



**Stories and news of growth, recognition & community partnerships
that continue strengthen our mission and inspire hope.**

Fall 2025

What's New



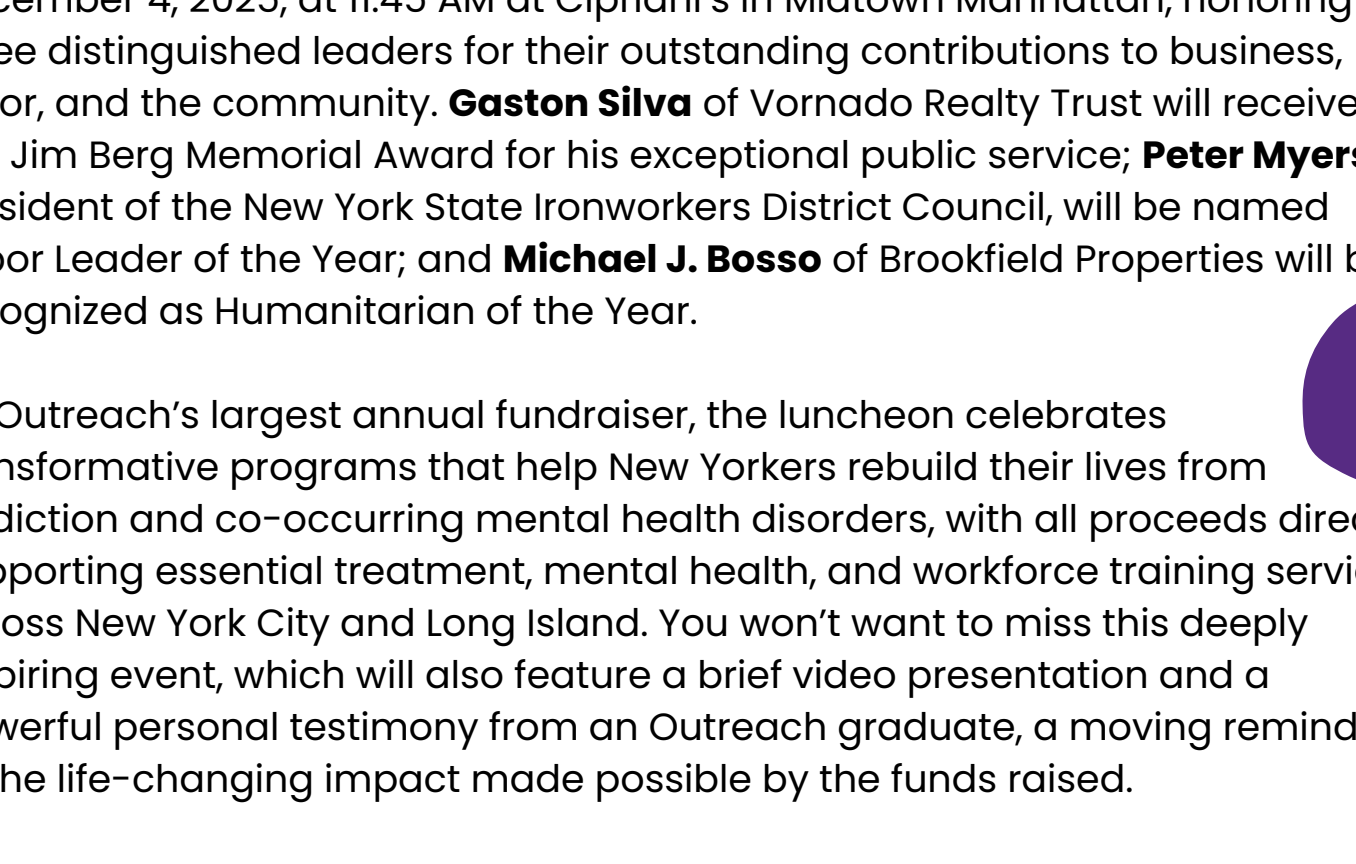
Outreach Opens First Residential Program for Young Adults:

We're excited to share a major milestone in expanding care for young adults in our community. On October 30, 2025, Outreach will celebrate the grand opening of Downstate New York's first dedicated residential treatment program for young adults ages 18–25 — a transformative new space built to support healing, growth, and brighter futures.

