President's Message

Greetings! We are excited to share with you some of our accomplishments in 2015 on behalf of New York State’s most vulnerable residents.

As you peruse this annual report, I hope that the Schuyler Center’s passion and commitment to meaningful and lasting improvements in the health and well-being of New York’s children and families shine through. In addition to fighting for better policies, we are working to focus the public and our policymakers on the challenges faced by those living in poverty and what we all can do to make a difference. Our work could not be done without the financial support of our friends and partners. Thank you! There are many lobbyists for moneyed interests; your generosity allows us to take positions that focus on children in or at-risk of entering the child welfare system, children and families with special health care needs, and families struggling to make ends meet.

As the disparity between rich and poor grows, impacting all of our public systems, we will continue to strive for public policies that benefit everybody, not just those who have money and power.

Kate Breslin
President and CEO

Highlights of 2015

2015 has been a productive year at the Schuyler Center. Here are a few of our successes:

- **Led** an initiative that resulted in the passage of the Healthy Teeth Amendment, protecting the oral health of the nearly 14.5 million New Yorkers currently receiving fluoridated water by requiring public notice before fluoride is removed from community water systems and providing funding to maintain or build fluoridation systems.

- Successfully secured $1.5 million, together with the Fostering Youth Success Alliance, for financial, academic, and other supports for approximately 340 foster youth pursuing higher education.

- Convened 50 representatives of the child welfare system in New York State including families, youth, providers and advocates in a unique forum to develop recommendations for statewide child welfare policy and funding needs.

- Hosted two policy-related public forums in Albany. January featured a discussion by three upstate mayors of the effects of income inequality in NY cities and October focused on social interventions that work with Pulitzer Prize winners Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn.

- Co-chaired a statewide workgroup charged with developing actionable recommendations for incorporating the social determinants of health and community-based organizations into the State’s value-based payment initiative.

- Strengthened the capacity of the consumer-oriented Medicaid Matters NY coalition.

About the Schuyler Center

The Schuyler Center strives to make sure that New York’s public policies benefit everybody, not just those with money or power. Dedicated to public policy solutions that improve the well-being of New York’s most vulnerable families, we take a data-driven approach to identify problems, generate solutions, and hold government accountable. The Schuyler Center is a non-partisan organization focused on evaluating public policies and their impacts and proposing improvements.

**Child Poverty is a Statewide Problem**

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Source: US Census Bureau, 2013 American Community Survey, 1-year estimates, G170 “Percent of Related Children Under 18 Years Below Poverty Level in the Past 12 Months – State-Place and (in selected states) County Subdivision.” (New York State)
Our Focus

The Schuyler Center’s work in public policy focuses on strengthening children and families as a long-term investment in the health and well-being of our state. We conduct:

- **Analysis**: defining the problem, identifying the impacted population, developing recommendations.
- **Advocacy**: using analysis to inform strategic recommendations that promote strong public policy.

We focus on the following policy areas:

**Child welfare**: Every child needs a safe, nurturing and permanent family. To that end, we promote effective, high-quality systems to aid at-risk families, prevent entry into the child welfare system, and improve well-being for children who are in care. We advocate for accountable public systems, including robust data regarding child outcomes and expenditures of funds.

**Strengthening Families**: Nearly one in four New York children live in poverty; and childhood poverty can lead to a lifetime of challenges including cognitive, behavioral, social and emotional difficulties. To address this, we promote policies that strengthen and support families, including prenatal and postpartum supports, services for families with young children and policies that secure or supplement family income.

**Health**: Good health is paramount to the strength and well-being of New York’s children and families. We work with government, providers, payers, and advocates to strengthen public health and prevention, promote community health, and improve access to physical, dental and behavioral health services.

There are just over four million children under age 18 in New York State. Nearly **one million** of them live in poverty.

“New York State’s widening gap between rich and poor is among the greatest in the nation and income among the bottom fifth of households has barely moved since the 1970s.”

The Schuyler Center’s most recent fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. The independent audit of the financial operations for the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 was completed, and a clean opinion and financial statements were issued in September 2015. Sources of revenue for operating needs were approximately $965,000 with associated expenses of about $1,000,000. Again this year, the interest and dividends from our investments offset the operating loss. Net assets for the period fell $400,000 due primarily to conditions in the investment market.

### Financial Results July 2014 – June 2015

#### Operating Revenues

- Grant Revenue: 23%
- New York State Contracts: 10%
- Special Events: 8%
- Endowment Distributions: 2%
- Other Contributions: 57%

#### Operating Expenses

- Salaries and Fringe: 66%
- Professional Fees: 14%
- Subcontractors for Grants: 6%
- Rent and Utilities: 8%
- Other Office & Grant Related: 6%

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**Public Events**

The Schuyler Center hosted two informative public events in 2015 that brought focus to the challenges those living in poverty face and how best to address those challenges.

**On January 13th, Mayor Svante Myrick of Ithaca, Mayor Kathy Sheehan of Albany, and Mayor Lovely Warren of Rochester addressed “New York’s Cities: Confronting Income Inequality.”**

At a breakfast in Albany on October 29th, Pulitzer-prize winning journalists Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn discussed successful local and global initiatives to achieve social progress.

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From L to R, Schuyler Center Board Chair Paul Kaye, M.D.; Nicholas Kristof; Sheryl WuDunn; Schuyler Center President & CEO Kate Breslin
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Thank you for your contribution to Schuyler Center
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Ways to Support Schuyler Center’s Work

The Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization. Our independence allows us to advocate appropriately and effectively for New York’s most vulnerable citizens. We need your financial support to continue meeting our mission of helping those families in the greatest need.

There are several easy ways to give to the Schuyler Center including gifts of cash or securities. Memorial and honorary gifts are also welcome. In addition, please consider joining the Schuyler Legacy Society by remembering SCAA in your will and estate planning.

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