

SAFE HARBORS OF THE HUDSON

Newsletter

transforming lives and building communities through housing and the arts

Summer 2012

Calendar of Events

August 4, 2012

Ann Street Market, 12-6pm

Ann Street Gallery Exhibition
Opening: Dmitri Kasterine,
People and Places 1955-2011
6-9 PM

Ann Street Gallery Open Air
Exhibition: Dmitri Kasterine
Newburgh: Portrait of a City

September 22, 2012

Ann Street Gallery Exhibition
Opening: Yumilicious, 6-9 PM

September 29, 2012

Ritz Theater 2012-13 Tom Humphrey
Guitar Series: Rory Block, 8PM

October 13, 2012

Ritz Theater 4th Annual Ritz
Kidz "Newburgh's Got Talent!"
Talent Show auditions
10AM-4PM

October 20, 2012

Ritz Theater 2012-13 Tom Humphrey
Guitar Series: Rambin' Jack Elliott
8 PM

November 17, 2012

Ritz Theater 2012-13 Tom Humphrey
Guitar Series: Nat Adderley Jr.
8PM

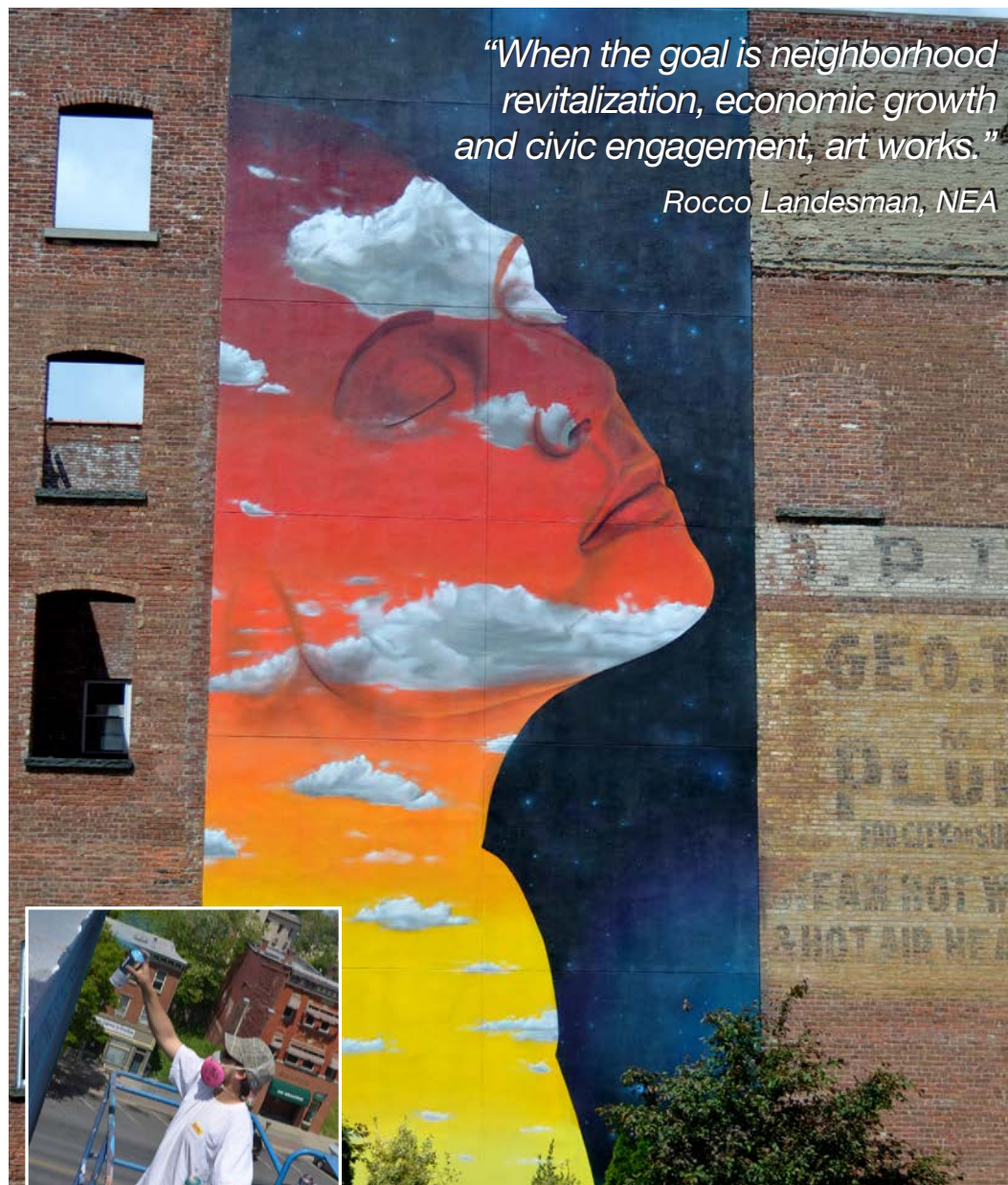
November 18, 2012

Ritz Theater 4th Annual Ritz
Kidz "Newburgh's Got Talent!"
Talent Show, 4PM

December 1, 2012

Bells on Broadway, 10AM-4PM

Ann Street Gallery Exhibition
Opening: Up Against, 6-9 PM



*"When the goal is neighborhood
revitalization, economic growth
and civic engagement, art works."*

Rocco Landesman, NEA

Newburgh Mural Project *Life In Colors* Series
"Transcendence" completed at Safe Harbors

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*Tricia Haggerty Wenz, Executive Director (left)
and Lisa Silverstone, Associate Director (right)*

welcome...

Safe Harbors of the Hudson, Inc., welcomed Lisa Silverstone as our new Associate Director on January 17, 2012.

Ms. Silverstone, formerly Executive Director of the Historical Society of Newburgh Bay and the Highlands, will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of Safe Harbors of the Hudson. She will work closely with Executive Director, Tricia Haggerty Wenz and the Safe Harbors Board of Directors and staff to further our mission and strengthen our organization.

A Note from our Executive Director

Dear Friends,

