

# The Community Clothesline

## ANNUAL REPORT 2025

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### The Clothesline Finds A Home!



*The Community Clothesline finally moved out of the storage units and into a building just off the main street in the Village of Bergen! We have 1800 sq. ft.—plenty of room for inventory, sorting and hosting volunteers!*

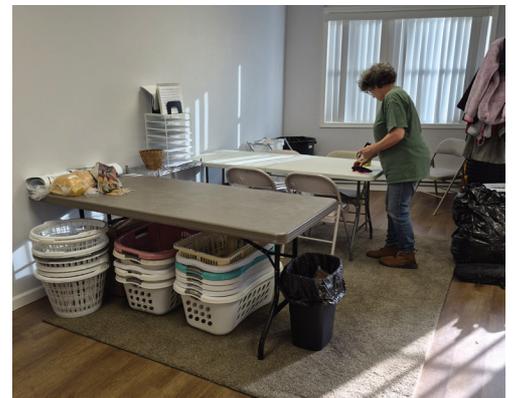
Despite a rocky start in the spring (both Taysie's and Cilla's husbands died the same week), The Community Clothesline hit some spectacular milestones in 2025.

First and foremost, after nearly five years of hoping, the Clothesline secured a building to house all of our operations. In December, we signed a lease in Bergen for a wonderful property just off the main street, owned by the Village. It is clean, large and climate-controlled! No more frigid twenty-degree days pulling orders in a metal storage shed! (and no sweaty 100-degree days this summer!) The Village has been very welcoming and we look forward to establishing a solid relationship with the community.

Another accomplishment was the acquisition of an SUV for pick-ups and deliveries. This has also made transporting tents and tables for pop-up events much easier.

Our trial online order form for case managers and navigators is working well for RAWNY's Reentry Program and Encompass's Family Services. We look forward to adding more internet capabilities this year.

Cathy Chesnut graciously stepped up to replace Bruce Pennington as our treasurer and, thanks to MVP, we received the funds that insured an ample inventory of hats and gloves to get us through this colder than usual winter.



# WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!



Thanks to **Grinds Cafe** in Brockport and **Boscov's Dept. Store**, we held a fundraiser that brought in \$280!



Penny and Alex run the counter at **Frankie Fresh** (above left) and Slim, Sweet and Brandon (above right) serve up burgers, sandwiches and subs at **Slim and Sweet's Eatery**. Both merchants collect refundable cans and bottles for us, which we cash in every month!



Supervisor **Anita Tichacek** and the staff of the **Henrietta Rec Center and Senior Center** have helped the Clothesline with clothing drives every year!



**Bev Voos** is our volunteer fairy godmother! Whatever we need to fill our inventory, Bev finds it...by the van load!



**Kevin Justice** is always on the look out for great bargains and shows up with just what we need, just when we really need it!



**LOOK AT ALL THOSE COATS!** Gayle Meyers (with her daughter Kayla) and **Lewis Tree Landscaping** have been major boosters since the Clothesline first began. Their funding paid for the storage units we relied upon for the past three years and they run a continuous clothing drive in their staff break room.



**MVP GRANT**— **Stacey Spadoni**, Community Relations Manager for MVP Health, presented a check to the Community Clothesline to buy winter gloves and hats! For the first time, we had enough inventory to distribute hats and gloves with every coat we gave out!



**The Penfield Robotics Club** shares their Bomba sock shipment with us every year!

## THANK YOU!

We are deeply indebted to all the volunteers, community organizations, service clubs, navigators and counselors, individuals and families who have given their time, effort and resources to keep The Community Clothesline growing this past year! — *Taysie and Cilla*

# The Numbers for 2025

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>\$17,152.05</b>
<b>EXPENSES *</b>	<b>\$8,976.73</b>
<b>2024 BALANCE</b>	
Checking	<b>\$955.93</b>
Savings	<b>\$8,525.50</b>
<b>2025 BALANCE</b>	
Checking	<b>\$1009.02</b>
Savings	<b>\$5386.50</b>

\* Our greatest expense was storage unit rental, which thanks to Lewis Tree Landscaping was covered for the year. Most of our remaining funds were spent on shopping for hard-to-find, deeply discounted clothing.

- **769 Bags** of donated clothing received
- **22 Bulk Orders** delivered to service organizations
- **490 Orders** delivered to individuals
- **13 Pop-Ups**
- **8 Clothing Drives (2 year-round)**
- **\$271.20 in bottle/can returns**
- **8 Presentations**

## OUR GOALS IN 2025

1. PURSUE A CENTRAL LOCATION! 
2. DEVELOP ONLINE ORDER FORM FOR ORGANIZATIONS TO SUBMIT 
3. TRANSLATE MORE MATERIALS INTO SPANISH
4. CREATE ADDITIONAL MULTI MEDIA PRESENTATION MATERIALS
5. REPLACE TREASURER POSITION 
6. STANDARDIZE DATA COLLECTION
7. ADD DONOR MANAGER & FORMALIZE DONOR SOLICITATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
8. ACQUIRE A LARGER VEHICLE. 



