



## Habitat For Humanity of New York State



# What's New?

Summer 2007

### New Ferguson Gifts In Kind program Benefits Habitat

In the most recent affiliate newsletter, HFHI announced a new partnership. Ferguson Enterprises has generously donated 2 toilets for each Habitat home.

The process is simple. You can pick up your toilets at the local Ferguson distribu-

tor, or if there is no local distributor, just call the closest distributor and they will ship the toilets to you. The Ferguson distributors in New York are:

2920 Walden Avenue  
**Buffalo, NY 14043-2603**  
phone: (716) 683-1633

99 Dewey Avenue  
**Rochester, NY 14608-1251**  
phone: (585) 458-2930

6712 Kinne Street  
**Syracuse, NY 13057-1819**  
phone: (315) 474-7471

557 Route 17M, Suite A  
**Monroe, NY 10950**  
phone: (845) 783-0056

### Free Paint Available at Fall HFH NYS Conference!

Here's yet another reason to attend our HFH NYS fall conference, **FREE PAINT** will be available to take back with you to your affiliate.

Valspar has generously donated the paint for each Habitat home. However, we would have to take delivery of an *entire truck-load*—a minimum of 250

gallons!

HFH Newburgh, our fall conference host, will take delivery of this paint *if as a group-- we can meet the minimum delivery requirement.*

You can pick your paint at the conference in October

A list of available paint and order form are available at [www.surveymonkey.com](http://www.surveymonkey.com).

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(Copy and paste this link into your web browser).

If you are interested in participating in this program, **please submit your order no later than September 1st!**



*Have you tried purchasing through the new HFH NYS program through the state's Office of General Services? While the purchasing process may seem complex, it is worth the effort. Flower City HFH in Rochester saved \$8,000 on the purchase of a new pick-up truck to serve the construction sites, and saved 50% on the purchase of a lift gate for our ReStore truck, all through OGS contracts. To make purchases from New York companies doing business with the state, visit [www.ogs.state.ny.us](http://www.ogs.state.ny.us) or contact [customer.service@ogs.state.ny.us](mailto:customer.service@ogs.state.ny.us) and inquire about the partnership with HFH NYS.*

## Oswego Can Drive a Great Fundraiser

Carol Dillabough, Human Resource Coordinator at Novelis Oswego Works in Oswego, NY has launched a campaign to collect 1,000,000 recycled aluminum cans which equals \$50,000 --equivalent to one Habitat for Humanity Home. The company will build a Habitat home with funds strictly raised from recycled cans. They've already received commitments of over 800,00 cans from the community.

A celebration is planned for September 22nd, a 10K Race and 5K Run/Walk with a \$1,000 first prize!

The event aims to attract 1,000 runners/walkers. Registration is by recycled cans.

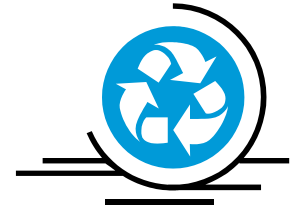
There will be a Kids Fun Run on September 21 also registered by recycled cans.

The effort combines wellness, recycling and community together to achieve this special goal.

The community is rallying around this endeavor. Anheuser-Busch has committed to 100 recycling containers for the event -- along with sending their "Sea World Speakers Program".

All five Oswego schools are involved, and competing against each other on how many cans each school can recycle.

Contact Carol at [carol.dillabough@novelis.com](mailto:carol.dillabough@novelis.com) or call her at (315) 349-0163. She will be discussing this terrific fundraising effort at our October 20th fall conference!



*Minetto School one-day can drive under the direction of Crystal Mason. Students names are below - also Ben Clark, Novelis and Kay Sears, Race Director. Over 5,000 cans collected.*

## October Conference Update: The Excitement is Building!

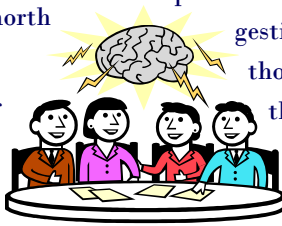
The HFH NYS fall conference will be held **Saturday, October 20th 2007** at Mount St. Mary College in Newburgh, NY, just north of NYC.

A complete list of sessions and registration materials will be

posted on our website by **September 15th.**

### Conference Highlights

Join us for **Taxes and Housing Assessment:** are your families paying more in escrow than in principal? Are your assessments rising?



This session addresses how houses are assessed.

Our session on **ReStores** will present ideas, tips and suggestions gathered by those who attended the HFH national ReStore conference in Texas this month.

What is the Fair Housing Law and how do you follow it? **Issues of Family Selection & Support** will address how the law should be fairly applied. Learn how to improve your process of determining family need for

affordable housing, and how to anticipate homeowner success.

Techniques for incorporating energy efficient designs into your construction program will be dealt with in our session on **LEEDS.**

How much are you spending on overhead and administration of your affiliate vs. your mission? The session on **Form 990's** will address the ins and outs of completing these forms that are used by the Better Business Bureau and other agencies that collect and report

on data about not-for-profit organizations.

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The session on **Delinquency Policies** will explore the timing of foreclosure, when “enough is enough,” what constitutes an “acceptable” delinquency percentage and lessons learned.

Those who have attended in the past have found these events to be most beneficial. Conferences enable you to meet and “compare notes” with staff and volunteers from HFH affiliates throughout the state. Small, “evolving” affiliates pick up tips, ideas, techniques and advice from those with longer histories.

Workshops offer expert advice on a wide range of

issues important to all of us, and provide the opportunity for interaction, questions about what has worked well for your affiliate, and mistakes to be avoided.

Conferences create a sense of unity among state affiliates and provide an open and welcoming setting conducive to sharing, mentoring and learning.

Call a few nearby affiliates and see if they are sending representatives! Car pooling serves as a fine opportunity to meet other Habitat people even before you reach the conference!

## House Plans

Looking for a new house plan suitable for OUR climate?

Each NYS affiliate builds a climate-friendly home with plans certified

by a NYS licensed architect.

Let’s share!

*Bring your house plans to the fall conference for display in the Gallery of Best Practices. (Details are available on our website or from our office.) This will launch our Catalog of Homes from which all affiliates may benefit.*



Visit HFH NYS *online* to learn how you can submit and share your house plans: [www.habitatnys.org/homeplan.htm](http://www.habitatnys.org/homeplan.htm).

## Advocacy Build Benefits Delaware County Homeowner

With the assistance of NYS college students during Spring Break, Habitat for Humanity of NYS (an association of NYS Habitat affiliates) built a “home in a box” for Delaware County flood victims. They planned the build on the Capital lawn in Albany where their activity and mission was visible to the NYS legislature. Members of NYS government were also invited to join the building event.

Then, Habitat for Humanity of Delaware County,

Inc. took over, trucking the house frame to a site in Sidney, NY with the help of local volunteers. Sidney was one of the hardest hit areas in the devastating flood of 2006, with more than 500 homes sustaining damage. Some homes were a **total loss**.

The Mariah Baron family was selected to be the recipient of this “home in a box”. They lived on Maple Street prior to the flood and lost everything. Mariah is grateful for this

wonderful opportunity, and is contributing many hours of sweat equity herself.

Joining in on her behalf are many of her family, friends and members of her church.

The build is about midway, with much work left to do! Please visit our website to read recent updates!



Learn more at [www.delawarecountyhabitat.com](http://www.delawarecountyhabitat.com).

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