As a non-profit organization deeply committed to our mission of transforming lives and building communities through housing and the arts, we recognize the critical role we play here in the City of Newburgh. In this day and age, all non-profits must be committed not only to their missions, but to the greater good of the surrounding community as well. Our vision must reach above and beyond those whom we serve. The health and future of Safe Harbors is critically dependent on our expanding role in the community and the important partnerships we form.

The direction we are heading in is a bold one. We are actively seeking solutions to the many problems facing our cities, and we are not doing this alone. The partners we have in the community have allowed us to expand our mission beyond the walls of The Cornerstone Residence. The Newburgh Community Cleanup we have initiated, our participation in the Greater Newburgh Partnership and the Newburgh Theater Alliance and our Off Broadway 5K Run and public art shows have presented us numerous opportunities to positively impact our community. We believe we have only scratched the surface of what needs to be done.

In the past six months welcoming Lisa Silverstone in her new role has created an opportunity for us to strengthen our organization. The commitment of our Board of Directors, our staff and our partners are helping to shape our direction and our future. Your support has been critical to our success thus far, and your continued support will help us not only strengthen the work we are doing now, but allow us to continue to evolve in new directions responding to the needs of our community and all of those we serve.

Tricia Haggerty Wenz
Founder and Executive Director

A Note from our Associate Director

Hello,

I am thrilled to be a part of the Safe Harbors team! Having worked in the City of Newburgh for the past seven years, I watched with admiration as lower Broadway was transformed from a blighted city block into a dynamic residence and community and cultural arts center.

That transformation seemed miraculous at the time, but over the years, dedicated, loyal, hardworking and creative staff, has transformed the miracle into one of the strongest institutions in the City. With its roots firmly planted and its reach ever widening, Safe Harbors is poised to grow and strengthen its mission and presence in the City and the region.

