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NYS Housing Facts

THE gap in income between the rich and poor in New York State is the *largest* of any state in the country. Between the 1980s and 2000s: incomes of the poorest 20% saw their incomes grow by an average of only \$1,901, while the richest 20% increased by \$104,927!

OVER 25% of all New York State households experience a severe housing cost burden.

LAST year, NYS Habitat affiliates built 106 houses. But, there are still an estimated 587,000 NYS families in need of safe, decent, affordable housing. It will take Habitat 5,536 years to solve the problem alone

The New York Housing Crisis

At Habitat for Humanity, we are a part of the solution to the critical housing problems facing our state. Although Habitat for Humanity may not be able to produce enough affordable housing through building alone, we can continue our work beyond hammers and nails – and use our voices and powerful name to influence policies affecting New York State housing

That is why HFH-NYS recently created an Advocacy and Public Relations committee. This committee will strive to bring ideas, issues, and opportunities for your affiliate to make a difference in the lives of NYS families in need. We also encourage you to consider joining this committee. Together we can have a tremendous impact.

To learn more about this committee, please contact the Advocacy Committee Chair, Paige Bellenbaum at 718-246-5656 x312, or pbellenbaum@habitatnyc.org.

Cars for Homes™

Habitat for Humanity affiliates benefit from vehicle donations without incurring the costs, liabilities and challenges of other car donation programs.

Cars for Homes™, Habitat's national vehicle donation program, generates unrestricted funds to assist affiliates by processing car, truck, boat, RV and other motorized vehicle donations. Donors can easily process their vehicle donation by calling 1-877-277-HFHI (4344) toll free or visiting www.carsforhomes.org.

Your affiliate can take advantage of this service on a one time basis or as a part of your fundraising program. **FREE** Cars for Homes™ marketing materials are available for use in your community through banners and flyers at affiliate ReStores, build sites, and events.

Net proceeds generated by Cars for Homes™ are disbursed quarterly to local affiliates based on the zip code of the donor. Donor names and contact information are sent to affiliates monthly.

For Cars for Homes™ tools and program information, visit the PartnerNet site, located here; <http://partnernet.habitat.org/intradoc/groups/hfhi/documents/general/carsforhomes.html> or contact Brian Bennett, Marketing Manager at (541)749-2589 or bbennett@habitat.org.

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“Yahoo” No More

Does your affiliate email get lost every time there is a new board chair? Or are you a little tired of the “Yahoo” email address?

HFH-NYS has email accounts available for all NYS affiliates. The cost is *free* and an account has been reserved for you.

These accounts are in the format: YourAffiliate@HabitatNYS.org. These accounts are easy to use and can be obtained by emailing info@HabitatNYS.org and asking for your free email account. Please be sure to include your affiliate’s name.

HFH-NYS Member Affiliates have an additional 20 email accounts available. These accounts can be assigned to your Board Chair, Volunteer Coordinator, Family Selection Committee, or any one else in your affiliate. That way, when the people change, the mail will continue to come.

These accounts are in the format: Position.YourAffiliate@HabitatNYS.org. Email with your request for these accounts with a list of positions.

Albany Training Event

HFHI is hosting a regional training event on June 13-15 in Albany. Included in the training opportunities are:

- SHOP Grant Training, June 12: 1pm-4pm**
- Construction Symposium, June 13-14**
- Women Build Workshop, June 15**
- Capital Campaigns Course, June 13-15**

Session information and registration materials have been attached to this email for your convenience. Space is limited so register soon.

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