Distinguished speakers at the Ribbon Cutting will include: NYS OASAS Commissioner **Dr. Chinazo Cunningham**, MD, NYS Senator **Monica Martinez**, NYS Assemblyman **Keith P. Brown**, Suffolk County Executive Ed Romaine, and Islip Town Supervisor **Angie Carpenter**

[Click here to read the full announcement](#)

44th Annual Metropolitan Luncheon to Celebrate Prominent New York City Business and Labor Leaders



Outreach will host its 44th Annual Metropolitan Luncheon on Thursday, December 4, 2025, at 11:45 AM at Cipriani's in Midtown Manhattan, honoring three distinguished leaders for their outstanding contributions to business, labor, and the community. **Gaston Silva** of Vornado Realty Trust will receive the Jim Berg Memorial Award for his exceptional public service; **Peter Myers**, President of the New York State Ironworkers District Council, will be named Labor Leader of the Year; and **Michael J. Bosso** of Brookfield Properties will be recognized as Humanitarian of the Year.

As Outreach's largest annual fundraiser, the luncheon celebrates transformative programs that help New Yorkers rebuild their lives from addiction and co-occurring mental health disorders, with all proceeds directly supporting essential treatment, mental health, and workforce training services across New York City and Long Island. You won't want to miss this deeply inspiring event, which will also feature a brief video presentation and a powerful personal testimony from an Outreach graduate, a moving reminder of the life-changing impact made possible by the funds raised.

Meet the Leaders Guiding Outreach into the Future

Outreach has been growing and evolving in exciting ways, and at the heart of that progress is a team of passionate, experienced leaders who are shaping our next chapter. As we navigate ongoing change in our world and in our field, and seize new opportunities, these dedicated executives are driving our mission forward and helping us deliver the best possible care and support to the communities we serve.

Meet Outreach Leadership Here



Mary Brite **Chief Operations Officer**

Mary, who has been with the agency for many years and was most recently our Vice President of Operations, has stepped into the role of Chief Operations Officer. In addition to leading the Outreach Training Institute, she oversees the daily operations of all our programs, training efforts, and service delivery systems. Mary's leadership keeps everything running smoothly and ensures we continue providing the highest-quality care.



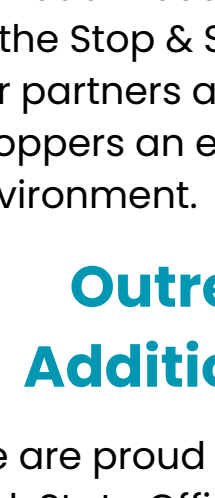
David Vizzini **Chief Administrative Officer**

David, who has been with the agency for many years and was most recently our Vice President of Operations, has stepped into the role of Chief Administrative Officer, where he oversees Human Resources, Facilities Management, IT, Capital Projects, and more. Known for his deep knowledge of Outreach and steady leadership, David plays a key role in keeping our operations strong and our teams supported as we grow.



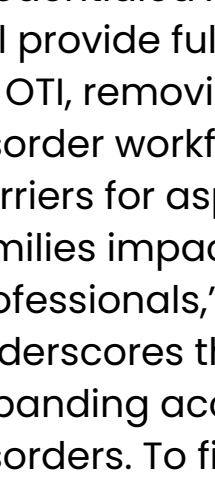
Angela Murdock Ridley **Chief Financial Officer**

We're thrilled to welcome Angela Murdock Ridley as our new Senior Vice President and CFO starting October 2025! Angela is an accomplished financial leader who has helped nonprofits and healthcare organizations grow and transform. Most recently, she was Deputy CFO and VP of Treasury at One Brooklyn Health. A former member of our Board of Directors, Angela already knows and believes in our mission and her financial expertise will be a huge asset as Outreach continues to grow.



Christal Montague **Chief Strategy & Growth Officer**

Christal's role as Chief Strategy Officer has expanded to Chief Strategy & Growth Officer, taking her leadership to the next level. Alongside leading Fundraising, Development, and Communications, she's launching a brand-new Business Development department in collaboration with Adina Kolatch Consulting. Christal's forward-thinking vision is helping Outreach grow strategically and expand our impact.

