



## Giving Thanks to the Community

Our homes are our comfort space; a place to relax, live and feel safe. When an issue arises with a house that sense of well-being is interrupted and can cause a stressful situation. That's what one of Liberty ARC's homes experienced earlier this year when their fire system was compromised by the cold weather, causing the sprinkler water storage tank to lose several thousand gallons.

During the cold weather of New Year's Eve week, the home's sprinkler system froze and became unoperable. Without a functioning fire sprinkler system, individuals and staff cannot stay in their home. With no other choice, the ten individuals and their support staff immediately relocated to a hotel 15 miles away until repairs could be made.

The repair was no small project, which involved topping off and testing a 10,000 gallon water tank. Due to the long holiday weekend, there was no contractor available to refill the tank for at least four days.

The Canajoharie Fire Department quickly stepped into action and delivered water to the home in order to replenish the storage tank; thusly cutting down the number of days the individuals had to experience the hardship of not being in the comfort of their own home.

At a recent fire drill, Lloyd Dibble, an individual from the home, proudly presented fire department members with a \$100 "thank you" check from Liberty ARC. We greatly appreciate the volunteer firefighters at the Canajoharie Fire Department for going above and beyond; becoming heroes in action and helping those we support.

This is a perfect example of how connected we are to the community and the strong bond shared with the local fire department. We all share the same values and all represent the common thread of..."I am Liberty."