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HAYC3 to Discontinue Programming

Hoosick Falls, NY—The Hoosick Armory, Youth Center, and Community Coalition (HAYC3) is extremely sorry to announce that HAYC3’s afterschool and camp programs, in addition to other community programs hosted by HAYC3, will be discontinued as of January 12, 2019.

HAYC3 has been faced with a dire financial challenge that prompted the board of directors to implement an emergency fundraising appeal in December 2018. According to a statement from the board, “HAYC3 is saddened to report that, despite a grand effort on many people’s parts, the first goal of raising \$25,000 by January 1 came up short. That situation left us no other option but to eliminate the two salaried staff positions, which means the discontinuation of events/programming, including the afterschool and camp programs, in addition to other community events, at this time.”

“The decision was extremely difficult, especially because of the individuals and families affected. But it was a necessary, responsible decision as HAYC3 tightens expenses even further while focusing efforts on keeping the Armory open for its current tenants and continuing the conversations already underway with community leaders and supporters about how best to restructure and revitalize the role of the 130-year-old Armory as a viable community center.”

The board of directors noted how valuable Executive Director Aelish Nealon, Business Manager Marie Bushey, and all who assist them with programming, have been to HAYC3 and how much HAYC3’s successes are because of their above-and-beyond hard work, dedication, and perseverance over many years.

The board added, “We remain committed to doing what can be done to keep this hub of the community from disappearing. Anyone who would like to join the conversation about what’s best going forward, please reach out to us via email at contactHAYC3@gmail.com.” Contributions are still needed to continue the march forward — donations can be made online at HAYC3.org/donate or via mail to PO Box 492, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090.

About HAYC3: *HAYC3 (Hoosick Armory, Youth Center, and Community Coalition) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to foster the well-being of our community. This is accomplished through a variety*

of initiatives including: Rural revival, arts, wellness, youth and community programs; small business incubation; community events and outreach; and community partnerships.