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Know New York

Poverty is a reality for many NYS families. Families with children and households headed by single mothers are more likely to live in poverty.

The following are the percentage of NY families living in poverty by the children's age:

All Families	11.5
With children under 18	16.9
With children under 5	20.2
Single mother families	29.2
With children under 18	38.8
With children under 5	49.8

These data can be obtained for your community at the following link:

http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/SAFFPeople?_submenId=people_9&_sse=on

Search the Net, Make a Difference...

Are you looking for a way to have someone else help with fundraising for your affiliate? Consider this opportunity:

GoodSearch will make a donation to any approved Charity for each internet search using their search engine. Just add your affiliate to their list of Charities and then announce the opportunity in your newsletter. The search is powered by Yahoo and can be attached to Internet Explorer or Firefox for easy access.

For more information or to register your affiliate go to www.GoodSearch.com.

Happenings...

Jacqie Rose, President of Delaware County HFH is leading a Global Village trip to New Zealand in February. This is the 2nd Global Village trip Jacqie has hosted to New Zealand.

Anyone interested in joining her on this trip can contact the HFH-NYS office to obtain more information.

HFH-NYS Fall Conference

Our spring conference was such a success that HFH-NYS now plans to sponsor a statewide conference twice each year.

The next conference will be held in Syracuse on October 7. Mark your calendars and plan to join the other NYS affiliates for a day of networking, idea sharing and information.

Please let us know if you have any topics you would like to see covered. Conference details will be reported here as they become available.

Planning Committee is seeking members. To join email syracusehabitat@verizon.net

Making affordable housing a matter of conscience and action...



NYS Housing Crisis

New Yorkers upstate and down have seen the state's affordable housing problem grow into a full-blown crisis. New York's ability to compete economically has been hobbled by the shortage of affordable housing in areas where there are jobs, and by housing abandonment and decay in areas of the state with limited economic opportunity.

After an extraordinary nine-year climb in housing costs, with prices rising far faster than the national average, New York now faces a housing affordability crisis that affects everyone from children in New York City to recent college graduates in Long Island to retail workers in the Southern Tier. Over the past decade, the median purchase price of an existing single-family home in New York increased by 131 percent, compared with 88 percent nationwide. While New York City and its suburbs were the worst hit, many upstate counties also saw their home sale prices more than double.

Excerpt from "Time for a Gut Rehab: Rebuilding New York State's Affordable Housing Legacy" by the Pratt Institute Center for Community Development, June 2006.

Copies of the full report can be obtained by emailing info@HabitatNYS.org and requesting the Pratt Report.

Is HFH-NYS on Your Mailing List?

We would appreciate receiving your newsletter and event announcements. It helps us to assist affiliates in networking with others who are planning similar events, have experience in a particular type of building, and all the other interesting things your affiliate is involved in.

Our address is listed below in the contact information. Thank you in advance for including us in the life of your affiliate.

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