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# COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT



## 2022-2023

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## Message from our President & CEO, Carolyn DeFranco

Dear Friends of Gateway Longview,

I have been working in child welfare for a long time— 37 years. One of the good things about being around for a while is that I can look back and see how child welfare has evolved based on what we now know about things like trauma and the importance of attachment and belonging. What has been most rewarding is that I have spent the last 20 years being part of an agency at the forefront of this evolution. And this year is a great example. In partnership with the Erie County Department of Social Services, Gateway Longview has started two initiatives focused on prevention and keeping children with their families. The first is our School-Based Prevention Program, a voluntary service that supports families based on what the family says they need, such as access to quality housing, food, health care, and education. The funds are channeled from out-of-home placements like foster care and residential treatment to helping parents early on so more families stay together and fewer children end up being separated from their parents— ultimately avoiding a lifetime of trauma associated with youth who have been in the foster care system: less homelessness, drug addiction, incarcerations, and underemployment. Therefore, investing in prevention also makes sense financially—an estimated million dollars over a person's lifetime.



Another program that Gateway Longview has had but is now significantly expanded is our Kinship Care Support Program. When circumstances do require children to be removed from their parents, the children are still maintained with their extended family by being placed with kin. Kinship placements allow children to maintain connections to siblings, communities, schools, and culture and increase the likelihood of eventual reunification with birth parents. It is also less costly than formal foster care.

Yes, child welfare is changing for the good, and I am so proud Gateway Longview is embracing this change. Once largely a residential program, Gateway Longview is now committed to increasing our prevention services and reducing our out-of-family placements, only reserving residential treatment for the limited number of youth who require this intensive level of care. But even with our out-of-home services, we are still committed to family preservation and maintaining that the family is the true expert in what they need and in their child's care. This must not change.

Warm Regards,

*Carolyn DeFranco*



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## Message from our Foundation Board Chairman, Courtney Hunter

Through Gateway Longview's comprehensive range of programs and services, we have been able to address various challenges faced by children and families in Western New York, ranging from foster care and adoption services, mental health support, residential and respite services, and special education. Our devoted leadership and team ensure that the individuals and families we serve receive the care, support, and resources they need to thrive. None of this would have been possible without the unwavering support of our donors and volunteers. Your contributions, whether through financial donations, in-kind gifts, or precious time volunteered, have made a tangible difference in the lives of those we serve. Your selflessness and compassion continue to uplift and empower our community, and for that, we are profoundly grateful.



Our Adopt-an-Angel program exemplifies the true spirit of giving, as individuals and organizations came together to fulfill the holiday wishes of the children and families in Gateway Longview's care. Through your kindness and compassion, countless smiles were brought to the faces of our youth, reminding them that they are cherished and valued members of our community. In December 2022, 70 donors from local businesses, churches, community groups and individuals donated gifts and their time. Because of your generosity, 1,000 wishes were granted, collecting over \$80,000 in gifts and donations.

The highlight of 2023 for the Foundation Board was being able to make Brenda's wish of attending her first Buffalo Bills Game come true. You will read her heartwarming story in the impact report.

As we look ahead to the future, we remain steadfast in our commitment to providing support to children and families in WNY. If you are currently involved with Gateway Longview, I want to express my sincerest gratitude for your continued support. If you are not, I would strongly encourage you to reach out and learn how you can help. We depend on your generosity to fulfill our mission and create lasting change within our community.

With heartfelt appreciation,  
Courtney Hunter

## Message from our New View Alliance Board Chair, Anthony Montagna

"I feel incredibly blessed to be part of the Gateway-Longview team, where I have served on the board since 2018. I want to thank my fellow board members, Carolyne, the entire leadership team, and the staff for their deep-seated commitment to serving the families and children with the greatest needs in our community.

I also want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your commitment to the mission of Gateway-Longview. Your generous contributions have made a profound impact on the lives of countless children in need in our community. Through your support, we have been able to provide a nurturing and stable environment for these vulnerable youths, offering them hope, security, and the opportunity to thrive.

Over the past year, we have witnessed remarkable transformations in the lives of the children under our care. From academic achievements to newfound self-confidence, each success story is a testament to the power of love and support. Your commitment to our cause has not only changed individual lives but also strengthened the fabric of our community, creating a brighter future for generations to come.

