

HOMESPACE

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Executive Director Michael Hill

Hello newsletter readers! We appreciate you taking the time to read about all the exciting things that have happened here at Homespace over the course of the last several months. It was a busy summer at Homespace for sure, but we're now settling into fall and all that comes with it (such as the return to school for many of our clients, the start of another football season cheering on the Bills, and hopefully a few chances to take in the beautiful fall foliage that surrounds us here in Western New York).

Here's a list of recent agency highlights:

1. LOTS of fun events over the course of the last few months! An end of the school year cookout on June 30th, a phenomenal Homespace Happy Hour fundraiser at Mr. Goodbar on July 21st, a staff night out at Sahlen Field to watch the Buffalo Bisons on July 27th, a trip to the Buffalo Bills pre-season game for staff and clients on August 12th (a huge THANK YOU to Homespace Board of Directors Vice President Rachel Cappellino for making that happen), Homespace Employee Appreciation Day on August 18th, our BIG Homespace Day event on August 31st, and our Annual Dinner on September 20th.
2. We were awarded two grants in recent months. In June we received a \$10,000 grant from the Marks Family Foundation. In August we received a \$3,500.00 grant from the Evans-Devereux Memorial Fund. Homespace couldn't do its vitally important work without the support of grant dollars, so these contributions are deeply appreciated!
3. Homespace has partnered with Clementine Gold Group for a year-long Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion initiative (and our initial "kick off" meeting with them was held on August 29th). More details on this to come in future newsletters.
4. We've brought in some fantastic guest speakers to work with our youth! Leah Daniel of Fostering Greatness, Inc. and Tamika Collins-Murphy of MMB Realty Group, both of whom are foster care alum, spoke to our youth on July 24th about their experiences in foster care and what life beyond foster care can look like. Kissena Frazier of AKcess Granted gave a presentation to our youth on August 17th that focused on how to effectively market yourself (with the help of social media) for a successful future in higher education or trade school.
5. On September 12th, I had the opportunity to travel to Syracuse with my colleagues Lindsey Carter (Administrative Director) and Samantha White (Compliance and Quality Assurance Officer) for a meeting of Upstate New York child welfare professionals held by COFCCA (Council of Family and Child Caring Agencies). New connections were made and important information was acquired there.
6. We welcomed two new members to our Board of Directors! Jerry Irving (Director, HR, Moog, Inc.) and Karen Edmund (Assistant Professor, Daemen University) have come aboard to share their skills, expertise, and guidance with Homespace. We are so pleased to have them and firmly believe our organization will benefit from their board membership. Welcome Jerry and Karen!

Lastly, we're busily preparing for some important upcoming events – Our annual Holiday Angels fundraising drive AND a BIG event in April of 2024 to celebrate Homespace's 30th anniversary. More details on both of these will be coming soon. Enjoy fall (my favorite time of year for sure) and thank you for your continued interest in our organization!

-Michael

Mister Goodbar Fundraiser

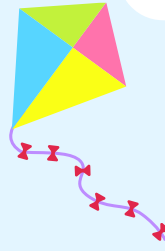
July 21st, 2023



We raised \$1392 from drink sales and the 50/50 raffle! Thank you to everyone who helped, and came out to support us!



End of School Picnic



Youth and staff enjoyed a picnic at the park to celebrate the end of the school year. Staff cooked a delicious spread and Michael officially got the title of *Executive Chef* at Homespace



