



Save the Date!

Annual Conference

October 15, 2011
Broome Community College
Binghamton, NY

Announcing the Capacity Building Conference

HFH-NYS is presenting a Conference Series focused on the unique challenges of small and rural affiliates. This Conference Series will help your affiliate:

- Become more effective as a business
- Have a more efficient board
- Create a successful and practical strategic business plan
- Carry out that strategic plan
- Completely understand HFHI program policies
- Identify financial and In-Kind resources
- Build community relations and much more . . .

If you believe your affiliate could benefit from this series, please contact our office. We plan to begin in September or October. Schedule to be determined with participating affiliates.

Our Vision: 200 by 2020

More than half of the families in NYS are in need of affordable housing and there is a need in every community in NYS. Habitat affiliates in NYS built an estimated 99 homes in 2010 — down from the 121 we built in 2004.

At the Spring Conference our participants considered this issue and committed to share in a new initiative: **“Our Vision: 200 by 2020.”** Although this requires that we double our capacity in the next 9 years, if each of our 53 affiliates commits to the growth that they and their community can support, this is within our reach.

HFH-NYS will be working with affiliate advisory teams to identify ways to support you in making this vision a reality. Please share the ideas you have to support increasing Habitat’s impact in NYS with Valerie Sherwood at: vsherwood@habitatnys.org.

As part of this initiative we are also planning the celebration of our **2000th House** which we expect to be built within the next 3 years. Join us in planning for our future and spreading the mission of Habitat for Humanity in New York State.

Please complete this [short survey](#) for your affiliate to help us determine how close we are to the 2000th house.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY NEW YORK STATE IS AWARDED NEW AMERICORPS PROGRAM

HFH-NYS is very pleased to announce that we have received funding for an AmeriCorps Direct program. We will now be able to provide AmeriCorps Direct members as well as AmeriCorps VISTA members to affiliates.

AmeriCorps Direct members provide direct service including work on construction sites. While VISTAs serve in roles to build the capacity of your affiliate. AmeriCorps serve in roles such as Volunteer Recruitment/Coordination, Family Services Coordination and Construction Crew Leader for the purpose of sustaining your operations. They serve full time for approximately 11 months and will start in October.

If you are interested in having an AmeriCorps placed at your affiliate and have the ability to provide full time supervision, contact Mary Vivona at: mvivona@habitatnys.org as soon as possible. Positions are available first come, first served and will fill quickly.



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COMING SOON!

Standard Mortgage Documents

In response to your many requests, HFH-NYS applied for and received a grant from the **Cornerstone Community Partnership** to develop a set of **standard mortgage** documents for NYS affiliates. These mortgages will reflect NYS legal requirements, HFHI policy and provide for variations in local affiliate policy. In addition, this grant will support the creation of some recommended strategies for permanent affordability and considerations for their implementation.

Join us at the **October conference** for more information.

DISCOVER THE LATEST HOUSING DATA FOR YOUR AREA

NLIHC's 2011 edition of **Out of Reach** is now available.

Out of Reach is regarded as the definitive, "go-to" source for information documenting the growing need for housing that is affordable for low income households. This annual report provides fundamental data, for every jurisdiction in the country, on how much a person must earn to afford modest rental housing. Unavailable anywhere else, it enables state and local housing advocates across the nation to document local housing needs.

Out of Reach data are used in NLIHC's *Congressional District Profiles*. [Click Here](#) for housing data for your congressional district. To find your district, [Click Here](#).

INTRODUCING VALERIE SHERWOOD

Valerie Sherwood will be joining the staff of HFH-NYS on August 1 as the Director of Capacity Building. She will focus her attention on working with affiliates and advisory groups to identify new programs and initiatives to support building capacity within NYS Habitat affiliates.

Valerie has worked previously in the fields of credit counseling and mortgage banking. In addition, she has served on the board of Broome County Habitat for Humanity and continues to serve on their Family Selection committee. Join us in making Valerie feel welcome in her new role within the Habitat community.

Job Posting

Position: Executive Director
Company: Habitat for Humanity - Suffolk
Address: 643 Middle Country Road
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For more information, [Click Here](#).

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Don't miss the next conference.

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