As we reflect on our achievements, let us also look ahead with optimism and determination. There is still much work to be done, and your continued support is essential to ensuring that every child in Western New York receives the care and support that they deserve. Together, we can make a lasting difference in the lives of the children under our care and create a community where every child knows that they are valued and loved."

Anthony Montagna



## Leadership Team

### Carolyne DeFranco

President, New View Alliance  
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### Daniel LoCicero

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Vice President of Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion (JEDI), Strategy and Innovation, New View Alliance

## Mission

Working to protect, enrich, and give hope to the lives of every child and family we serve.

## Core Values

Integrity, Safety, Empowerment, Diversity, Collaboration.

## Approach To Care

We are committed to an approach to care that is trauma informed.

# Foster Care Hosts Family Spaghetti Dinner



We are so grateful for all the work our families do. As a small thank you to show our enormous appreciation, the foster care team hosted a spaghetti dinner for all of our foster families at Chef's Restaurant.

**Special thank you BXI Consultants for sponsoring the event!**

## Foster Care Awards: Recognizing the Outstanding Families that Inspire Us All

### 2023 Enrich Award: April LoTempio



If there was one word to describe April LoTempio's foster care experience since welcoming a child into her home last October, that word would be "enriching". From the very beginning stages of meeting him and setting up visits, April was thoughtful in her approach and always thinking of what would be best for him. In the midst of his many appointments with counselors and specialists, maintaining a daily schedule, and attending school and agency meetings, April persists in her commitment to providing him with activities and opportunities for development. Karate, football, ice skating, snowboarding, roller skating, the YMCA, youth programs at her church, family events, and vacations are just some of the opportunities April has provided. April has worked hard to ensure that he has been able to engage in all of these programs. But she is not just keeping this energetic boy busy, she has been purposeful to enroll him in programs that will help him grow, by building social skills and learning to build attachments in order to make friends and feel connected in the community. She has made efforts to establish male

mentors in his life that can help his development as he grows into a young man. She has been diligent about ensuring his engagement in services and his school placement to ensure that he is getting the greatest benefit that he can from them. April has also maintained his connections to his biological family members and his previous foster placements. April is planful for his future and mindful of his day-to-day needs in order to create the best environment and life that she can for him. The ways that April has enriched the life of this child may not be fully realized for years to come, but one thing is for sure, April's life has also been enriched by this young man becoming a part of her home.



### 2023 Protect Award Presented to Kaitlyn Shrove and Chris Ferrari:

Chris Ferrari and Kaitlyn Shrove put their Foster Parent, training, and hearts to the test by welcoming a 10-year-old girl into their home with a unique foster care situation. They have been able to maximize both of their individual strengths as parents by tending to emotional needs, approaching difficult conversations with empathy, building trust with transparency, communicating clear expectations, and providing discipline by being dedicated to their child's learning in her adjustment process. Due to their efforts at home, Chris and Kaitlyn have received multiple reports about academic and social improvements in school. They have made the physical and emotional space for a child to let go of some of the worries and stress children in care often carry with them. Chris and Kaitlyn take their role as foster parents very seriously and are invested in meeting the needs of children in their care. They have provided this kiddo with the opportunity to see herself as the smart, kind, and creative girl she has always been.



### 2023 Give Hope Award: Anita Howton:

Anita became acquainted with the world of foster care when her daughter tragically passed away and her infant grandson needed a permanent resource. At the time, Anita's grandbaby, born prematurely weighing 1.1 and a half pounds, had been in the NICU at Children's Hospital for 4 months due to his serious medical needs. Anita was living her life: working her job, going to church and spending time with her family and friends. When she was asked to be the permanent care provider for her grandson, her entire life changed in an instant. Despite this, Anita has never wavered in her decision to put her life on hold for that of her grand baby's. She tells everyone that his coming into her life was and is, a blessing. In agreeing to care for her grandson, it is Anita's hope to provide him with the best possible life he could ever have. In conversations with Anita she is always hoping and planning for her grand baby's future. She hopes that he is healthy, happy and successful. With Anita's continued love, guidance and care, it is certain that her grandson, her daughters's "living legacy", will grow up to attain all the hopes and dreams that Anita has for him.