With the unique perspective of a new-comer, I am excited to take on new challenges and opportunities and spearhead new initiatives.

We are looking at innovative ways to fill our commercial space, attract new businesses and increase job opportunities for our tenants and members of the larger community. We are partnering with Independent Living on a new project at their Washington Terrace site and are working with community partners to help our tenants become more actively engaged in their community.

As a founding member of the Newburgh Mural Project and home to the first mural in the *Life in Colors* series, Safe Harbors and the Ritz Theater have strengthened their leadership role in creating a cultural hub in downtown Newburgh. *Transcendence*, the mural which graces the east wall of the building, is an apt reflection of the spirit of Safe Harbors. Ours is an organization whose mission is always growing and strengthening, where creativity fosters solutions and where we never stop seeking new ways of solving problems.

I look forward to being part of Safe Harbors as we sail into the future, working together to create a better life for our most vulnerable neighbors and a better city for everyone.

Lisa Silverstone
Associate Director

A Note from our Safe Harbors Board of Directors Chair

As our organization has strengthened and grown over the past six months so has our Board of Directors. We were pleased to welcome Karen Mejia and James Moss. All of us on the Board are looking forward to working them, helping to forward our very important mission.

In the past six months I have seen firsthand how the work we are doing is positively affecting the community. Our beautiful mural, Off Broadway 5K Run, arts programming and Newburgh Community Cleanup have all helped change and shape the perception of lower Broadway. Our good work in the community is happening around the important work we do with our housing and tenants. For ten years we have been providing safe, attractive and affordable housing, and a home our tenants can be proud of.

Our Board is committed not only to our mission but also has made a strong commitment to help shape the future of the City of Newburgh. When you attend and support our community events you are helping make a tangible difference in our community.

As we face new challenges and new opportunities in the coming year, we know we are not alone in our efforts. We are forging ahead with a clear direction, a strategic plan and the support of all of you.

We hope you will continue to join us for the next ten years as the work we do now is setting the stage for a brighter, stronger future for Safe Harbors and for the City of Newburgh.

Adam Rodd



Safe Harbors Welcomes New Board Member



Karen Mejia was born in El Salvador, Central America. As a child, her family fled their worn torn country and migrated to the United States where they settled in Florida. Karen has a master's degree in Latin American & Caribbean History from New York University and a bachelor's degree from Brown University, where she concentrated in Hispanic Studies.

Karen has made conscious decisions regarding the type of employment that she pursues. These decisions have taken her from the garden classrooms of New York City Parks to the boardrooms of New York's major hospital systems to the office of Congressman Maurice Hinchey, where she proudly served as his Deputy District Representative in Orange and Sullivan County. Karen is presently Director of Partnerships for the Greater Newburgh Partnership, a public-private venture in the City of Newburgh.

Newburgh Mural Project's First Mural *Transcendence* Has Been Completed

Safe Harbors is very pleased to be part of the Newburgh Mural Project and to have been the site of the inaugural mural in the Project's *Life in Colors* series. Chilean artist Dasic Fernandez has created *Transcendence* on our Ritz wall, a beacon which welcomes all who enter the City. The Newburgh Mural Project is a collaboration of Newburgh non-profits and community members. The completed mural was revealed at the Newburgh Community Cleanup BBQ celebration on Saturday, May 12. For more info on the Newburgh Mural Project, please visit their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/NewburghMuralProject>



