



Save the Date!

Annual Conference

October 15, 2011
 Broome Community College
 Binghamton, NY

To Register:

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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 November. Schedule to be determined with participating affiliates.

THE ROLE OF HABITAT FOR HUMANITY NYS IN Disaster Preparedness and Response

In light of the recent flood disasters that occurred in many of our affiliates areas it is very important that you are aware of the role Habitat for Humanity NYS takes and what your responsibilities are as well.

- ✓ **First**, activate your own affiliate's disaster plan which should include assuring that staff members are safe. Secure office, computers and files.
- ✓ **Second**, it is very important that you complete the rapid assessment form and return to Habitat International and Habitat NYS within 48 hours. This is a very short form and should take 5 minutes or so to complete and can be sent via email. This gives both Habitat International and Habitat NYS information we will need to assess what types of assistance you may need.

Part of our mission as your state support organization is to assist in disaster preparedness and response. It is also part of our obligation to HFHI. Habitat NYS has been an active participant with NY VOAD (*Volunteers Organizations Active in Disasters*). This partnership allows us to obtain valuable information you need to assist your local communities' recovery.

*If your affiliate does not currently have a disaster plan in place then Habitat for Humanity NYS Annual Conference on October 15th is the place you need to be. **Giovanni Taylor-Peace**, of Habitat for Humanity International and **Greg Jenkins**, of Broome County Community Organizations Active in Disasters will be there to provide you with all the information you will need to prepare and put into place your affiliate's disaster plan.*

FOUNDATION SEARCH COMES TO HFH-NYS

Habitat for Humanity of NYS brings you **Foundation Search**, an exciting new research resource to provide your organization with every funding opportunity available.

There has never a more challenging time to be a grant writer or fundraiser than now. Despite government and private sector cutbacks, hundreds of charitable and non-profit organizations are expecting an increased demand for their services.

Until recently, grant researchers have only had searchable access to a small percentage of information about US foundations and their granting.

Foundation Search is a fully searchable online database of foundations for the serious funding researcher, with over 100,000 US foundations. Using **Foundation Search** will help your organization meet the funding goals and fulfill your project objectives.

Foundation Search is an efficient and easy tool to use to help one find new and existing opportunities for fundraising. The program is comprehensive, efficient, innovative and responsive. Foundation Research includes the most up-to-date information available enabling your organization to make better and more informed decisions.

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FOUNDATION SEARCH, *cont'*

Foundation Research provides step-by-step tutorials and help on how to research, and the professional and responsive support team is always ready to assist, either by email or phone.

Don't miss out!

Access is free to Habitat NYS members and conference attendees will be the pilot users.

HFH-NYS Guides You to Sustainable Landscaping

In September we sent out your guide to sustainable landscaping "**GROWING FOR SUCCESS,**" which was made possible by a bequest received from the estate of Dorcas Suzanne Kent. We are very proud of the completed project and hope that you enjoy it and incorporate some of the suggestions it contains.

The companion guide "**GROWING YOUR FAMILY ASSETS:LAWN AND GARDEN CARE**" will be available to Habitat homebuyers purchasing homes after 1/1/2011 in the very near future.

LARGE JOB SITE COOLERS FROM BROOME COUNTY HABITAT

Amy Winans, Executive Director of Broome County Habitat for Humanity is providing a large job site cooler for each affiliate office attending the Habitat NYS conference on October 15th. Amy said she received the coolers from the American Red Cross to assist in Habitat's efforts of providing assistance to flood victims and wanted to share with other affiliates.

Thank you Amy!

When will we reach
2000?

Have you entered your affiliate's housing production into the 2000th House count?

Don't miss out in being a part of this important statewide awareness raising campaign!

CLICK HERE to include your affiliate.

RESTORES!
GET CASH FOR RECYCLING WITH " UNIVERSAL RECYCLING"



Turn obsolete equipment into revenue for your ReStore!

The ban on electronics in the landfills that NYS established will soon be implemented and you can help your community and ReStore by collecting these materials and generate income for your affiliate by doing so.

Learn how this program works and how your ReStore can participate in this new and exciting program by attending our conference on October 15th. A representative from Universal Recycling Technologies will be available to answer any questions!

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