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Parents became certified foster parents in the 2022-2023 year!

Visit [gateway-longview.org](https://gateway-longview.org) for more information on foster care and adoption.

## Family is Forever - Interview with Diana

Diana, a past Gateway Longview Foster and Adoptive Parent, contacted Gateway Longview to provide an update and share some really good news:

Diana was certified years ago with Gateway Longview after she felt called to become a foster parent. She took in a placement of a 5 year old boy, Brandon, who was disrupting his placement due to his challenging behaviors. Brandon was separated from his 2 younger siblings that he had always lived with and taken care of. Diana, who worked full time for a local news company and was a single first time parent, poured her heart and soul into this little boy. With the support of Gateway Longview, she got him involved in every supportive service she could, signed him up for sports, advocated for him in school, linked him with mentors, and showed him unconditional love and support. Brandon's behaviors slowly started improving and he was settling in well to the home.



### **“I’ll never forget the day he called me Mom for the first time”**

A couple years later, Brandon’s younger brother Simmarion, started exhibiting disruptive behaviors in his placement due to similar issues. Knowing Diana was firm on her stance of only taking 1 foster child, we at Gateway Longview asked her to temporarily take Simmarion in until a long-term home could be found. Diana takes in Simmarion, immediately starts supportive services for him just as she had Brandon. She quickly falls in love with Simmarion and commits to being a permanent resource for him as well. Ultimately, Brandon and Simmarion are freed for adoption through surrenders and Diana adopts both boys giving them their forever homes. “Ms. Diana, can I live with you, can I come stay with you?”

“Another gift was the relationship I was able to develop with my (Gateway Longview) Permanency Planner”. “Helllllllooooo Katharine! (Gateway Longview Permanency Planner)” Diana says, excited to share the good news! . Brandon, the little boy she took in at 5 years old who was at the time attending a school for emotionally disturbed children, graduated from Cardinal O’Hara High School in June and is now a freshman at Buffalo State College majoring in Mechanical Engineering., He is playing football for

the school and had been awarded The Russel T Salvatore Scholarship from Big Brother Big Sister of Erie.. Simmarion, continues to attend Cardinal O’Hara High School and is doing fantastic in academics and is very talented football player!

There have been many ups and of course a few downs throughout Diana’s journey, but Diana remains committed to her boys and loves them unconditionally.





## Residential Youth Christmas Party

The youth in Residential Care had an amazing time at their annual Christmas Party! After a delicious meal featuring all their favorite dishes like mac and cheese, green beans, mashed potatoes, and more, the youth exchanged gifts and enjoyed the festive season with their friends and favorite staff members.



## Youth Help Beautify Our Main Street Campus

Thanks to the generous support of Young Audiences, we're excited to announce some fantastic new additions to the Main Street Campus! Our youth collaborated with local mural artist Kristin Brandt to bring these creations to life, both designing and painting these vibrant pieces themselves. It's been an incredible journey, and we're immensely proud of their hard work and creativity. These stunning artworks now adorn our family visitation and relaxation rooms, adding a touch of color and vibrancy to our campus. A huge thank you to everyone involved in making this project a reality! Your contributions have truly made a difference in enhancing our environment and providing a welcoming space for all. Great job, everyone!





# **Congratulations To All of Our Graduates!**

Jake had his struggles his senior year which caused him to lose focus and motivation towards completing what was needed for graduation. However, the teachers and guidance counselors at Kenmore East along with Gateway-Longview staff pulled together all the resources available and provided the support Jake needed to make this special day happen. The smile on his face says it all and we are all so very proud of him.



Maisha transitioned to Gateway SILP from her foster home in July 2022. Maisha arrived very motivated to accomplish all her goals which included graduating from High School. “When the going gets tough, the tough get going” is a perfect quote to describe all the obstacles that Maisha had to overcome to make her goal a reality. With the support of her family (both biological and foster), her teachers at Hutch Tech, and Gateway Staff, Maisha pulled through and accomplished what she set out to accomplish. We are all so very proud of her.