Community member Jerry Maldonado and mural artist Dasic Fernandez

A Note from our Ritz Theater Board of Directors Chair

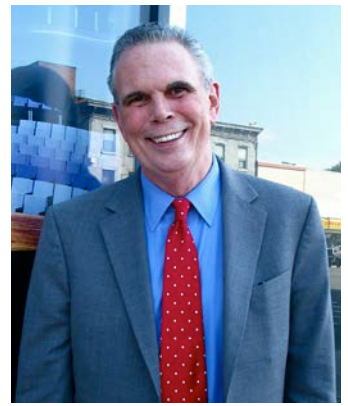
Dear Friends,

Despite another successful season, 2011-12 was not without sorrow. With the untimely deaths of Bill Yost and Salvo Guttilla, the board of directors lost two of our most dedicated and energetic members. Many of you attended the memorial exhibit of Bill's work at the Ann Street Gallery and the memorial concert for Salvo in the Ritz lobby. Both these events proved fitting tributes to these remarkable artists and treasured members of our board. We were enriched by working with these talented men, and we are energized by the example of their devotion to the revitalization of the Ritz Theater. Bill and Salvo were both convinced that the Ritz Theater will play a pivotal role in the renaissance of downtown Newburgh, and so are we.

In May and June the board hosted two informational breakfasts for the local business community to learn more about the Ritz project. We were gratified not only by the number of interested people who attended, but also by their genuine enthusiasm and excitement. Thanks to the chair of our Development Committee, Pamela LaLonde, for organizing these exciting mornings, to Chris Silva of the Bardavon Opera House and Ulster Performing Arts Center for sharing his vision for our future and to the Safe Harbors staff for their tireless support. In her remarks at the June 14th breakfast, Sister Ann Sakac, honorary chair of our capital campaign committee, quoted from the film *Field of Dreams*: "Build it and they will come." Thanks to our concerts and these breakfasts, more and more people are convinced that we must build it, and to help us do that the board is delighted to welcome two new members: Mr. Charles Frankel and Mr. Robert Hatfield. We thank both these men for agreeing to serve and look forward to their contributions and leadership.

If you haven't yet visited our striking box office, please stop by. And you'll certainly want to drive down Broadway this fall to see the restored Ritz Theater marquee, a project scheduled to begin in September. Exciting things are happening at the Ritz, and we invite each and every one of you to join in that excitement.

Best wishes,
James N. Beard



Ritz Theater Box Office Associate Kathleen Servidio

The Ritz Theater Welcomes Two New Board Members



Charles Frankel grew up visiting the Ritz Theater as a child when his Uncle Allen "Sonny" Levy was the owner. Charles received a B.A. degree in biology from Colby College, and a law degree from St. Johns University. A partner of the New Windsor law firm, Rider, Weiner & Frankel, P.C.

Charles is the head of the firm's real estate department.



Robert Hatfield has lived in Newburgh all his life. Robert received his B.A. in History from Marist College. Now retired from The Prudential Insurance Company of America, M&T Bank and most recently, Citizens Bank. Robert has the time, interest and energy to devote to the restoration of his hometown Ritz Theater.



Pamela LaLonde, Capital Campaign Committee Chair



Chris Silva, Executive Director
Bardavon 1869 Opera House

Ritz Theater Positive Impact Breakfasts

The Ritz Theater Board of Directors and Capital Campaign Committee hosted a continental breakfast and an informational presentation on the plans for the restoration of the historic Ritz Theater on May 24 and June 14. Local business supporters and members of the community were invited to attend and learn more about the positive cultural, civic and economic impact a restored Ritz Theater will have on our city.



Attendees from a tour of the old Ritz Theater after the presentation breakfast.

Renovation of the Ritz Theater Marquee

In the fall of 2012 we will begin the renovation of the Ritz Theater Marquee... follow us on facebook and twitter to see the progress!



Ritz Theater Tours

We love giving tours of the Ritz Theater! Stand on the stage where Lucille Ball made her debut and envision a new Ritz Theater in this legendary space. Please contact us for your tour and information session by calling (845) 784-1199 or email info@ritztheaternewburgh.org.



A Note from our Director of the Ann Street Gallery

Dear Friends,

Just as the longer days and warmer temperatures of summer bring forth the promise of growth and optimism, the Ann Street Gallery moves forward into some new and exciting programming.

Our growing reputation for presenting provocative exhibitions to the public has resulted in yearly increases in the number of visitors to the gallery.

By now, most of you have learned of the tragic loss of our friend and Safe Harbors/Ritz Theater supporter Bill Yost, who passed away in November. Bill left behind his devoted family and friends, who will miss his contagious energy for life and vigor for the arts.

