



# GOMOC NEWS

Genesee Orleans Ministry of Concern  
“Agency of Last Resort”  
*Assist... Enhance... Empower...*

Fall/Winter 2023



## Message from our New Executive Director...

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Jami Allport, and I am the new Executive Director here at the Ministry of Concern. I'm happy to have joined the Ministry of Concern from another non-profit in Niagara County. While I am new to GOMOC, I am not new to the community. My family and I have been blessed to be part of the Albion community for many years while also holding positions on a non-for-profit board that supports youth athletics in multiple counties.

I am honored to have been chosen as the new Director of GOMOC and I am very excited to lead this agency forward into greatness. I have been blessed with amazing staff that have been so supportive of me while I learn this new role and with the amazing community that we are serving. It has been wonderful getting to talk with each of you and I can't wait to see and meet more of you.

GOMOC is always thinking about different and better ways to meet the needs of the people that we serve. There are always new ideas and programs that are in the works! For us to be able to implement many of these we do rely on support from donations, which we are graciously accepting currently. These donations, no matter the amount, help GOMOC to provide the best to the communities, families, and people that we serve.

Thank you so much for all your support over the years. I am certain that together we can celebrate many more successes.

Sincerely,  
*Jami Allport*  
Executive Director



***We recently have had to say some sad good-byes to some of our beloved GOMOC staff.***

Carol Whalin– If you have ever called or visited us here then you are probably more than familiar with Carol. Carol has been an amazing asset, team member and office manager here at GOMOC. We wish her lots of health and happiness. She will be greatly missed!

Fran Gaylord– Fran was an integral part of our furniture program. We wish Fran well on all of his future endeavors and he will be missed.

***With every good bye there is always a new hello.***

Kyle Woolston– I am a recent graduate of Albion High School and have lived in Albion all of my life. I love football and the Buffalo Bills. Go Bills!

Brandon Floret– Hello! I am a US Airforce Veteran. I served active duty July 1998-August 2002, POPE AFB. I was 43 MXS and worked on A-10's and C-130 aircrafts. During Operation Northern Watch I was deployed to Incirlik, Turkey for 120 days. My awesome wife Nicole and I just celebrated our 12th wedding anniversary. I am also a proud father of two boys, Brandon Jr. (11) and Brady (7). I am really excited to be here at GOMOC and I am looking forward to supporting and working with our great community members.

Rosie Friedl– Hello! I am a mom of 5-year-old twin boys, a German Shepard, and a cat who I swear is closely related to Garfield. I enjoy having fun. I love to laugh and play practical jokes on friends. I love to play with Legos and find fun playgrounds to go to with my kids. When I have time to myself, I like to make crafts, take pictures, and go to thrift stores! I'm a people person and love meeting new people and learning about them. I've been in the banking / mortgage field for almost 20 years. I am looking forward to starting a new career where I can work with and support others on a more personal level.



## **Furniture Program News:**

**THANK YOU** to **Noel Mireles** for stepping in to help support the furniture program by coming on temporarily to deliver furniture.

***Thank you to all who have donated used furniture items!***

Through your generous donations we have been able to help support over 200 community members year to date.

## Preparing for the Holiday Season

The holidays are said to be a time to celebrate but this can also be a time of great stress for some of our community members. Here at GOMOC we are trying to alleviate some of that pressure by gathering donations from churches, community groups, and community members who wish to brighten the holidays for others. If you would like to be a part of spreading some holiday cheer, there are a few ways that you can do so. We are always accepting donations (cash or newly, unwrapped gifts), you can adopt a family, you can adopt a child, or you can donate your time. We could always use a good Santa, Mrs. Claus, and elves.



If you are interested in volunteering please reach out to us at 585-589-9210.

### Opportunities:

Salvation Army Red Kettle Bell ringers

Salvation Army Red Kettle Collectors

Holiday Pick Up

Holiday Sorting

Back Room Support

We take all volunteers. High school students welcome!!

## JUST FRIENDS PROGRAM

The Just Friends Program has kicked off the school year with brand new backpacks and school supplies. We've supplied over 116 families with supplies so far and that number is increasing daily! In September we also reached out to home school families to aid as well. At Just Friends we are so excited about the many new opportunities that we are able to be apart of this year. We have participated in Begger's night, where we were able to interact with many kids and their families, while being able to see them in their amazing costumes. Also, we are working with the Albion Police Department, as well as the Albion Fire Department to do ride along and tours with youth in our communities. We will hopefully be able to expand this into Genesee County within the year. Thank you to everyone who has donated to make this program so successful. It is very much appreciated and does not go unnoticed.

-Youth Coordinator Nicole



Find pictures and information about our events and activities at: [www.ministryofconcern.org](http://www.ministryofconcern.org) or check out our Facebook page at Genesee Orleans Ministry of Concern.