**From Everyone at the Center of Youth Development**  
We are all so very proud of you and your accomplishments



## Brenda's Christmas Wish: A Dream Come True

Brenda, an 18-year-old in Gateway-Longview's Supervised Independent Living Program, has had one Christmas wish for as long as she can remember – to attend a Buffalo Bills game. Despite being an avid fan, she'd never been to a game. That all changed during the 2021-2022 season, when members of The Gateway Longview Foundation Board of Directors teamed up with John Greenan from the Erie County Sheriff's Office to make her wish come true.

Brenda not only received a suite ticket for the Bills game but also a \$250 Visa gift card from the Foundation Board, allowing her the chance to shop at the Buffalo Bills Store, and show off her true #BillsMafia pride.

Gateway Longview is a proud partner of the Buffalo Bills foundation and home to the Buffalo Bills Courage House. Brenda's heartwarming experience underscores the impact of collective efforts in creating moments of joy and fulfillment.



*Brenda with New York Governor Kathy Hochul*



*Brenda with NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell*



## Behavioral Health Services Gets a New Home and an Upgrade

The Behavioral Health Clinic at Gateway Longview's Main Street Campus has relocated to a larger, more accessible building. With increased office space, the new building gives our clinic the opportunity to hire additional clinicians, thereby expanding our services and accommodating more clients.

Our Maintenance Team did not wait long to begin improvements on the new site. The crew painted, repaired, and helped furnish the entire building. Not to mention the new entrance way and stairs they built to ensure client safety.

The relocation to Hart Cottage offers the Gateway Longview Behavioral Health Services to bring together the Behavioral Health Clinic and the CFTSS (Children and Family Treatment and Support Services) program under one roof, fostering collaboration and efficiency in delivering comprehensive care to our community. It's a significant step forward in our commitment to providing high-quality mental health services.

Thanks to funding from Broadview Federal Credit Union - Infrastructure Initiative Grant, Gateway Longview was able to make the needed critical repairs to the front entrance and stairs of the new Northtown Behavioral Health Clinic building on our Main Street Campus.

We had an external contractor lay a new concrete sidewalk, stairs and porch. Then our internal maintenance team was able to install new railings and build out the new support on the porch for the front entrance.



**(B) Broadview**  
Federal Credit Union

**734**

Children served 12 years old and younger

**283**

Youth served between 13 and 17 years old

**19k**

Clinical appointments provided by Behavioral Health Services

\*2022 Calendar Year

Visit [gateway-longview.org/bhc](https://gateway-longview.org/bhc) or call 716.783.3221 to learn more about our Behavioral Health Clinic.



# Festive Fun for Kinship Families & Staff

16

Youth discharged  
(returned) to their  
family

5k

Children served

7

Youth Placed in  
Kinship homes

8

Youth adoptions

\*2022 Calendar Year

Capturing moments of joy and togetherness at the Kinship Team's Holiday Party! From the festive photo wall to the heartwarming meet-and-greet with Santa Claus, the celebration was a joy-filled spectacle for our incredible staff, families, and friends.



# Having Fun at Kinship Family Paint Night

Our Kinship Preventive Services program held a fun "Paint Night" event for our Kinship families.

Preventive Services staff ate a nice dinner with the Kinship families and then Gateway-Longview's very own Cindy Tomaszewski guided the youth and their Kinship caregivers through an interactive activity where they created their very own jellyfish. The youth and their caregivers used their creativity to bring to life their jellyfish and make them unique- just like them! Preventive Services Director Cathy Smith and RACC Supervisor Samantha Bowes also led our younger youth in a fun rainbow paint activity!

To help support the Gateway Longview mission to Protect, Enrich and Give Hope, please donate here: [www.gateway-longview.org/donate](http://www.gateway-longview.org/donate)





## TRICK-OR-TREAT at the Therapeutic Pre-School

Dressed in their spookiest Halloween costumes, our little ones from Therapeutic Pre-School embarked on a delightful trick-or-treating spree around Symphony Circle. Laughter filled the air as they joyfully went from room to room collecting treats and snacks. Kudos to our enthusiastic trick-or-treaters, our supportive TPS team, and the wonderful parents who made this Halloween celebration truly magical!