On Saturday, February 25, 2012 the Ann Street Gallery was honored to hold the first major exhibition devoted to the full scope of the Bill's artistic career entitled *Bill Yost: a Retrospective*. In this exhibition we got a unique look at the types of work in Bill's rich and diverse oeuvre. Represented in the exhibition were not only his familiar iconic pieces such as *Doppelgangers* and the *Fishtallation* pieces, but rarely seen minimalistic abstract paintings and his last works, the *Contextual Series*.

In May we featured a wonderful exhibition that showcased the iconic plastic beauty-Barbie! *Gendered Object: Barbie as Art* opened on May 19, and we had a great turnout with many of the artists present (artist Deborah Colotti flew in from California!) to talk about their work. Thanks to everyone who volunteered their help and came out to support the show.

It is with great enthusiasm that we are looking forward for things to come. On Saturday, August 4, Safe Harbors will be holding its annual Ann Street Market concurrently with two other wonderful events. Inside the Ann Street Gallery the renowned photographer Dmitri Kasterine's exhibition: *People & Places, 1955-2011* opens, along with his not to be missed, outdoor mural size photographic installation *Newburgh: Portrait of a City* series.

Kasterine has photographed some of the most eminent cultural figures of the twentieth century. Featured in the ASG exhibit are studies of Samuel Beckett, Francis Bacon, Stanley Kubrick and David Hockney. Selections of these portraits plus other notables will be on view in the main gallery. The second component and newer photographic series focuses attention on the citizens of Newburgh's backstreets in a series entitled *Newburgh: Portrait of a City*.

We at the Ann Street Gallery think it is extremely important for art to maintain a presence in everyday life. Art challenges us to think critically, and it creates dialogue about social and civic issues and is essential to a thriving, vital community. Please help us support art in our community!

Cordially,
Virginia Walsh
Director/Curator of Exhibitions

from the exhibit
Gendered Object: Barbie as Art





Burnel Yow
Dolls of the Apocalypse
 from the exhibit
 Gendered Object: Barbie as Art



Bill Yost's family surrounds his doppelganger
Best Supporting Actor, self portrait
 from the exhibit
 Bill Yost: A Retrospective

Upcoming Exhibition...

Dmitri Kasterine

People and Places 1955-2011

Artist Reception: Saturday, August 4, 6pm - 9 PM

(images from left to right) Keith Haring, NYC, 1987
 Levi with bicycle chain and guitar strap, Williamsburg, 2009
 Paul Auster, NYC, 1987
 Seven-year-old writer, Red Hook, 2011
 Matthew, manager of Goodbye Blue Monday, Bushwick, 2009
 Girl at a Launderette, Beacon, NY, 2011



A Note from our Director of Tenant Services & Special Events

We have so much going on here at Safe Harbors, serving both The Cornerstone Residence and the local community. The second half of the year looks to be as exciting and busy as the first!

Our terrific computer instructor and math tutor Paul Greenwood, has moved to South Carolina-he will be missed! We are currently seeking a new instructor and tutor to take his place.

In the Cornerstone Library, Regina Bizzell, our lead librarian, instituted Game Night where anyone can participate in a friendly game of Scrabble, Life, Chess or Checkers. Regina also continues to host BINGO. As always, we are looking for new or very gently-used gifts for prizes.

The Cornerstone Fitness Center and Wellness program continue to attract more people. If you would like to volunteer as a trainer in the Fitness Center, please call me.

In GED highlights, we had one student pass the GED exam and six students improve their scores. While still working on her GED, another student who started at a 2nd grade reading level has since passed several important exams and is now certified to work as a Home Health Aide and with the developmentally disabled. She also aced the test for the Board of Elections and is now qualified to man voting booths.

We are starting to put an emphasis on getting out of our comfort zone. Independent Living launched a new program this year, "Cornerstone Works!" which is all about jobs, education and volunteering as a way for tenants to find purpose, possibly earn money and connect with others.

