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Advocacy in Albany

HFH-NYS will be hosting a Collegiate Challenge event in Albany, Spring 2007.

This event plans to accomplish several things:

- * Raise awareness across NYS regarding the issues and challenges of providing affordable housing.
- * Provide an opportunity for NYS Campus Chapters to make a difference in the lives of NYS families during their spring break.
- * Provide an Advocacy Training Program for students along with some opportunities to visit the NYS legislature.
- * Create a state wide media event to include all NYS interested affiliates.

More information will be available at the October Conference. If your affiliate would like to join the planning committee, or you have a Campus Chapter which might like to join us, please contact our office.

Donated Software

Whether this is your affiliate's first computer, or you are upgrading your network, *don't buy anything* until you have consulted **TechSoup** at www.techsoup.com.

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Fall Conference Updates

When is enough, enough? -- Warranty policies. There will be a panel on this often sore topic. If you have a particularly effective approach please let us know.

There will also be a panel on effective fundraisers. For example, the Greece Community Coalition in Rochester holds a *Celebrity Car Wash*. What "easy-to-put-on" and effective fundraisers do you do?

Please contact Arthur Woodward awoodward@rochesterhabitat.org if you would like to share your affiliate's experiences at the October conference.

Date: **October 7, 2006**

Place: **Comfort Inn
6701 Buckley Rd.
N. Syracuse, NY**

The Conference begins at 8:30 am. For those wishing to travel the day before, rooms are available at the Comfort Inn for conference participants at \$78.

Call the hotel directly to make your reservations before Sept. 10th. (315.457.4000) More details to follow...

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There are resources for every level of technology user. Check out the “Learning Center” tab to find articles on every technical topic you ever wanted to know anything about (and some that you didn’t). You will find information on Donor software, choosing a network, protecting yourself from spam and more.

But, *the very best thing* about TechSoup is that they administer donations from some of the biggest and best software and hardware producers. MicroSoft, Cisco, Adobe (and many other names only your technical support will know) donate their products for use by eligible 501c3 organizations. You pay only a small administration fee.

The site is sometimes confusing, but don’t give up. The copy of MS Office which will cost \$399 on the Dell you are about to order is \$20 from TechSoup. No catch. Just faithful community partners.

Just a work of caution, it is best not to allow any technical member of your affiliate to shop here unsupervised.

Notes, Updates, & Reminders

The Do-It Centers are interested in partnering with Habitat ReStores in NYS. If you have a ReStore, or are opening one soon, and have not been contacted about this partnership, please contact HFH-NYS immediately so your affiliate can be included on the contact list for the Do-It Centers.

Mailing lists please remember to include HFH-NYS on your affiliate’s mailing list. It will help us share your news with the other affiliates in New York.

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