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Know NY

New York stands out as a state with a serious issue of aging housing.

Nationally, 34.1 % of the existing housing stock is 40 years old or older.

New York State has 57.4% of its housing over 40 years old.

All *upstate cities* (with the exception of Albany) have *over 83%* of the housing 40 years old or older. Albany is 76.3%.

Consider the impact of this information on the mission of Habitat:

Aging houses become substandard houses without money and tender loving care.

Resources for Your Volunteer Program

Do you need new ideas for recruiting volunteers? Is it time to put some life back into your volunteer recognition? How about “Hats Off to You” as the theme for your next volunteer recognition event?

Read the **Collective Wisdom** posted by the readers of Energize Inc., a web site “*for the leaders of volunteers*” with great resources for volunteer programs.

The **Library** has articles, books, and web links on every volunteer topic you can imagine. Most of the books are available as e-books and many of them are *free*. The book recommendation for this month was “When Everyone is a Volunteer: The Effective Functioning of All-Volunteer Groups.”

Visit their site at www.energizeinc.com and be sure to sign up for their monthly **Email Update**.

Fall Conference Update

NEW DATE

Conflicts at our meeting site have forced us to change the date of the fall conference to:

Saturday, October 14, 2006

Registration materials will be sent early in September.

Mark your calendars and plan to learn, share, and network with other NYS affiliates.

The Conference Planning committee is looking for your good ideas.

- Does your affiliate have a great way to train volunteers?
- Would you be interested in sharing your rehab successes?
- Have you come up with a warranty program which empowers homeowners and keeps your affiliate out of the home maintenance business?
- What have you done to reduce your mortgage delinquencies?
- Do you have an effective fundraising event to share with other affiliates?

If you have had success with any of the above topics, email your solution or idea to info@HabitatNYS.org so we can include your affiliate on the program.

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



Project 7

Thousand Islands Area HFH

Notes, Updates, & Reminders

Jeff Cole, the anchorperson of WWNYS TV7, the CBS affiliate in Watertown, NY wanted to put the spotlight on the efforts of Habitat in his community and help them build a home. So, he organized a campaign to get the community involved.

Jeff and others visited local businesses and asked them to organize a volunteer work crew. Each week on "7 News This Morning," there is a **Project 7** update featuring last week's volunteers and their sponsoring organization. TIAHFH is booked every Saturday through October.

Because of WWNYS's support, TIAHFH has received many generous material donations as well. The response to Project 7 has been so overwhelming that is now building two homes!

If your affiliate has a success story you would like to share, please forward the details to info@HabitatNYS.org.

Please remember to complete your affiliate survey by September 1.

As we explore funding opportunities on a state wide basis, funders want to know, for example, how many houses NYS affiliates built last year and what is the size of our collective mortgage portfolio. Your responses to this survey are our source for data on Habitat in New York.

Thank you for your participation in this survey.

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