We continue to draw record crowds of 250-300 people at our community-gearred events like Bells on Broadway, Newburgh Community Cleanup and Cupcake-a-Palooza. What makes these events even better is when our tenants participate and volunteer.

If you're interested in volunteering or have a talent you'd like to share, call me at 845.562.6940 Ext. 110 or via email at jhenley@safe-harbors.org. I look forward to hearing from you!

June Henley
Director of Tenant Services and Special Events



The Ann Street Market is coming August 4th!



The Cornerstone Tenant Spotlight - Angelo Monge

In 2007, Angelo Monge needed a change in his life. He had a tough time in the Bronx and made the important decision to rehabilitate and start over in the Hudson Valley. One day, while temporarily residing at the Imperial Hotel, he was driving down Broadway and noticed The Cornerstone Residence building. The building made quite an impression and he vowed to himself, "I am going to live there one day." And he did just that! After submitting his application and going through the interview process Angelo moved into The Cornerstone Residence in the fall of 2008. When asked about what appealed to him about The Cornerstone, several things came to mind. The promise of twenty-four hour security and a sober, healthy living environment were both very important factors to him. Amenities like the Cornerstone Library where he can check out books and movies was also a draw. Angelo's life has since slowed down, much to his satisfaction. He has learned to enjoy the little things in life, fishing, reading, etc. He has learned patience and humility since becoming a resident of The Cornerstone. He has met many great people and forged positive friendships with tenant neighbors and people in the community.

During his time here, Angelo has helped out in the computer lab, watering plants throughout the building, and anything else he can do.

In the winter of 2009/10 he was asked if he would be interested in learning new skills; sound and lighting for The Ritz Theater concerts. With instruction and guidance from staff at the Bardavon, Angelo first learned lighting and then sound control. He has now worked two complete seasons of The Ritz Theater's Tom Humphrey Guitar Series and is anxiously waiting the next season. In addition to the guitar series, Angelo has worked sound and lighting for other musical and performance shows throughout the year like Ritz Kidz "Newburgh's Got Talent!" Talent Show, The Amazing Kreskin, and local musician Richard McGraw's concert. Angelo is so thankful for the opportunities he has been given at Safe Harbors and we are proud of how far he has come and how much he contributes to our "community" at 111 Broadway. Angelo sets a great example for us all, slow down and enjoy everything you do in life.



*Transforming Lives and Building Communities...
Safe Harbors Salutes Angelo Monge*

Safe Harbors 6th Annual Gala Celebration.... Sailing into the Future!



Tricia Haggerty Wenz, Maurice Hinchey, Sue Sullivan and Nicholas Vantine



Glen Tatres, Theresa Brown, Tessa Brown and Chris Henley



Mechele McGready, Sue Valentine and Father Kevin Mackin

On June 9, Safe Harbors of the Hudson hosted its 6th Annual Gala Celebration. This year was particularly special as we honored a good friend to Safe Harbors and the Ritz Theater as well as all of us who live and work in the Hudson Valley. Congressman Hinchey has worked tirelessly for all of us for the past 32 years and it was our pleasure to honor him this year. We are so grateful for his advocacy and support and we applaud him for maintaining the courage of his convictions even in the most difficult of times.



Off-Broadway 5K Run & Kids Fun Run

The 6th Annual Off-Broadway 5K Run & Kids Fun Run was held on the beautiful Spring morning of Sunday, May 20. Many runners and walkers came out to participate in the race and enjoy the breathtaking views along the course, which winds through historic City of Newburgh neighborhoods. For more information on the event or how to become a sponsor for next year's event, please call (845) 562-6940 or info@safe-harbors.org.



Newburgh Community Cleanup

Our second annual Newburgh Community Cleanup on Saturday May 12, was a tremendous success! We could not have done it without the nearly 250 volunteers who came out to clean Newburgh's streets and the support of countless individuals, businesses and partnering organizations.