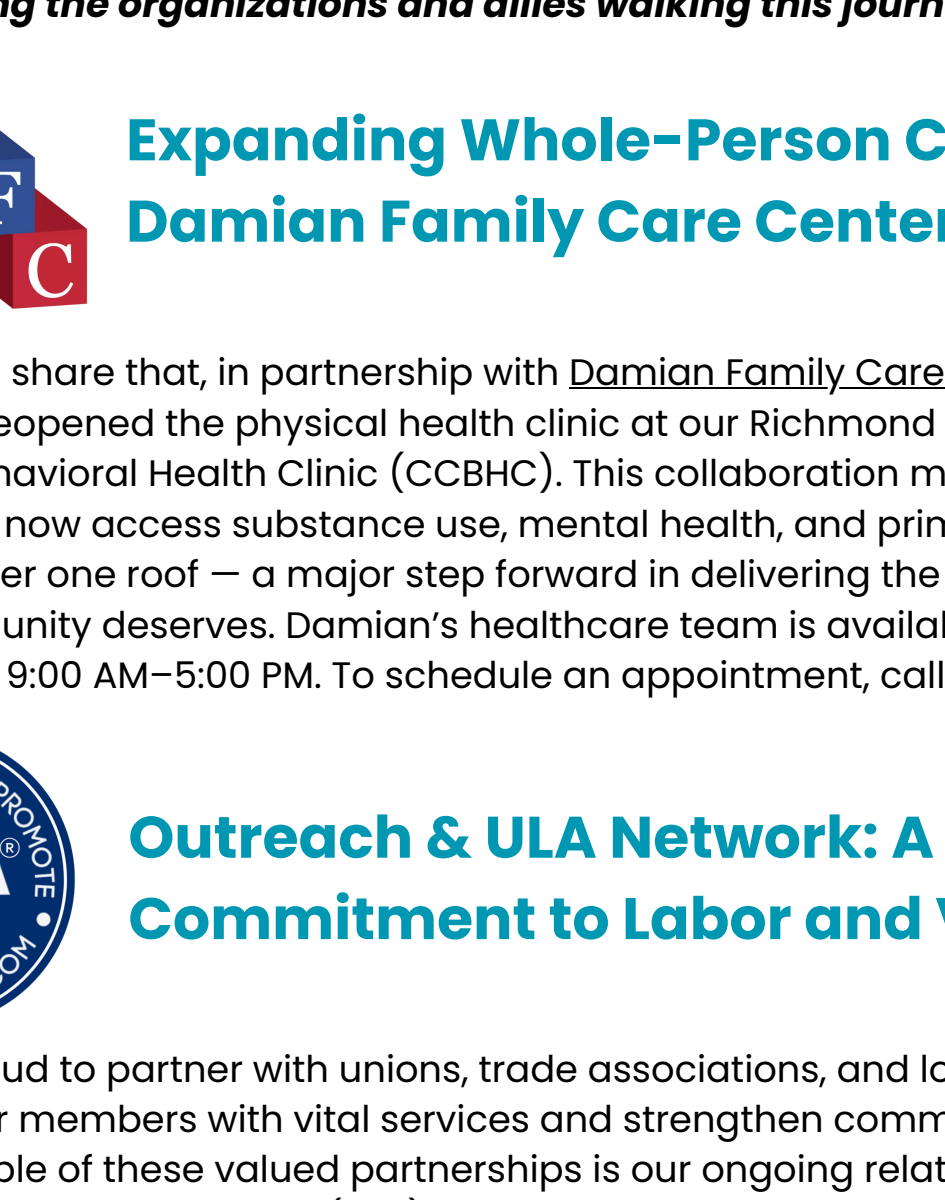


Alexis Gadsden **Chief Diversity Officer**

With over 40 years of experience in the nonprofit and behavioral health world, Alexis is a true champion for equity and inclusion. Since joining Outreach in 1997, she's held key leadership roles and now leads our Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion work, making sure we meet the highest standards and stay aligned with our mission and values.

Outreach in The News

Outreach + Stop & Shop: Community Bag Program



We're excited to share that Outreach was once again selected as a nonprofit partner in the Stop & Shop Community Bag Program! Throughout September, Outreach received a \$1 donation for every \$2.50 reusable Community Bag sold at the Stop & Shop located at 64–66 Myrtle Avenue in Glendale, NY. We thank our partners at Stop & Shop for this simple yet impactful initiative that gave shoppers an easy way to support Outreach's mission while also helping the environment.