Visit [gateway-longview.org](http://gateway-longview.org) for more information on educational services!



## Big Smiles at Pre-School Graduation

Our kindergarteners commemorated their graduation with a joyfilled backyard celebration! The sun beamed almost as bright as the smiles on everyones faces while the graduates performed silly songs, cheers, and dances. Big round of applause for the graduates!

Shoutout to all the parents, guardians, family and friends who made it! Your presence brought an extra dose of love and support, turning a special day into an unforgettable one!

What an incredible journey it has been for our little stars at the Therapeutic Preschool (TPS)!





## Family Night Art Gala at Lynde School

Family and Friends came together for a Family Night Art Gala at Lynde School. Events like this serve both the youth and their families not only by bringing families together, but also providing an activity that is low cost, and requires no additional transportation.

Staff were also able to use this opportunity to work with our youth on life skills such as social etiquette, manners, and providing youth an opportunity to dress up in a semi-formal fashion.



## Lynde School Open House

At our open house we were able to continue to fulfill our agency mission statement to work together to protect, to give hope, and to enrich the lives of every child and family that we serve through our core values of integrity, safety, diversity, collaboration, and empowerment.

GLYS provided resources and information to our students and families. But most importantly they were able to make wonderful and meaningful connections for our students and their families.



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2022 Graduates!

18

PreK-12 students  
taught at two  
locations this year

45

Districts referred  
students to our  
education programs

\*2022-23 School Year

## Punt, Pass, Kick Returns to Lynde School

Students got to participate in the fun football activity, this time with a new twist: dodge the defender. Teachers from the school made life size defensive players so the kids could show off their bob-and-weave skills. After making it down the field we got to see their kicking skills in action! Next up, throwing! Does our school hold the next Josh Allen!? Possibly! Youth had a blast practicing their spirals and throwing deep passes. Last but not least, can you sack the QB? After the snap youth would dodge the defenders and try to "sack" to quarterback with a two-hand touch.

After leaving it all out on the field, the youth enjoyed fresh bags of popcorn while making their very own player cards!





# Gateway Longview Attends Buffalo Pride Parade

Each year, we celebrate Pride during the month of June in remembrance of the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan. Since then, Pride has evolved into a month-long celebration of LGBTQIA+ lives, history and culture.

Pride Month is a global event that encourages everyone to embrace who they are. Join in the festivities ranging from massive rallies, parades, parties, workshops, and concerts.



Gateway Longview and members of the Lynde School Gender-Sexuality Alliance (GSA) took part in Buffalo's 2023 Pride Parade.

The theme for the year was "Show up. Turn up" and the youth nailed the assignment! Members of the GSA met after school to work on their amazingly colorful float and even designed t-shirts for everyone to wear!





## Gateway Longview Celebrates Juneteenth

Students and staff came together for Lynde Day School's joyous Juneteenth celebration. The atrium featured colorful decorations, informative displays, take away items such as bracelets, pins, stickers, coloring sheets and activities all fostering excitement and immersion in the rich history and culture of Juneteenth.



## Learning About Coding with Nigel Brown



As part of the Juneteenth celebrations, the Cultural Spotlight Committee, with the help of Ms. Nicole, arranged for guest lecturer Nigel Brown to come speak with all of the students of the Lynde School, and give an interactive presentation about coding.

Nigel is a mentor and founder of the Dreamerscorp ([www.dreamerscorp.org](http://www.dreamerscorp.org)), a nonprofit organization whose mission is to inspire and empower black and brown youth across the US to become creators, producers and innovators of technology. They provide high school students free, in-demand training and

transformative certifications opportunities in computer science and engineering to support college readiness, employment and entrepreneurship.

During the discussion, he was able to connect with students giving them some insight on how their favorite games were created, taught some computer language, and answered their programming and software questions.

## Drum Making & the Importance of Dance

The Lynde school K-2nd Graders had a great time crafting their very own celebration drums. Decorated with bright colors, stickers and ribbons these drums were as fun to make as they were to play!