Cupcake-A-Palooza

Our Second Annual Cupcake-A-Palooza was another great success! Thank you to the over 350 people who attended and helped make the event such a memorable one. We have photos from the event, including winner's photos on our [website](#) and our [Flickr photo page](#).

Congratulations to each one of our category winners, who made such beautiful and delicious cupcakes!

The 2011-12 Tom Humphrey Guitar Wrap Up

The 4th Season of the Tom Humphrey Guitar Series continued into 2012 with sold out performances from repeat favorite **Bucky Pizzarelli** in March and folk icon **Geoff Muldaur** in April.

A New Season Begins...

September 29 marks the start of the 5th Season of the acclaimed Tom Humphrey Guitar Series with a performance by Rory Block. Ramblin Jack Elliott is scheduled to perform on October 20 and Nat Adderley Jr. on November 17. The complete lineup will be announced in late summer. Stay tuned to our website, Facebook page, Twitter stream and join our mailing list. Please visit www.ritztheaternewburgh.org or call (845) 784-1199.



Ed Laub and Bucky Pizzarelli performed on March 10

New Programming Introduced in 2012 at the Ritz Theater

This year we introduced exciting new programming! On February 4, we presented Local Literati, a free evening of reading and Q & A with authors Terry Sandler and Susan Schoenberger. Richard McGraw, a local folk musician, performed on February 11 and on March 24 audiences were wowed in two back-to-back shows by The Amazing Kreskin demonstrating his paranormal abilities. We hope to continue to expand our programming even more in the coming years.



Terry Sandler and Susan Schoenberger



Richard McGraw



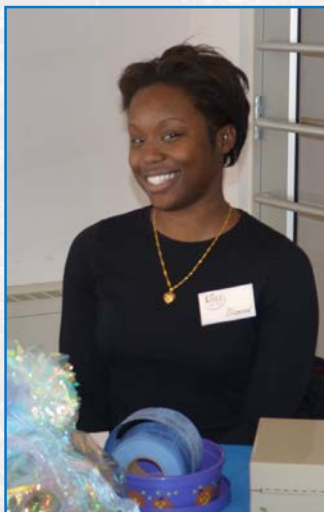
The Amazing Kreskin

The Latest on Safe Harbors Grants

Safe Harbors of the Hudson received three generous grants this year from two foundations. KeyBank Foundation donated \$3,000 in support of building lower Broadway. TD Bank, through the TD Charitable Foundation, donated two \$5,000 grants as part of the bank's commitment to giving back to the community.

Lisa Silverstone, Associate Director and Brittany Resch, Development Associate accept a check on behalf of Safe Harbors from TD Bank. (pictured left to right: Brittany Resch, Roland Peacock III, Vice President, Small Business for TD Bank, Lisa Silverstone, Virginia Smith, Vice President, Branch Manager from TD Bank)

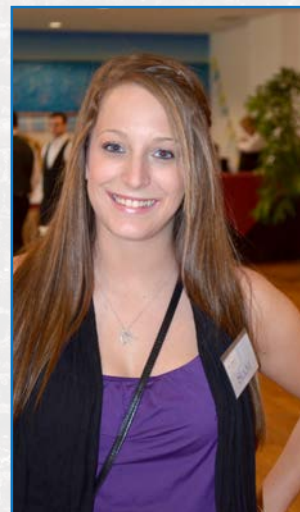




Spring 2012 Volunteer
Diamond Taitt

Volunteer and Intern with Us!

If you think what we are doing is important and interesting, imagine taking an active role! Safe Harbors, the Ritz Theater and the Ann Street Gallery have a variety of volunteer and internship opportunities available. We seek dependable, enthusiastic people who have interests and experience in the following areas: marketing, research, development, architecture, green initiatives, special events, human and social services, computers, library science, tutoring, performing arts, visual arts, docenting, art history and business. For more information call Liz LoPresti at (845) 562-6940 ext. 116 or email llopresti@safe-harbors.org.



Summer 2012 intern
Samantha Wilson

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