



2025 Annual Report

Managing



Ta-Sean Murdock, Chief Executive
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Dear Community Members, Partners, Families, and Supporters,

As we enter into a new year, we want to take a moment to pause and reflect with gratitude on the journey we share with you through One Team One Dream of the Capital District and Grand Street Community Arts. This past year has been one of growth, learning, and resilience, and none of it would be possible without the strength and support of our community.

Our work has always been grounded in the belief that meaningful change happens when people come together with a shared purpose. Over the past year, we have seen that belief come to life in powerful ways—through youth showing up ready to learn and lead, families trusting us with their stories and hopes, partners standing alongside us, and community members continuing to invest their time, energy, and resources. Even amid ongoing challenges, our community has demonstrated an incredible capacity to support one another and push forward with intention.

We are also keenly aware that the challenges facing our neighborhoods do not disappear with the turn of a calendar year. Issues related to access, equity, safety, and opportunity continue to impact the lives of youth and families across the Capital District. As we move into this new year, unity remains more important than ever. Staying connected, aligned, and committed to our shared values allows us to respond to these challenges with care, creativity, and courage.

With the new year, we are guided by a clear vision for what comes next. Our goals include completing the renovations of the 68 Grand Street Basement Level, creating a space that is welcoming, functional, and reflective of the community it serves. We are committed to increasing community engagement, ensuring that more voices are heard and more residents feel ownership in the work being done. We also aim to expand our community programs, providing additional opportunities that support youth development, creative expression, and family well-being. Alongside this growth, we will continue to strengthen and expand our community partnerships, recognizing that collaboration is essential to long-term impact.

This annual report is not just a reflection of programs delivered or milestones reached—it is a testament to what is possible when a community believes in itself. Every success shared within these pages is the result of collective effort and shared responsibility. We are honored to steward this work and remain deeply committed to listening, learning, and growing alongside the community we serve.

Thank you for believing in the mission, for walking with us through moments of challenge and celebration, and for continuing to invest in a future rooted in opportunity and hope. As we step into this new year together, we do so with gratitude, purpose, and confidence in what we can continue to build—together.

With sincere appreciation,


Ta-Sean C. Murdock
Chief Executive Officer

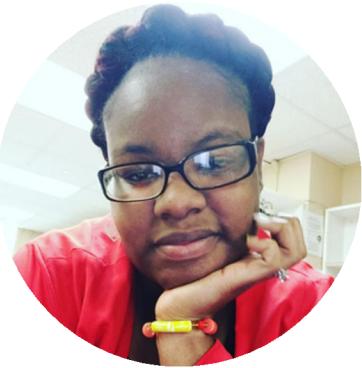

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Chief Administrative Officer



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OUR PROGRAMS

In 2025, One Team One Dream of the Capital District proudly **served over 500** youth and **community members** across the region. While this year came with its share of challenges—particularly limited space and growing demand—it was truly inspiring to see the resilience of our young people and the dedication of our staff, volunteers, and community partners.

Throughout the year, we worked intentionally to expand our programming and meet every child where they are. From our **Winter Break Camp**, which provided a safe, engaging environment during school recess, to our **youth basketball program**, which emphasized teamwork, discipline, and confidence, our focus remained on growth both on and off the court. In addition, our **arts-based programs** created space for creativity, self-expression, and healing, allowing youth to explore their talents in meaningful ways.

Despite limitations, 2025 was a year of progress, connection, and impact. Each program reflected our commitment to supporting the whole child and ensuring that every young person we serve feels seen, supported, and empowered.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH



In **2025**, **One Team One Dream of the Capital District** remained deeply committed to meeting our community where they are—both physically and emotionally. We intentionally expanded our presence beyond traditional program spaces, showing up in places where families already gather and where support is most accessible.

From hosting community-focused events at Colonie Center, we created opportunities for families to connect with resources, engage with our team, and build relationships in familiar, welcoming environments. These events allowed us to reach new families, reduce barriers to participation, and strengthen trust within the community.

At the same time, we launched new collaborative efforts through the Albany Community Response Team, working alongside partners to address immediate and evolving community needs. Through this collaboration, we supported residents facing challenges by connecting them to services, resources, and responsive support in real time. This work reflects a shared commitment to care, dignity, and coordinated community response.

Whether through public community events or cross-sector collaboration, our efforts in 2025 reinforced a core belief: meaningful impact happens when we listen, remain flexible, and show up consistently for the people we serve. Meeting our community where they are continues to guide our work and shape how we respond to the needs of the Capital District.

CONSTRUCTION AT 68 GRAND ST.

In 2025, significant progress was made on the transformation of 68 Grand Street, **the former St. Anthony's Church**, into a revitalized community-centered space that will serve youth and families across the Capital District for years to come. This work represents more than construction—it reflects a shared commitment to creating safe, welcoming, and functional spaces where young people can learn, create, and thrive.

Throughout this process, **One Team One Dream of the Capital District** provided critical support to **Grand Street Community Arts** through the management and oversight of the renovation project, helping to ensure that the vision for the space remained grounded in community need, safety, and long-term sustainability.

The renovations include the creation of new community classrooms, a large multi-purpose program space, and major infrastructure upgrades. Significant investments were made in fire suppression systems and modern security systems, ensuring the facility meets current safety standards while providing peace of mind for families, staff, and partners who will use the space.

This work would not have been possible without the generous investments of private donors, along with vital support from the City of Albany and Albany County. Their partnership and belief in this project have been instrumental in moving the renovation forward and reaffirm the importance of public-private collaboration in strengthening community spaces.

As the work at 68 Grand Street continues, this project stands as a powerful example of what can be achieved when organizations, government, and community supporters come together with a shared purpose—to build spaces that uplift, inspire, and serve the next generation.



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