Outreach Training Institute (OTI) Awarded Additional Grant to Offer CASAC Scholarships

We are proud to share that Outreach has received a new grant from the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS), funded by the state's Opioid Settlement Funds, to support scholarships for aspiring Credentialed Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counselors (CASAC). This grant will provide full scholarships for the 350-hour CASAC training program offered by OTI, removing financial barriers and strengthening the substance use disorder workforce across New York. "This funding not only removes financial barriers for aspiring counselors but also helps ensure that individuals and families impacted by addiction have access to compassionate, well-trained professionals," said Chief Operating Officer Mary Brite. This investment underscores the state's commitment to building a healthier New York and expanding access to high-quality care for those affected by substance use disorders. To find out more – visit our OTI scholarship webpage [here](#)

Outreach Recognizes National Recovery Month

In recognition of National Recovery Month, each September our calendar here at Outreach is filled with events that celebrate recovery, wellness, and community connection. Across Long Island and beyond, staff, clients, and partners come together to raise awareness and promote hope. Highlights this year included...

Program Spotlight

Celebrating the organizations and allies walking this journey with us



Expanding Whole-Person Care with Damian Family Care Centers

We're thrilled to share that, in partnership with [Damian Family Care Centers, Inc.](#), Outreach has reopened the physical health clinic at our Richmond Hill Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC). This collaboration means individuals can now access substance use, mental health, and primary care services all under one roof — a major step forward in delivering the wraparound care our community deserves. Damian's healthcare team is available Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00 AM–5:00 PM. To schedule an appointment, call (347) 571-5922.



Outreach & ULA Network: A Shared Commitment to Labor and Veterans

Outreach is proud to partner with unions, trade associations, and local businesses to connect their members with vital services and strengthen community support. A powerful example of these valued partnerships is our ongoing relationship with the Union Labor Association Network (ULA), founded by Michael Fina, whose mission is to share resources, stories, and events that uplift labor members and their families.

Our connection with ULA is grounded in a shared commitment to serving union members, including those who are veterans. At Outreach, we provide specialized services designed to meet the unique needs of veterans (you can learn more at [opiny.org/veterans-drug-alcohol-outpatient-treatment](#)). ULA, in turn, honors veterans through its annual Veterans Service Awards Reception, now in its third year, which will take place on October 29 in Franklin Square, NY. This inspiring evening celebrates the courage, leadership, and lasting contributions of those who have served our nation. For tickets and details, visit [ulanetwork.com](#).

What We Are Reading

Insights and reports shaping the conversation around health and recovery

At Outreach, we know that staying informed is part of supporting the health and wellbeing of the young people and families we serve. Each of these highly readable, timely resources connects directly to the challenges we address every day and offers insights that can guide families, providers, and advocates alike:

**Youth and Vaping –
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**

[Click here to read the full article](#)

**Maternal Mental Health – Behavioral Health News
(Summer 2025 Edition)**

[Click here to read the full article](#)

Make a Difference: Join our team!

Exciting – High Energy – Rewarding

At Outreach, you'll discover more than just a job — you'll join a dedicated team committed to making a meaningful difference in people's lives. We offer an excellent benefits package, generous vacation time to help you recharge, and abundant opportunities for professional development and growth. Most importantly, your work directly supports individuals and families in our community as they build healthier, more stable lives.

If you're seeking a workplace where you can advance your career while contributing to something truly impactful, Outreach is the place to be.

Below, hear firsthand from our staff about why they love being a part of the Outreach team.

To learn more about the exciting professional opportunities available at Outreach, visit our [Careers Center](#) webpage today!

Get Involved

At the heart of everything we do is a shared belief: building healthy lives builds stronger communities. None of our work would be possible without the incredible support of people like you. Your involvement fuels our mission, expands our reach, and helps us create lasting change for individuals and families in need.

Take the Next Step

Whether you give your time, share your resources, or walk alongside us in service, you are an essential part of this journey. Thank you for believing in our mission and helping us build healthier, brighter futures together.