



DIMITRI HOUSE

*To serve our neighbors in need with love and acceptance,
joining them on their journey toward self-sufficiency*

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Dear Friends of Dimitri House,

I hope this note finds you & your family safe and well. Our personal lives as well as Dimitri House programs have been altered substantially in the last few months posing new challenges and new opportunities. Social distancing, stop the spread, and masks are the new vernacular of the pandemic. More recently, the protests of the past week highlight the inequities our brothers and sisters of color deal with every single day. Troubling times, yet at Dimitri House these are promising times. Read on to learn more.

Dimitri House is extremely grateful. Grateful for our volunteers who have had to adjust to new ways of serving our clients. Grateful for the outpouring of support and donations received in the past 3 months. Due to your generosity, we've been able to meet the increased food demand caused by the COVID-19 pandemic for those most vulnerable. We've provided food, sanitizer and masks to an increasing client base during the this time and will continue to do so. **Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!**

Dimitri House is getting a makeover! Thanks to Assemblyman Harry Bronson and the New York State Assembly, a capital improvement grant that has been 4 years in the making has reached the implementation stage. The rear property is getting a new roof, windows and an improved floor plan to better serve our clients.

Dimitri House – the really big news! Five years ago an application was initiated with the goal to rehabilitate the front house into permanent apartments through the NYS Homeless Housing Assistance Program (HHAP). It was a long process, with many starts and stops, and finally in October 2019 HHAP approved the application! In June we closed the deal and work started this past week. When construction is completed, perhaps as early as the end of this year, Dimitri House will administer 6 permanent apartments for homeless individuals. These photos highlight the start of work.



Dimitri House – your continued support. With the above improvements to facilities, Dimitri House will serve more people with food and housing. However the above construction grants do not cover the cost of a few necessities – a new freezer and appliances for the back house kitchen (\$15K) and furnishings / appliances for the 6 new apartments (\$20K). If you are able to support our **APPLIANCE FUND DRIVE** for these two projects please use the mail in form below, or save postage and use one of the many secure online donation options (Venmo, PayPal, Bluepay) at <https://www.dimitri-house.org>.

Thank you for all you do for Dimitri House,

Amy Edwards
Board Chair

Gene Rogalski
Board Vice Chair

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Appliance Fund Drive

Mail your donation
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Address _____
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\$25 \$50 \$100 Other _____
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