## Individual Donors

Thomas Alberalla  
Gene Allport  
Peter and Nancy Arras  
Jean Bailey  
Rosemary Baszczyński  
Nancy Battaglia  
William and Susan Benson  
Peter and Marilyn Bisantz  
Herbert and Joy Bohnet  
Robert and Joanne Bracey  
Patricia Caleb  
Rocco Caporicci  
James and Carol Comfort  
Mary Ellen Conroy  
Arthur and Monica Cosgrove  
Janice Cummings  
Francis and Evana Daniels  
Nancy Dean  
Julia Demmin  
Francis and Carol DeYoung  
Barbara Dorn  
Phyllis Draycott  
Angela Ekroth  
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Larry Fallon  
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Bruce and Susan Green  
Robert Harker  
Vera Harrison  
William and Nancy Hayes  
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James and Jean Lichtenthal  
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Gary McKenna  
James and Louise Misiti  
Natalie Mollica  
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Lucille Moriarty  
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Marlene Terra  
Lawrence Volland, DDS  
Rose Warren  
Helen Webb  
M. Catherine White  
Daniel and Sophia Willis  
Victor Wright  
Pauline Ziatts



**Donations Continued****Small Groups and Churches**

Knights of Columbus Council No.  
1330  
Geraldine Wiess, Treasurer  
West Barre United Methodist  
Church  
Medina Lions Club  
Morganville United Church of Christ  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
Lyndonville Presbyterian Church

**Just Friends**

William and Hannelore Heyen  
John and Loretta Long  
Karen McKenna  
Christopher and Linda Rice  
Ashlee's Place  
West Barre United Methodist Church

**Sister Marian's Purse**

Robert Blackburn

**Feast of the Sacred Heart, GNSH**  
**Bequests & Memorial**

Theresa Atkinson  
Pat Culp  
Susan Dittenbrand  
Cindy Dondajewski  
Chris Gerace  
Margarita Lizarra  
Jill Mucha  
Zenio Rivera  
Jackie Simmons  
Mary Wichlac  
Irene Woznich  
Natalie  
Nancy  
Helen  
Phyllis Legion of Mary



## Furniture Program



Keith Grinnell  
Marcia Bowles  
Virginia Hughes  
Pam Bauman  
Judy Dellapenna  
Patty Newton  
William Carpenter  
Laura Phelps  
Barb Filipiak  
Holy Family Parish  
James Kline  
Virginia Campbell  
Clara Martin  
Pat Bellucci  
Stephanie Christiansen  
Eileen Dwer  
Karen Smith  
Dawn Palmer  
Don Dickinson  
Ann Marie Wood  
Florence DiMatteo  
Mark Hillman with the Estate of Gloria V.  
Hillman  
Patricia Bellucci  
James Mapes  
James Renfrew  
Traco Manufacturing Inc.  
Mary Lou Tuohey  
Jim Ambrose  
Sue West  
Marie Bigsby  
Jean Bruning  
Diane Klehn  
Mary DellaPenna  
Thomas Preedom  
Christine Sartwell  
Susan Hutter  
Kathleen Marzell  
Susan Lewis  
Heather MacDonald  
Sister Sheila Stone



**Personal Care Items and Bedding**

St. John's Linen Closet  
West Barre United Methodist Church  
Paul and Noreen Huefner  
St. John's Linen Closet  
Christine Gugino  
St. John's Linen Closet  
West Barre Church

**In Memory**

**In Memory of JoLynn Gorski** by Robert and Jane Balbick

**In Memory of Wanda Filipiak** by Lucretia Bochsler

**In Memory of Marcia Elwell** by Joseph and Joyce Gehl

**In Memory of Mary Grace Demarse** by Rosalie Madejski

**In Memory of Msgr Dino Lorenzetti** by Robert and Elizabeth McGowan

**In Memory of Uncle Donald Sparacio** by Theresa Sparacio

**In Memory of Sister Marian Adrian, GNSH** by

Ruth Howard  
Arlene Kisker

**In Memory of Louise Misiti** by

Charles and Susan Slack  
Aileen Cinquino  
Harry and Diane South  
Susan Kingsley

**Memory of Graydon Owen**

John Bonanno  
Linda Clark  
Heith Coleman  
Leslie and JoAnn Green  
Diane Martino  
Tracey Weissman  
Wanda Woodruff  
Upstate Niagara Cooperative

**Memory of Donald Spracio**

Jane Balbick  
Helen Battista  
Tony and Fern Luczak  
Karen McKenna  
Theresa Moberg

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Bruce Schmidt .....	Vice President
Teresa Gaylord.....	Secretary
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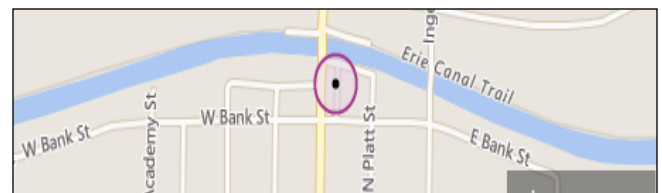
**STAFF**

Jami Allport.....	Executive Director
Nicole Brady.....	Office Manager/ Just Friends Coordinator
Lisa Taylor.....	Advocate/Furniture Program Coordinator
Brandon Floret.....	Advocate
Rosie Friedl.....	Advocate
Charlie Downey.....	Furniture Program Driver
Kyle Woolston.....	Furniture Program Assistant

**The Ministry of Concern is the “Agency of Last Resort” helping low income people in Genesee and Orleans County (NY) overcome difficult life circumstances when no**

Services in **Genesee County** are accessed through our partner Catholic Charities, located at 25 Liberty St. #7, Batavia or by calling our main office (585) 589-9210 or fax (585) 589-9617.

Our **Orleans County Office** is located in downtown Albion.



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The Ministry of Concern is supported by



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