskets were made by staff and given out to youth for Easter. The baskets contained items both purchased and donated from Platters Chocolates.



# Mother's Day



20 Mother's Day "Self-Care baskets" were made by staff and given to every mother and mother-to-be currently residing with Homespace and/or receiving Homespace services.



# JUNETEENTH

STAFF AND RESIDENTS GATHERED TO ENJOY DELICIOUS FOOD FROM BROTHERS AT SECOND CHANCE HOME ON FRIDAY JUNE 16. BRUNCH FROM BROTHERS WAS ALSO DELIVERED TO ANY STAFF WORKING THE HOLIDAY ON MONDAY JUNE 19.

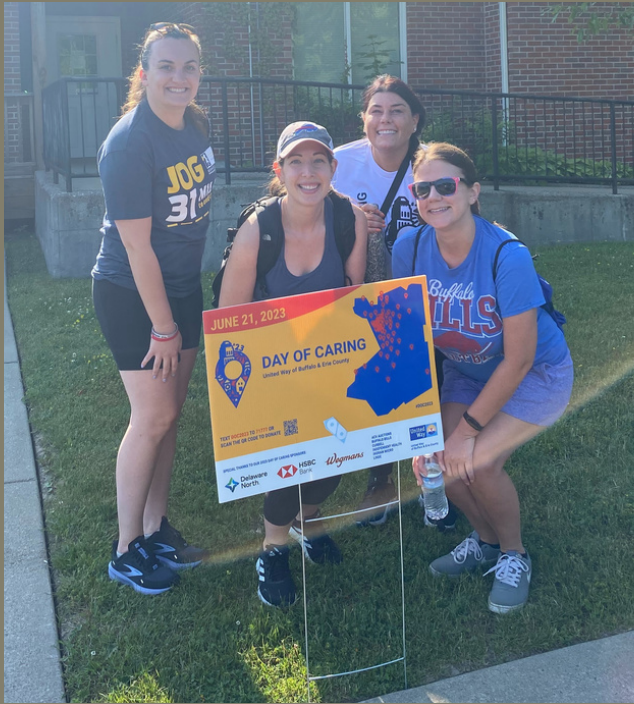
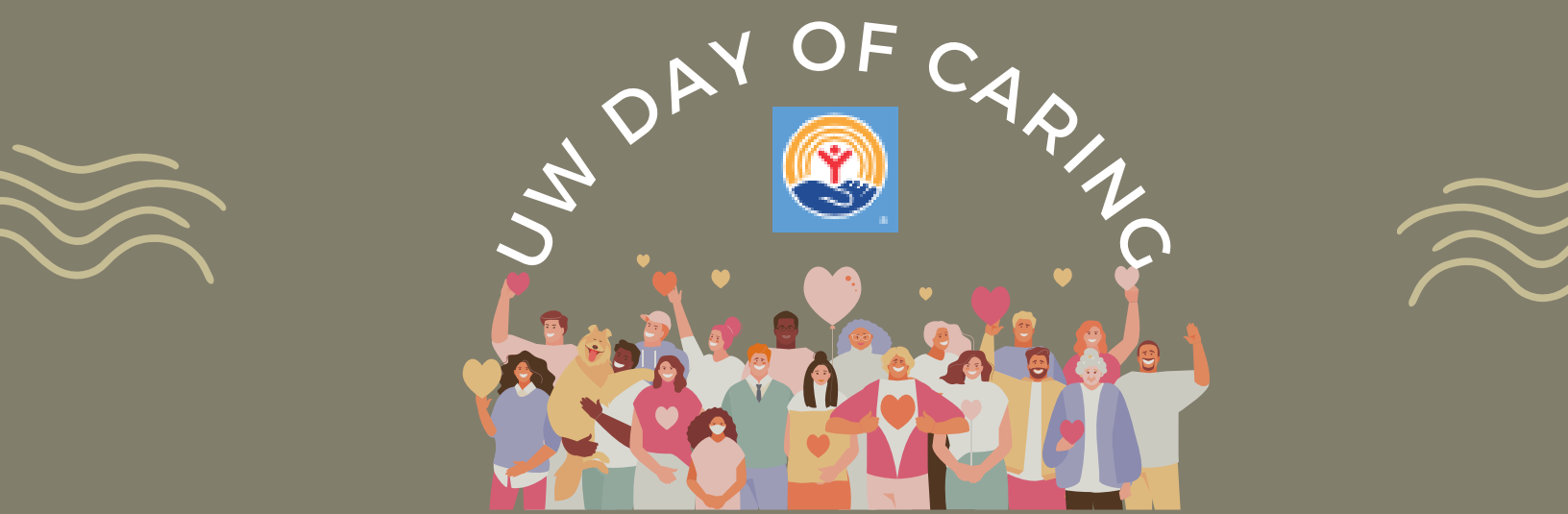


# STAFF BOWLING NIGHT JUNE 15



*We had a ton of fun at Tonawanda Bowling Center! Thank you to Chelsea for organizing!*





*Thank you very much to the volunteers who came out from UB for the United Way Day of Caring on June 21!*



# HOMESPACE C.A.R.E.S.

**APRIL:** SHAWNTAY  
RESPRESS, YSS

"SHAWNTAY ALWAYS ENSURES A  
CLEAN AND TIDY ENVIRONMENT  
FOR OUR YOUTH, AND SHOWS  
COMPASSION FOR THE YOUTH. SHE  
IS MINDFUL THAT OUR  
YOUTH/YOUNG MOTHERS ARE STILL  
IN THE PROCESS OF LEARNING."

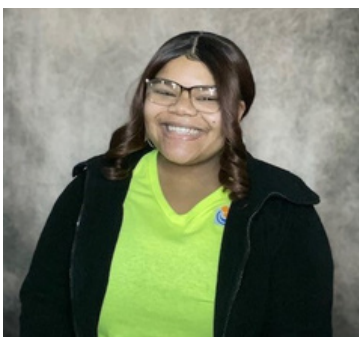


**MAY:** SAMANTHA WHITE,  
COMPLIANCE OFFICER



"IN HER ROLE, SAMANTHA NEEDS TO  
INTERFACE WITH ALL ASPECTS OF  
THE ORGANIZATION. SHE HAS  
ALWAYS BEEN RESPECTFUL WHEN  
COMMUNICATING WITH PEOPLE,  
SHOWS ACCOUNTABILITY TO HER  
WORK AND ALWAYS OFFERS  
ASSISTANCE."

**JUNE:** LANITA TILLMAN, YSS



"LANITA IS A GREAT  
EMPLOYEE WHO ALWAYS  
GOES ABOVE AND  
BEYOND FOR OUR  
YOUTH."





We are participating in Give716 this year! The fundraising phenomenon begins Sunday July 16th (716 Day) at 7:16 PM and goes until Tuesday July 18th at 7:16 AM. Please help us raise funds by finding our page on [give716.org](http://give716.org).

# HOMESPACE HAPPY HOUR



@HOMESPACECORP



*at Mr. Goodbar*

**FRIDAY  
JULY 21  
6-9PM**

1110 ELMWOOD AVENUE

**JUST A \$5 DOOR DONATION  
GETS YOUR FIRST DRINK  
FREE! INVITE YOUR  
FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES,  
AND COME OUT FOR A FUN  
NIGHT!**