



## 2021 Annual Report

January: The Partnership was able to close on its second PPP Loan application in the amount of \$55,503.92. This allowed for an additional funding source to address cash flow issues brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.

February: SCPP completed a small business community survey. Partnerships with local chambers and other groups were made for outreach on funding sources. The Partnership provided technical guidance for restaurants wanting use of streetscapes. Weekly emails regarding COVID resources available for all levels were disbursed.

March: Town of Halfmoon received a StartUp NY business. This included Precision Valve & Automation, Inc., and Sparkshoppe LTD. The Partnership explored opportunities to expand child care by working with employers and local Workforce Development Boards to address this issue which was exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

April: Explored the potential of creating a strategic planning committee. This would include working with local partners and ensuring all parties are working towards the same goals. The Town of Galway senior housing study was initiated.

May: Efforts to expand childcare were continued with partners, Brightside Up and Capital Region Childcare Council. An application to Warren County's Northern Borders grant was submitted. Those training dollars would assist people to open their own at-home childcare centers.

June: Authorizing resolution between Sparkshoppe LTD and Precision Valve & Automation Inc. was executed. Sparkshoppe was able to maintain the benefits of the StartUp NY program to benefits its employees. By employing University at Albany students, Sparkshoppe was able to tap into the talent pipeline. President Shelby Schneider submitted a letter of resignation.

July – December: Following the resignation of the President, the last employee for the Partnership also submitted a letter of resignation. Dunn Strategies was hired by the board to assist with day-to-day operations. All operations that had previously been started during the year were maintained. Specifically, projects involving Nextwave communities, USDA, and StartUp NY grants continued to meet compliance benchmarks. Any new projects or endeavors were paused until a new strategic vision for the Partnership could be created.