



# United Tenants of Albany, Inc. 2017 Annual Report

## Needs of our Community

Over 50% of renters in the City of Albany are cost burdened with their rent.

Albany City Court heard 5,200 eviction cases in 2017

25% of Albany residents live in poverty

Albany's median rent has increased 60% in the last 15 yrs

Almost half of renters in Albany earn less than \$25,000

Albany's most affordable rentals are substandard

## Addressing the Needs of our Community

### UTA Direct Services

- Housing Counseling
- Emergency Rental Assistance
- Court Advocacy & Mediation
- Tenant Education & Empowerment
- Landlord / Tenant Mediation
- Housing Hotline

### What We Achieved

92%

Of households who received emergency rental assistance retained stable housing for over 6 months

491

Households were prevented from homelessness

54%

Of households UTA assisted with emergency rental assistance were families with children

2,473

Households received housing counseling and crisis intervention services

# Our Impact

"UTA assisted me with a number of invaluable services as I worked to make a difficult transition into stable housing."

*-A. Cooper*



"In a time of need,  
United Tenants is there!"

*-R. Biggs*



On the day of court my wife and I  
received mediation and guidance  
from UTA that enabled us to achieve  
the outcome that was best for our family."

*-J. Jones*



"Kansinya (UTA Staff) was very  
respectful, helpful, and most  
importantly judgement-free."

*-B. Johnson*

# How YOU can help!

## Come to our Annual Meeting!

Save the date: June 14, 2018

5:30pm to 7:30pm ~ Westminster Presbyterian Church: 85 Chestnut Street

UTA Will Be Honoring:

**Michael Rhodes-Devey, Esq** of Devey Law AND **Kevin A Luibrand, Esq** of the Luibrand Law Firm PLLC

For their tireless pro bono work and fearless litigation on behalf of tenants who asserted their right to decent housing

2017's Annual Meeting  
June 7th, 2017



## Join Housing For All Meetings & the UTA Listserv

Housing for All is a coalition of housing and social service providers, community activists and concerned citizens who are looking at ways to expand and to preserve the supply of affordable rental housing in the City of Albany.

**HOUSING FOR ALL** meets monthly at 255 Orange St!

Join our email list to receive information on meeting dates and times

Sign-up for UTA's email and snail-mail mailing lists on our website:

[www.unitedtenantsalbany.org](http://www.unitedtenantsalbany.org)

OR email us at:

[news@unitedtenantsalbany.org](mailto:news@unitedtenantsalbany.org)

## Make a Donation to UTA

*I want to donate to UTA :*

\_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00      \_\_\_\_\_ \$100.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$200.00      \_\_\_\_\_ Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form with your check or money order to:

United Tenants of Albany  
255 Orange St, Suite 104  
Albany, NY 12210

Ways to donate:

- 1) Mail a check to United Tenants of Albany, Inc.  
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- 2) Make a payment through PayPal on UTA's Website  
[www.unitedtenantsalbany.org](http://www.unitedtenantsalbany.org)
- 3) Work-place Giving Programs  
If you're a NYS employee, UTA's SEFA# is 50-00333



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**THANK YOU!**  
*Your contributions matter and we thank you for it!*

Thank you to the scores of individuals who send in donations and/or participate in SEFA (State Employees Federated Appeal).

Thank you to our volunteers, board, and community partners for their contributions past, present and future!

Thank you to Chris Matoske for his photography of our 2017 Annual Meeting.

## *UTA Board*

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