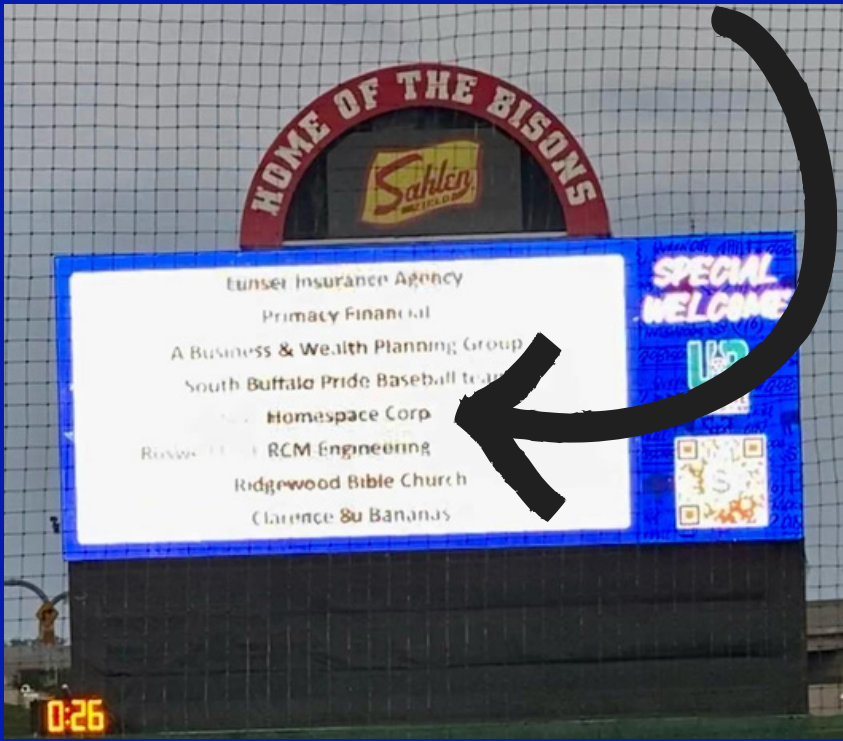
Homespace Day



Kids Day 2.0! *Homespace Day* was a fun filled day in the park in August with free school supplies and an ice cream truck, balloon animals, caricatures, horses, face painting, a delicious spread and Michael on grill duty yet again. A big thanks to all our staff for cooking and helping with this, *especially Dom!!*



STAFF HAD A TON OF FUN AT THE BISONS GAME IN JULY!



STAFF & YOUTH

PAINT & PLANT

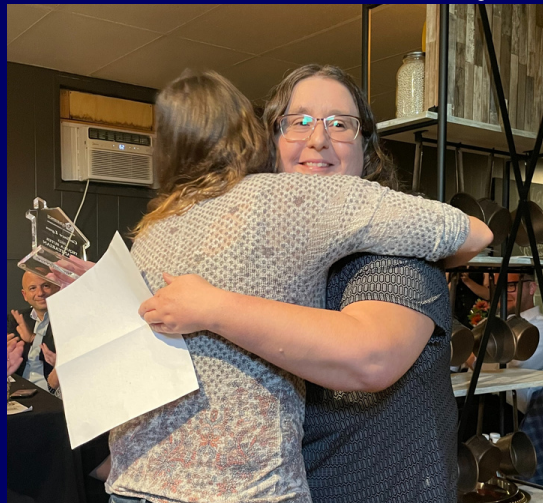
THERAPEUTIC EVENT:

POT YOUR PLANT AND PAINT THE POT TOGETHER IN OUR THERAPEUTIC GARDEN AT HOMESPACE



Homespace 2023 Annual Dinner

Wednesday, September 20, 2023



A night to gather together and review last year's financials, as well as awards and great company! Thank you to Park Vue Soul Food!

You can access our 2022 Annual Report here:



Homespace Corporation



HOLIDAY ANGELS

This holiday season, be a Holiday Angel. Your generous gift will go toward our holiday fund, which provides wrapped gifts to our youth in the foster care system, and youth and their children in our outreach programs.

Holidays can be an especially difficult time of year for the youth we serve. For many, we are the only "family" they have. Homespace strives to make the holiday season a magical experience for all the youth we serve.

As our youth celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanza, and other holidays this season, you can help by ensuring they receive wrapped presents, a lit and decorated Christmas tree, and other holiday cheer.

Sponsorship Levels:

- \$500 can provide gifts for a large family
- \$250 can provide gifts for a small family
- \$150 can provide gifts for a teenager
- \$100 can provide gifts for a young child
- \$50 can provide gifts for a baby or toddler

Donations can be made online at www.homespacecorp.org, or by check mailed to 135 Delaware Ave. Suite 210 Buffalo NY 14202.

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