

News Bulletin

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Making affordable housing a matter of conscience and action.

Last Chance to Apply for 2012 AHC Funds

If your affiliate is interested in Affordable Housing Corporation funds for the 2012-2013 construction year contact [Mary Vivona](#) at HFH-NYS by the end of February. An initial pre-application for both new and rehab construction funds will be available by March 1st. The pre-application is required for all interested affiliates so contact Mary immediately at mvivona@habitatnys.org or 607-748-4138 to be sure you are on the list for 2012.

Advocacy in Albany

Advocacy in Albany, an event held from March 10 to March 16, 2012, is Habitat for Humanity of New York State's advocacy program that provides participants with the tools they need to fight for changes in housing policy. We educate you on the issues, teach you how to organize, arrange in-person meetings with state legislators, and offer the opportunity to participate in a Habitat build. It's an amazing opportunity to be an advocate for affordable housing and gain invaluable skills and knowledge that will last a lifetime. To learn more about this program, please click [here](#).

Space is still available for this program! If you would like to participate please contact us at 607-748-4138 immediately.

Regional Networking Meetings

Don't miss out on your chance to build relationships with your neighboring affiliates and discuss issues specific to your region! Habitat NYS will moderate a series of Regional Network Meetings over the next several months. Your input is encouraged as meeting dates and agendas are finalized. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact [Val Sherwood](#) at vsherwood@habitatnys.org.

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Funding Database Available for Affiliates

Habitat NYS is offering member affiliates access to FoundationSearch to assist with your fundraising efforts. FoundationSearch is an internet-accessed database providing comprehensive, fully-searchable data on over 100,000 U.S. foundations. Its sophisticated search, analysis, and visualization tools allow you to effectively target your fundraising efforts. For more information on how to obtain access to FoundationSearch, please contact [Carrie Tocheny](mailto:ctoeheny@habitatnys.org) at ctoeheny@habitatnys.org.

Family Selection Symposium

Many affiliates are having difficulty finding qualified partner families. Habitat NYS will host a Family Selection Symposium in early June to address this issue. The one day symposium will host a range of speakers sharing their expertise on topics related to forming partnerships between your affiliate and the families it serves. The Family Selection Symposium is tentatively planned for Saturday, June 9. Details and registration information will be available soon.

Brown Bag Conference Call

Is your affiliate struggling with finding qualified partner families? The next Brown Bag Conference Call, on the topic of Family Selection, will be held on February 8. This call will provide the opportunity for affiliates to share their biggest challenges and any suggestions they have on where to look for families and what qualities to look for.

Brown Bag Conference Calls are held on the second Wednesday of each month from 12:10 to 12:50 PM. To register for a call, contact [Val Sherwood](mailto:vsherwood@habitatnys.org) at vsherwood@habitatnys.org.

News & Important Updates

Mark your calendars with these upcoming dates:

Brown Bag Conference Call: March 14

Affordable Housing Corporation (AHC) Grants are provided by the state to make homes more affordable for low-income families. Don't miss this opportunity to learn about AHC funding and how your affiliate can apply for it!

Advocacy in Albany: March 10 to March 16

Space is still available. Please contact us immediately to reserve your spot.

Family Selection Symposium: Tentatively set for June 9

Fall Conference: Tentatively set for October 12 and 13

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