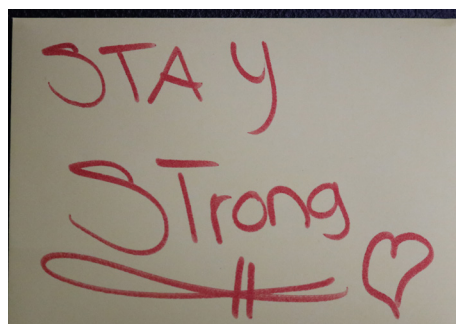
Afterwards, youth watched and danced along to a video explaining the history and significance of dance in African cultures, and how it can be used for communication and story telling.





## Gateway Longview Remembrance Day

Gateway Longview held a solemn Remembrance Day event, marking the one-year anniversary of the tragic racially motivated mass shooting at the Jefferson Avenue Tops Friendly Markets in 2022. To honor the lives lost and affected, students and staff at the Lynde Day School came together to pay tribute. They had the opportunity to create notes of encouragement for the victims' families and found solace in the open chapel, providing a safe space for reflection. A moment of silence and tree dedication outside the atrium door further commemorated the occasion. Refreshments were graciously provided by Unapologetic Coffee, a Buffalo-based black and female owned business. This event served as a poignant reminder of the importance of coming together as a community against hate.



## Cultural Spotlight Committee "Pathway to Change" Celebration

The Lynde School hosted a "Pathway to Change" Celebration on our Main Street Campus, where students and staff united to pledge making positive changes within our home and school community. All were given the opportunity to decorate rocks to represent our commitment to being part of the path to change. As a united school community, we planted a hydrangea tree near the Witham door in the atrium, symbolizing growth and resilience. A moment of silence was observed to honor the victims of the May 14th mass shooting at Tops and the Uvalde School Shooting, with their names and ages respectfully acknowledged. This date was purposefully chosen as it marked the one-month anniversary of the tragic event at Tops, emphasizing our collective commitment to fostering healing and transformation within our community.





## A Visit from New York State Assembly Woman

Thank you Assemblywoman Karen McMahon for coming in to tour our Main Street facilities. Your visit not only brightened our day but also underscored the importance of your ongoing support. Your commitment to our organization is truly invaluable, and we cannot thank you enough for your dedication to our mission.



## CPR, AED & First Aid Training

Gateway Longview supports the continued education and growth of our employees, including Directors and Supervisors. Directors and Supervisors from the Behavioral Health Clinic, Health Homes and Preventive Services all participated in CPR, First Aid and AED training. These certifications are just one more way to ensure the safety and well-being of the children and families we work with!



## Braving the Christmas Blizzard to Protect our Youth

The Christmas Blizzard of 2022-2023 will go down in the history books of Western New York. Before the storm blew in, members of the Gateway Longview team volunteered to stay on campus exemplifying their unwavering commitment to our mission: protect our youth. Despite the holiday season, these dedicated individuals sacrificed being home with their families to ensure the safety and well-being of our community. Their selfless sacrifice in staying on campus during this deadly storm speaks volumes about their dedication to our cause. Thank you!





## Volunteer Spotlight: Katrina's Weighted Blankets



"I am a sophomore at Canisius College and I am majoring in psychology. I want to be a trauma therapist. I started making blankets because I want to start helping kids now. I don't want to wait until I graduate. I learned how to make weighted blankets from youtube. I was fascinated to learn that the weighted blankets have the ability to calm the parasympathetic nervous system. The parasympathetic nervous system regulates fight or flight. And a weighted blanket soothes the nervous system and helps people of all ages to feel relaxed.

At first it seemed like a very daunting task, since I have never sewed before or owned a sewing machine. However, when I went thrifting, I saw a sewing machine for just \$10.39 and knew I had to do it. "

Thank you Katrina!

## Volunteer Spotlight: FirstSource Advantage LLC



Thank you Paola Delgado and the employee engagement team at FirstSource Advantage LLC for putting together a gift drive to benefit Gateway Longview.

Gateway Longview was voted by FirstSource staff to be one of two charities to benefit from a donation drive this year. Paola and her team collected all new donated items including: school supplies, hygiene products and household items such as cleaning products, slow cookers, bath towels and shower curtains. These much needed donated items have been distributed to our youth throughout our program areas.

Visit [gateway-longview.org/donate](https://gateway-longview.org/donate) to donate or view our list of needed items.



