

**COMMUNITY ACTION**

Just a Taste can help Cayuga County's less fortunate



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Jane Doe was working full-time when she connected through a church referral to Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency, Inc. A victim of domestic violence, her partner had kicked her out of their residence. Jane was homeless, between paychecks and living out of her car with few resources. Our agency worked with Jane to obtain safe, affordable housing, provided financial assistance in the form of first month's rent and security deposit, provided food through our food pantry, and connected her to a domestic violence advocate, helping her through her immediate crisis and onto a path of self-sufficiency.

Jane is one of thousands of people our agency serves every year in Cayuga and Seneca counties. She is among the working poor, struggling to get through today, and a heartbeat away from crisis. Retirement, vacation, health care, higher education — these are luxuries for Jane, seemingly out of reach. At any moment on any day and for any reason — a car breaks down, a child gets sick, an abusive partner acts out — Jane's world could collapse.

The Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency, incorporated as a nonprofit in 1965 to fight the war against poverty locally, works together with many others in the community to provide a safety net for people in need. We operate from a strength-based model of care, empowering our customers to move toward self-sufficiency while helping them to address imminent issues, including hunger, homelessness and housing vulnerability, child abuse and neglect, and domestic violence. To carry out our work, we rely on the generous and caring support of countless individuals, businesses and organizations in the community.

One of the most enjoyable ways you can help support our agency is to attend this year's Taste for Community Action, our largest fundraiser, to be held from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 18, at the Holiday Inn in Auburn. In its 18th year, this year's Taste for Community Action features live music by Joe Whiting and Terry Quill, tastings from more than two dozen area restaurants, wineries, breweries, bakeries and farms, and a silent auction with coveted items up for bid, including a New York Giants football personally signed by head coach Tom Coughlin!

Taste for Community Action would not be possible without the generous commitment of our vendors, corporate sponsors and silent auction donors. At the time of this writing, participating vendors include 4 Tin Fish Farm, Americana Vineyards & Winery, Anthony Road Wine Company, BeauVine Chophouse at the Hilton Garden Inn, Bet the Farm Winery, Cortland Beer Co., Daut's Restaurant, Dr. Konstantin Frank Vinifera Wine Cellars, Fulkerson Winery, Giancarelli Winery & Farm, the Holiday Inn, Hosmer Winery, Ichiban Japanese Steakhouse, K&R Catering, King Ferry Winery, Lasca's Restaurant, Mesa Grande Taqueria, Oak & Vine at Springside, Red Tail Ridge Winery, Sherwood Inn, Standing Stone Vineyards, Strawberry Fields Hydroponic Farm, the Auburn Ale House, the Owl House, the Patisserie and the Union Springs Academy.

We sincerely appreciate the kind contributions of our gold sponsors: Finger Lakes Radio Group, First Niagara Bank, Holiday Inn, R.G. Wright Agency, Rx City Pharmacy, Savannah Bank, The Citizen and Tops Friendly Markets; our silver sponsors: Bailey, Haskell & Lalonde Agency, Birnie Bus Service, Inc., Community Computer, Cuddy & Ward, LLP, Ed Fenzl, RE/MAX Properties, Home Instead Senior Care, Jacobs Press, Majorpalooza, Inc., Paradise Entertainment, Robert G. Relph Agency, Inc. and Seneca Office Products; and our bronze sponsors: Auburn Discount Liquor, Donovan-Luksa Paper Products, Image Agent, MDI Truck, SunLife Financial, United HealthCare, Upstate Paving and Xylem, Inc.

Taste for Community Action would also not be possible without our attendees. Please join us on Thursday, July 18 and help to make this year's Taste a success! Tickets are available for purchase through our event website, www.cscaa.com/taste2013.html, for \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door, and the money is tax-deductible. The website is updated regularly and includes our current vendors, sponsors, and a list with photos of silent auction items that will be up for grabs at the event.

Taste for Community Action attendees can look forward to good food, good drink, good music and good times — all for a great cause. Hope to see you there!

If you go

WHAT: Taste for Community Action

WHEN: 5 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 18

WHERE: Holiday Inn, 75 North St., Auburn

COST: Tickets \$30 advance, \$30 at the door

INFO: Visit www.cscaa.com/taste2013.html