



# HOMESPACE HAPPENINGS

❄️ WINTER 2026 ❄️

## ***Reflecting on the generosity of the Holiday Season:***

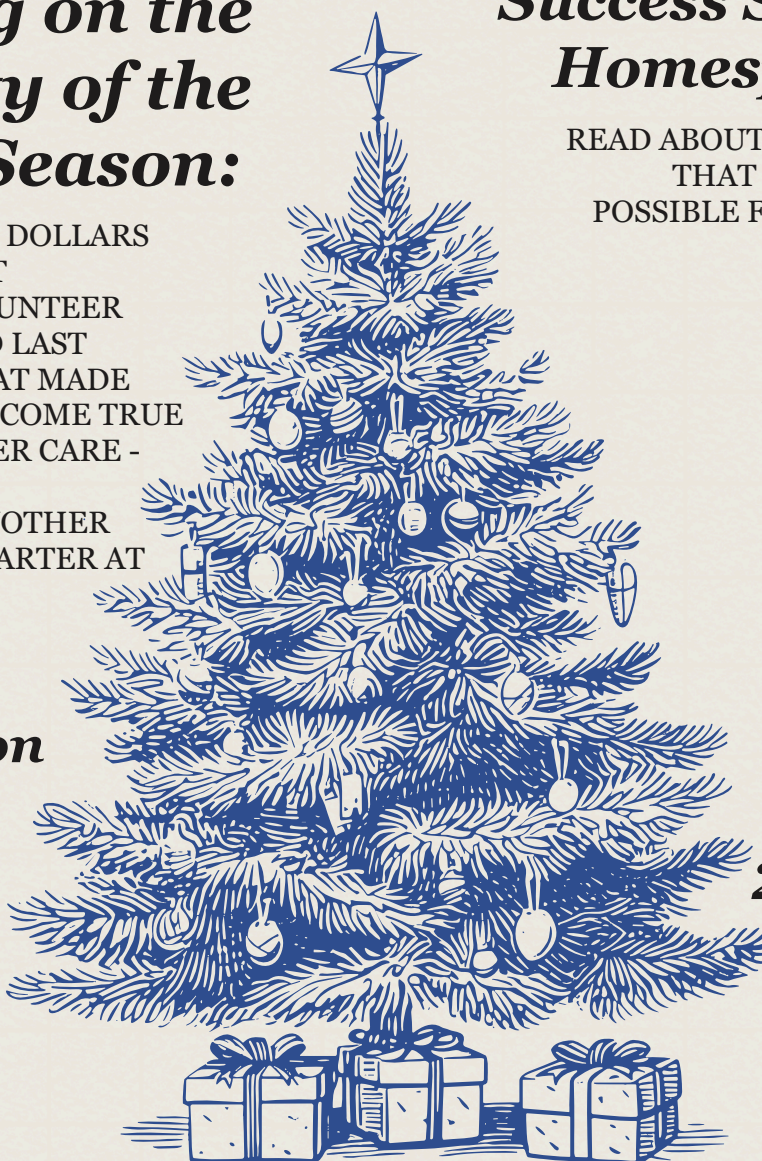
FROM FUNDRAISING DOLLARS AND GENEROUS GIFT DONATIONS, TO VOLUNTEER GIFT WRAPPING AND LAST MINUTE ANGELS THAT MADE CHRISTMAS WISHES COME TRUE FOR YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE - THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY FOR ANOTHER BEAUTIFUL LAST QUARTER AT HOMESPACE

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## ***An Update on HRSN:***

HEALTH RELATED SOCIAL NEEDS FOR ANYONE COVERED BY MEDICAID: COULD YOU QUALIFY?

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## ***Success Stories from Homespace Youth:***

READ ABOUT THE BRIGHT FUTURES THAT YOUR SUPPORT MAKES POSSIBLE FOR YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE

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## ***A letter from CEO Lindsey Carter:***

A RECAP OF 2025 (BOTH YEAR END AND IN FULL) AND LOOKING AHEAD TO A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR FOR 2026

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## ***2026 Events:***

1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL SPRING FUNDRAISER AT THE BOTANICAL GARDENS & MORE

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*Thank you for giving Homespace kids a Merry Christmas!*

# From Homespace CEO, Lindsey Carter

As we begin a new year, I find myself reflecting with deep gratitude on the final months of 2025 and the incredible community that surrounds Homespace. The last quarter of the year is always meaningful for our organization, but this past season truly stood out as one of the most generous we have experienced.

This holiday season, our donors and community partners came together in extraordinary ways to ensure that every young person and family we served felt seen, valued, and celebrated. Because of your generosity, more than 65 recipients received multiple thoughtfully chosen gifts, and many donors went above and beyond entire wish lists by adding gift cards and personal touches that were never requested but deeply appreciated. The outpouring of in-kind donations this year was unlike anything we have seen before, and it made for a joyful and dignified Christmas for every youth we serve.

We are especially grateful to our corporate and community partners who made a tremendous impact. We're excited to begin a partnership with Every Bottom Covered for diaper donations to Homespace clients. Our first-year partnership with Melo Roofing resulted in full holiday wish lists for 16 children. We were also honored to renew our relationship with Trinity Church, our founders, whose continued commitment to our mission means so much to us. Hodgson Russ once again generously supported an entire family, and Level, Montante and Legends showed incredible care and generosity as well. Alongside this remarkable outpouring of in-kind support, year-end financial giving also exceeded expectations, allowing us to surpass our goals for both Holiday Angels and our general fund.