## KeyBank Volunteers on our Main Street Campus

A big thank you to Key Bank for volunteering on our Main Street campus during the Day of Caring! We greatly appreciate your support and help with landscaping and repairs. Your assistance has made a significant impact on improving our facilities. Thank you!



## Community Partners Host Holiday Drives to Support Our Youth

Thank you **Cub Scout Pack 619** for their generous winter hat and gloves drive. Their thoughtful donations are deeply appreciated and will undoubtedly bring warmth and comfort to the youth in our care during the cold winter months. Your kindness and support are invaluable to us, thank you!



We extend our heartfelt gratitude to **Sean Fay Real Estate & WNY Metro Roberts Realty** for spearheading this holiday donation drive. Your kindness and generosity will undoubtedly brighten the spirits of the children and families under our care during this festive season. Your support ensures that they will experience the joy and warmth of the holidays, and for that, we are truly thankful. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of those we serve.



**Saint Benedict School**, we are so grateful to you for organizing a hygiene products drive on behalf of Gateway Longview youth. Your initiative and generosity are deeply appreciated, as personal hygiene items are always in high demand for the youth and families in our care. Your incredible contribution filled two van loads to the brim with goodies! Thank you for your unwavering support and for helping us fulfill our mission of serving those in our community who need it most.





# Adopt An Angel 2023 Partners with Donors To Fulfill Over 1,000 Wish Lists

Gateway Longview's Adopt an Angel 2023 campaign was another success! **During the month of December, Gateway Longview received, sorted and packaged gifts for over 1,000 wish lists, for children and families in need over the Christmas and Holiday season.** The past couple of years have been challenging for us all, and it is amazing the generosity and support Gateway Longview continues to receive for this campaign. Thank you for your continued support in allowing Gateway Longview to protect, enrich and give hope to every child and family served.

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# The Gateway Longview Foundation Getting Out in the Community



## Bottles & Bites FLAVORS OF FALL

Bottles & Bites Flavors of Fall is an annual sampling event featuring live music, gourmet food, craft beer, regional wines and locally distilled spirits at Buffalo RiverWorks. This year Gateway Longview was invited to attend as the featured non-profit. Gateway Longview hosted not only a 50/50 raffle but also gave away a raffle basket donated by 26 Shirts, as well as a signed Gabe Davis Buffalo Bills Football!

Congrats to our raffles winners! And BIG thank you to Classic Hits 104.1 and Cumulus Radio for inviting us!



On June 15th, the Williamsville campus hosted the Chiavetta's Chicken Dinner fundraiser, drawing a crowd eager to enjoy a delicious

meal. Guests savored a half chicken, roll, cole slaw, and potato salad for \$14 presale or \$15 cash on the day. With a convenient drive-thru setup attendees enjoyed a hassle-free experience. The fundraiser highlighted the community's commitment to making a positive impact. Thank you to all who participated for your invaluable support.



Gateway Longview's Cruise for a Cause on July 16th was a resounding success. The event offered a delightful summer evening filled with picturesque views, delightful music, and pleasant company. We extend our sincere gratitude to the Grand Lady Cruise for hosting our guests, and providing an idyllic setting for this fundraiser.

With every ticket sold, attendees not only enjoyed a dream cruise but also contributed to a worthy cause, Gateway Longview. Thank you to all who came and supported this event. Here's to more impactful initiatives and meaningful collaborations in the future.



Gateway Longview once again teamed up with the Buffalo Bills and Buffalo Sabres for the Give 716 Day, but this year they added a new element: Give 716 Holiday Raffle

The Give 716 Holiday Raffle took place during the month of December. This additional fundraiser provided participants the chance to win one of a kind sports memorabilia, cash and other prizes while supporting their favorite charities.



