

**2018 Year-End Review**



What a wonderful first year for UDFL! We are beyond grateful for all the support we received!

Here are some highlights of the year:

-Gained The Family Justice Center, Western New York Independent Living, Child & Family Services, Erie County Social Services, Access to Psychiatry Through Intermediate Care (APIC), Endeavor Health, Buffalo City Mission/Cornerstone Manor, and My Place Home as **new Non-Profit Partner Agencies**.

-Served **16** individuals/families in need.

-Received financial contributions, from the general public, totaling **$7,948**.**84**

-Received corporate financial contributions totaling **$1,367.00**.

-Received gifts-in-kind totaling **$2,230.87**

-Received roughly over **$30,000** in donations of new or gently used furniture and accessories.

-Received media attention from Spectrum News, Channel 4, Medaille College Magazine and Buffalo Magazine.

-Obtained a 3,500 square foot warehouse space for storage within the 8 Days of Hope warehouse on Kensington Ave.

-Gained 30 volunteers.

Areas to improve:

-**Researching grant opportunities.** We are working to bring on a new Board member with grant writing experience. We currently have a list of grants we will apply for in 2019.

-**Growing our Board.** We are on an on-going search to grow our Board with members who possess the skills we are looking for to help the organization advance successfully.

-**Reducing truck rental expenses.** Will work to reduce costs associated with renting trucks for donation pick-ups.

The 2019 year ahead:

The UDFL President and Board of Directors will work to establish a three-year strategic plan that will guide our efforts moving forward.

As always your continued support of our efforts are greatly needed. Please consider making a financial contribution today by clicking on the Take Action tab of our website: [www.upwarddesignforlife.org](http://www.upwarddesignforlife.org).

Thank you!

UPward Design for Life Board of Directors