

# BUILDING A BETTER ULSTER COUNTY



COUNTY EXECUTIVE MICHAEL P. HEIN

## 2015 State of the County

### Social Responsibility

Ulster County Executive Mike Hein outlined a broad agenda to improve access to critical services for those in need. These initiatives include the development of an Anti-Domestic Violence Smartphone App, a mobile mental health intervention team and job training programs. In addition, the County Executive proposed a countywide animal abuse registry to identify those convicted of animal abuse.

The County Executive also unveiled a plan for a new Veterans Monument to honor all of Ulster County's fallen soldiers. This "Monument of Honor" was designed by the County Executive's Veterans Advisory Committee and will proudly display the names of all Ulster County residents who made the ultimate sacrifice in service of our nation.

- **Development of a new Anti-Domestic Violence Smartphone App:** This Smartphone App will provide modern tools to assist those in need at a time of crisis. This App builds upon the County's success with the SPEAK Suicide Prevention App, a model being replicated throughout the State. These innovations build upon the extensive list of services available for victims of crime in Ulster County.
- **Enhanced Senior and Child and Protections:** The County Executive is dedicating additional resources to combat elder abuse while partnering with the State to address human trafficking and child abuse on the local level.
- **Mobile Mental Health Team:** The first of its kind in Ulster County, this mobile mental health intervention team will provide critical services to individuals and families facing a mental health crisis.
- **Animal Abuse Registry:** This registry will be used to identify individuals convicted of animal abuse and will be used to better prevent animal cruelty in the future.

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- **Veterans Monument of Honor:** This monument, designed by the County Executive's Veterans Advisory Committee, will be prominently located in front of the Ulster County Office Building and will display the names of all Ulster County soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice in service of our nation.
- **No SUNY Ulster Tuition Increase:** County Executive Mike Hein highlighted additional County funding to be provided to SUNY Ulster to stave off a tuition increase.
- **Innovative Job Training Programs:** The Guaranteed Jobs program has improved access to high-quality manufacturing careers. The Career Ladder program will increase access to sustainable, long-term employment for some of our residents most in need and in the process improved access to the American Dream. These programs, including.