# We Are Thankful For Your Generous Donations!

*The following list reflects those who have gifted \$250 or more through financial contributions to The Gateway Longview Foundation between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023. We are grateful for your support.*

Advanced Dairy Services, Inc.	Faith United Methodist Church	Mike and Jill Ervin
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Donna McIntire	Lewis S. Somers	Upper New York Annual Conference of the UMC
Dundee United Methodist Church	Macedon Center United Methodist Church	
	Maureen Reilly	

**We are so thankful for the over 500 donors who have made gifts under \$250 and donations of goods or services, and to those who donated to our external fundraisers (Give716Day, Chiavetta's Chicken Dinner, Cruise for a Cause and Bottles & Bites). Every gift is working to protect, enrich, and give hope to children and families. Thank you for your generosity.** *We have tried our best to acknowledge contributions appropriately. If you find an unintentional error in the way you, your loved one, or your business is represented, we sincerely apologize. Please contact the Gateway Longview Foundation at 716.783.3100 ext. 3218 so we may correct it. Thank you for your support!*

## Grants Received

Broadview Federal Credit Union	Redlich Horwitz Foundation
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Williamsville Rotary Foundation, Inc.	Wegmans Food Markets
M&T Charitable Foundation	Rite Aid Healthy Futures Foundation
The Ed Block Courage Award Foundation, Inc.	



**We are thrilled to have received over \$10,000 from RiteAid for being a participating charity!**





## Join Our Giving Hope Legacy Society

You can make a lasting impact by joining the Giving Hope Legacy Society, a group of dedicated supporters who have made a future financial commitment to Gateway Longview. By making us a part of your estate plan, you will help create safe environments for children, adults, and families in Western New York for generations to come.

Making a planned gift is a wonderful way to show your support for Gateway Longview and our mission while accommodating your own personal, financial, estate-planning, and philanthropic goals. With smart planning, you may actually increase the size of your estate and/or reduce the tax burden on your heirs. Just as important, you will know that you have made a meaningful contribution to Gateway Longview. Our donors are our greatest assets!

### Why the Giving Hope Legacy Society?

Since 1890, Gateway Longview has a rich history of caring for the children and families across Western New York. Founded by faithful parishioners focused on serving orphaned and abandoned children, Gateway was originally known as the Buffalo Deaconess Home of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Longview Niagara was originally named the Protestant Home for Unprotected Children. In 1996, the two organizations merged to become Gateway-Longview.

Although Gateway Longview historically relates to the Christian Community as a whole, Gateway Longview is a private, not-for-profit, charitable organization as defined by state and federal laws. Gateway Longview affirms all persons as being equally valuable in the sight of God.

Today, Gateway Longview continues our rich heritage of holistically caring for the needs of young people and their families by providing a spectrum of highly specialized care and treatment programs.

While our services and programs have evolved to address the ever changing needs of our community over the years, our commitment to working together to protect, to give hope, and to enrich the lives of every child and family we serve has remained steadfast.

#### Membership Benefits:

- With permission, we will publicly acknowledge your generosity in our Community Impact Report, and website.
- Distinctive Giving Hope Legacy Society Donor recognition featured at our Main Street Campus
- Distinctive Giving Hope Legacy Society pin and certificate of membership
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- Exclusive invitations to events throughout the year
- VIP tours of Main Street Campus

**For more information about joining our Giving Hope Legacy Society or Giving Circles, please contact:**

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## Give the Gift of Hope with our Giving Circles

The Gateway Longview Giving Circles recognize our most generous families, friends, and businesses. If you are not already, please consider becoming a member of one of five exclusive Giving Circles. YOU make a difference for our youth who depend on Gateway Longview and the services we offer. We are committed to working together to protect, to give hope, and to enrich the lives of every child and family we serve, and we look forward to celebrating your impact throughout the year!



### Circle of Hope \$10,000+

Naming opportunity on campus, name on Donor Wall located in Lynde School reception area, name on Gateway Longview website Donor Page, VIP status for events, listing in Annual Community Impact Report, Gateway Longview merchandise includes, fleece jacket, travel blanket, travel cup, notebook.



### Circle of Enrichment \$5,000 - \$9,999

Name on Donor Wall located in Lynde School reception area, Name on Gateway Longview website Donor Page, listing in Annual Community Impact Report, name on Campus Donor Wall, discount tickets for events, Gateway Longview merchandise includes, t-shirt, travel blanket, travel cup, notebook.



### Circle of Diversity \$1,000 - \$4,999

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### Circle of Empowerment \$500-\$999

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### Circle of Protection \$100 - \$499

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