Beyond the holidays, we also closed the year with strong fundraising momentum and exciting new grant partnerships. We are proud to be supported by the Evans-Devereaux Memorial Fund, which is helping us meet essential haircare needs for youth, and thrilled to be selected for the first time by Kelly for Kids Foundation, whose grant will provide laptops to our youth as they work toward educational and career goals. These investments are tangible reminders that our community believes in the potential of the youth we serve.

As we look ahead to 2026, I am energized by what's to come. We are excited to gather with supporters at our upcoming event on May 19 at the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens, and we look forward to continuing to share powerful stories of growth, resilience, and success from the young people in our programs. This year will bring new opportunities to strengthen services, deepen partnerships, and ensure that every youth who walks through our doors has the support they need to achieve lasting independence.

Thank you for being part of the Homespace community! Your generosity, advocacy, and belief in our mission make everything we do possible. I am endlessly grateful and incredibly hopeful as we step into the year ahead together.

With appreciation,



Lindsey Carter



Thank you to our friends at Wegmans and Ingram Micro for providing Thanksgiving meals to Homespace families!

# 2025 HOLIDAY RECAP



## Thank you to our Christmas 2025 corporate sponsors:

Melo Roofing, Hodgson Russ, Legends, Montante, Level Financial, Trinity Church Parish, Phi Sigma Sigma, United Way NGU, and all individual donors that make up the Homespace family!



### Christmas by the numbers:

We raised over \$10,000 in end of year fundraising, and received gift donations for 65 individuals valued at \$12,000 that were wrapped by over 25 volunteers! Thank you to everyone who made sure Homespace kids had a very Merry Christmas!



# WAY TO GO!

In 2025, we were able to celebrate several successes for Homespace clients.



Desiree (16) got the lead in her school play, practiced and ran lines with staff in our group home, and did an amazing job!

Sasha (22) was hired as a personal care aid at a local human services agency, a job that will provide her and her child with long-term stability.



Corey (19), a young man exiting the foster care system, was able to work hard and complete an unpaid training program for highway construction; and upon completion secure government employment that will help him build a bright future.



Homespace had teenagers in the foster care system secure gainful employment at places such as: UPS, Paula's Donuts, Sam's Club, interning in the offices of government officials, and becoming full time college students at local universities.



These kids are able to overcome trauma, adversity and so much more - **but not without you**. Your help leads our clients toward brighter, more stable futures as they go forth into community independence. Your gift will ensure that more of our young people get opportunities to set themselves up for a bright future. When you support Homespace, you give youth in foster care the gift of a better tomorrow.



Ways to support Homespace:  
Checks by mail: 135 Delaware Ave suite 210 Buffalo NY 14202  
Online at: [www.homespacecorp.org](http://www.homespacecorp.org)  
Scan the QR code to donate securely and quickly:

# CONNECTING CARE

OUR HEALTH-RELATED SOCIAL NEEDS PROGRAM:  
FOR ELIGIBLE MEDICAID RECIPIENTS (NOT JUST FOSTER CARE!)

## SERVICES OFFERED:



HOUSING AND  
UTILITIES SUPPORT



NUTRITION AND  
FOOD SUPPORT



TRANSPORTATION



CARE  
MANAGEMENT

We began our HRSN (Health Related Social Needs) 1115 waiver services in June 2025. The social care network links individuals and families to resources that address the social factors impacting health. Services provided through the waiver include housing and utilities support, food and nutrition support, transportation and care management. Taj Collins and Shanay Johnson are a great team, and they have been screening and navigating members to services and assisting with housing needs for members who qualify. Any community member who is receiving Medicaid is eligible to be screened for potential services. Community members can call Homespace directly at 716-881-4600 if interested in being screened. Members can also contact the Western New York Integrated Care Collaborative at 716-431-5100 xt.1 Members' needs are constantly changing so the team works with each member respectively, responding to their needs and making additional referrals as needed. Services may be received for up to six months.

- Kim Berghash, Director of Program Operations

## MEET THE TEAM BEHIND CONNECTING CARE!



PROGRAM DIRECTOR  
KIM BERGHASH



SCREENER/NAVIGATOR  
TAJ COLLINS



SCREENER/NAVIGATOR  
SHANAY JOHNSON

GIVE US A CALL TO DETERMINE YOUR ELIGIBILITY!



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716-881-4600 EXT. 7



# IMPORTANT Dates



Rooted in Purpose:  
A Celebration of  
*Growth & Giving*  
in honor of



## homespace

*the evening of*  
**Tuesday May 19th, 2026**  
at the Buffalo & Erie County  
Botanical Gardens

A special evening to celebrate  
a fresh new look for Homespace

Online Ticket Sales Open in March  
**SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE NOW!**

Contact: [Stephanie.codd@homespacecorp.org](mailto:Stephanie.codd@homespacecorp.org)



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**The Homespace  
Bisons Game**  
Friday Night, August 7th



Ticket sales through our special link  
(not yet available) will benefit  
Homespace, and sit in the  
Homespace section!

50/50 raffle in the park will benefit  
Homespace:  
*volunteers needed!*



**Homespace Happy  
Hour at  
Mister Goodbar**



## homespace

**Friday Night, September 25th**

Food, drink, live band, 50/50, basket raffle and  
karaoke to benefit Homespace!