## Help Us Pay the Rent!

As a 501c3, the Community Clothesline is dependent on public and private donations to maintain our services to the community.

Our new location is wonderful! We no longer have to sort clothes and pull orders in the freezing cold or tropical heat of metal storage units.

Our rent and utilities are very reasonable, but they do come due every month! The Community Clothesline has established a RENT FUND and we could surely use your help!

Contributions in any amount can be made through Pay Pal, or if you prefer, send a check (made out to The Community Clothesline) to 68 Smith Street, Brockport NY and put RENT FUND on the memo line. We will send you a receipt for your tax records. *Thank you!*

## OUR GOALS FOR 2026

1. CREATE AN ADVISORY BOARD
2. INCREASE GEOGRAPHICAL RANGE
3. PURSUE VOLUNTEER MANAGER
4. EXPAND VOLUNTEER BASE
5. ESTABLISH MIGRANT OUTREACH PROGRAM
6. TRANSLATE MORE MATERIALS INTO SPANISH
7. INVESTIGATE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES
8. DEVELOP RENT FUND CAMPAIGN
9. FORMALIZE DONOR SOLICITATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

## Our Staff

**Taysie Pennington**, Chairperson  
**Cilla Drinkwater**, Co-Chair  
**Cathy Chesnut**, Treasurer  
**Maureen Lowry**, Volunteer  
**Carol Lanz**, Volunteer  
**Carol Evans**, Volunteer

**Rebeca Baeza**, Board Member  
**Richard Pennington**, Business Consultant  
**Sean McGuinn**, Driver  
**Doug & Cathy Chesnut**, Drivers  
**Katy Gaul**, Volunteer

## Save the Date!

The Clothesline is hosting an  
**Open House on Saturday, June 6!**

*Come take a peek at our new operations  
headquarters at 12 Buffalo Street,  
Village of Bergen, NY,*



### The Community Clothesline Board of Directors

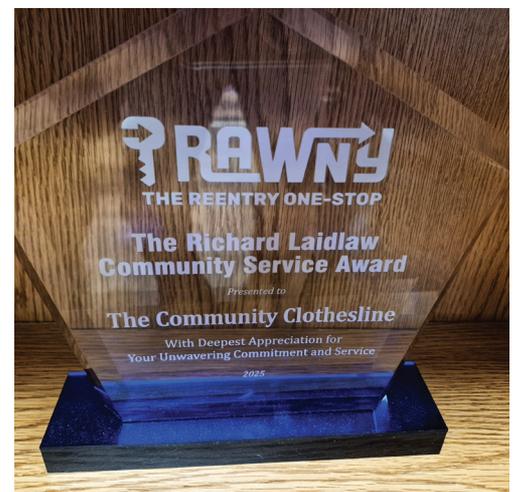
Rebeca Baeza, Taysie Pennington and Cilla Drinkwater

## Some of Our 2025 Partners

ABC Headstart  
Action for A Better Community  
Agape Haven of Abundance  
All City High School  
Am. Legion Post #1151 Aux.  
Bergen Methodist Ladies Circle  
Boscov's  
Bkpt Community Connections  
Brockport Central Schools  
Catholic Family Charities  
Community Hygiene Bank  
Dress A Girl (Brockport)  
Dollar General  
Dollar Tree  
Eastern Orleans Community  
Action Center  
Ecumenical Clothing Shelf  
Elderwood at Lakeside  
Encompass  
Father Tracey Advocacy Center  
Five Star Bank  
Footlocker Sports  
Frankie Fresh  
Golisano Children's Hospital  
Grinds Cafe  
Henrietta Recreation Center

Henrietta Senior Center  
Hope Dealers  
IBERO  
ICircle  
Independent Living of Genesee  
Lewis Tree Landscaping  
Liberty Resources  
Lions Club of Brockport  
Mustard Seed Food Pantry  
Monroe County Health Dept  
Oak Orchard Community Health  
Ogden Presbyterian Church  
Pallet Jack's Overstock  
Penfield Robotics Club  
Person Centered Housing  
Options (PCHO)  
Phelps Shelter  
Project Haven Shelter  
REACH  
Recovery All Ways (RAW)  
Recovery Fitness  
Reentry of Western NY (RAWNY)  
Rochester's Finest Cannabis  
Ronald McDonald House  
Salvation Army  
Slim & Sweet's

Spencerport CSD  
St Elizabeth Ann Seton Church  
SUNY Community Resources  
SUNY School of Health  
Trillium Health  
Wegmans Bockport  
Willow Domestic Violence



The **RAWNY** (Reentry Association of Western New York) program in downtown Rochester provides services to folks coming out of incarceration. The Clothesline helps out with weekly clothing orders. This year, they honored us with a community service award!