

# URBAN TIMES

Updates from our agency and local community groups



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## Share Your Stories!

We're looking to share news and upcoming events from our local partners and community groups.

Are you affiliated with a community group in the Broadway-Fillmore neighborhood?

Want to include a story in our next issue?

Contact Sarah Maurer via email at [smaurer@urbanctr.org](mailto:smaurer@urbanctr.org) or (716) 893-7222 x 232 with story idea and photos.

## Check us out on social media!



@MattUrbanCenter



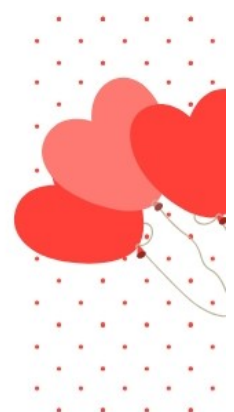
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## SAVE THE DATE: HEARTS FOR HOPE



# HEARTS FOR HOPE

A Celebration of Hope Givers  
To Benefit the Matt Urban Hope Center



February 11, 2019 :: Buffalo Iron Works  
5:30 p.m. :: 49 Illinois Street, Buffalo

Join the Matt Urban Center for this celebration of Hope Givers in our community! The event will recognize five compassionate individuals who have contributed to our mission to serve those in need. The evening will include drinks, food, basket raffles, and live music by Harvey Brice, with proceeds from ticket sales benefiting our Matt Urban Hope Center and the clients we serve.

### 2018 Hope Giver Honorees

Officer Dave Zarbo, NFTA  
Derek Malke, Alanerek, LLC  
Kerri Howell, Wear n' Share

Joyelle Tedeschi & Karen Carman, Founders of the Matt Urban Hope Center

Monday, February 11, 2019  
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Buffalo Iron Works, 49 Illinois Street

Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased online or at the door.

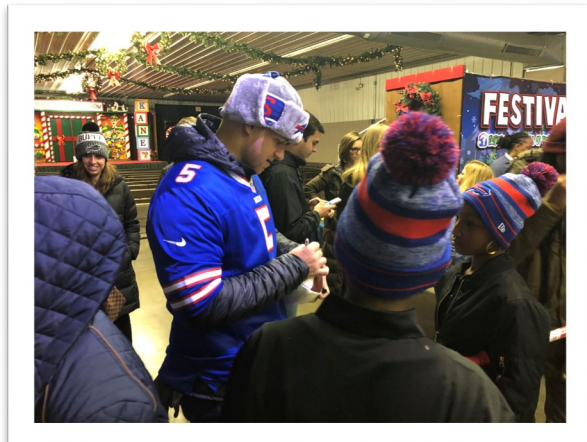
We are still seeking event sponsors and donations of baskets for the raffle. Interested in becoming an event sponsor or donating a basket? Contact Sarah Maurer, Development Coordinator, at [smaurer@urbanctr.org](mailto:smaurer@urbanctr.org) or (716) 893-7222 x232.

## CELEBRATING THE SEASON WITH THE BUFFALO BILLS

Our Youth Department was invited by The Buffalo Bills to participate in the Festival of Lights at the Hamburg Fairgrounds during the holiday season.

The students were fed dinner, received gift bags, and had the opportunity to meet the players and get their autographs. They also had the chance to explore the festival, enjoying the rides and the outdoor light displays.

Our relationship with the Buffalo Bills continues to develop and expand, providing new opportunities for the children we serve. Thank you to the Buffalo Bills for their generosity this holiday season!



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: URBAN DINER



Looking to do some volunteering in the New Year?

We are in need of some dedicated volunteers to work in our Urban Diner kitchen at the Matt Urban Hope Center!

Volunteers are needed on weekdays from 1:00-5:00 p.m. Tasks include preparing meals and drinks in the kitchen, as well as washing dishes and taking out garbage.

To learn more or sign up to volunteer, please contact Latasha Colbert at (716) 893-7222 x313 or [lcolbert@urbanctr.org](mailto:lcolbert@urbanctr.org).

## FIELDS OF DREAMS BLOCK CLUB UPDATES

Greater Eastside Fields of Dreams Block Club Association Inc. has a new theme for 2019 which is **“Building a Community”**

In keeping with this we are happy to announce our new partnership with Harriet Ross Tubman Public School 31. Harriet Ross Tubman is the only public school located directly in the community in which we serve.

Principal Heather Short- English has welcome us with open arms and is on board with community involvement. We hope to have a long and lasting relationship.

We are looking forward to new directions, creative programs and partnerships for 2019:

We have filed to become a 501 c 3 and that is pending.

We have brought back our Adopt House program: which we will help our Seniors, handicap, and limited income people in our community with small repairs, snow removal, lawn cutting, to help them stay in their homes.

We have now incorporated an annual Turkey Give away which helps those who are in need during Thanksgiving.

We are now members of Buffalo Niagara Community Reinvestment Coalition which uses the Community Reinvestment Act to hold local banks accountable for the products

and services they produce by obtaining a community benefits agreement which prevents redlining and discrimination.

We continue to be partners with Partnership for the Public Good whose mission is to build a more just, sustainable, and culturally vibrant community through action-oriented research, policy development, and citizen engagement.

We are on the committee with Designing to live Sustainably “Yes in my back yard “to show case the Old Kmart Building owned by Dr. Fadi Dagher, who is asking the community involvement on ideas on “What to do with the Old Kmart building.”

We are doing a membership drive: anyone who wishes to join us can do so by email, or on our website. We will be going door to door as well. A strong Voice brings much success and changes in the community.

We are excited about our new partnership with Open Your Eyes (OYE) a community group of concerned citizens which focus on youth 10-15 to help educate and assist them with bullying and peer pressure. (Founder Dave Howard)

We have been asked by Beth Gosch of Western New York Foundation to help with the 2020 Census to help assist those in our community to fill out the Census.

We are always looking for sponsors, volunteers and donations for all of our programs and events. We will continue to do our Annual Neighborhood Cleanup and Our National Night Out events. We are committed to make our community a safe, to improve the quality of life for our Families, Neighbors and Businesses in the Communities that we serve.

The Block Club will not meet in January and February. We will begin meetings again in March.

**Welcome To**

**Greater Eastside**

**Fields of Dreams**

**Block Club Association**

**Strength In Neighbors**

**This Journey Began in 2013**

Sign design by Van Taylor, Melissa Kate Miller

## CATCH US ON FACEBOOK LIVE!

Don't miss our weekly live updates!

Next time you're on Facebook, check out our LIVE Facebook videos by Michael Threat. Get updates on what is going on with the Block Club. Look, listen and comment so we can know how you feel and what you would like to see us do for the communities in which we serve.

Find us on Facebook at:

[www.Facebook.com/  
GreaterEastsideBuffaloNY](http://www.Facebook.com/GreaterEastsideBuffaloNY)



## WHO WE ARE: FIELDS OF DREAMS BLOCK CLUB



The Greater Eastside Fields of Dreams Block Club Association Inc. was formed in 2013 within a two-block radius of Coit and Detroit Street to create one voice on the issues that were affecting our neighborhood. It now encompasses 14 blocks.

Our purpose is to initiate and implement charitable programs beneficial to the community and to unite in an effort to improve the quality of life for our Families, Neighbors, and Businesses in the communities that we serve.

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