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A letter from the director



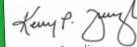
November 16, 2010

The staff and board of Home HeadQuarters deserve a lot of credit for completing a most successful year in difficult economic times. We enjoyed success in each business line as evidenced by the completion of the first LEED-certified homes in the City of Syracuse, the impact of our targeted redevelopment activities in neighborhoods, the implementation of the city-wide 1% loan program, and the continued strong demand for our home ownership and post-purchase counseling programs.

Our expansion plans are also on target as we have now provided our loan products to home owners in 19 counties throughout Upstate New York and our development projects in the cities of Auburn and Binghamton are well underway. Similarly, our home ownership counseling and foreclosure prevention efforts have now touched families in seven counties in Central New York.

While these successes are significant, we also recognize that the environment in which we operate is fragile. The overall economic outlook for the region calls for the continuation of very slow growth. Further, our customers have witnessed, first hand, the retrenchment of the flow of capital from lending institutions as obtaining mortgage financing has become more difficult than ever. Finally, home foreclosures in the region, while not nearly as prevalent as in other parts of the country, remain a challenge that continues to erode confidence and stability in the housing market.

Despite these uncertain times, people can rely on the fact that the board and staff at Home HeadQuarters will work extremely hard every day to meet the needs of our customers and improve the neighborhoods and communities in which they live.



Kerry P. Quaglia Executive Director

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Aishah Jones enjoying her new energy-efficient kitchen (& the rest of the house too!)



Kimberly Bolen & Jesse Daino newly married & all moved into the Westcott Neighborhood!



HHO's Rey Ortiz with Kelly Holge, our 1000th HomeOwnership Class participant to sign up through our website



JPMorgan Chase supporting our HomeOwnership Center!

Home Ownership Foreclosure Prevention

For Central New York families, buying and keeping a new home became more challenging in 2010. Mortgages became harder to come by and foreclosures continued to dominate the housing landscape. With the help of CDFI funding, Home HeadQuarters began to address the mortgage hurdles of approval delays and unanticipated denials by offering first mortgage financing directly to hard-to-serve homebuying customers. While less than 1% of Home HeadQuarters' HomeBuyer Education graduates returned in need of foreclosure assistance, more than 300 individuals in fear of losing their home did require foreclosure prevention counseling.

Housing Stats:

- More than 400 individuals graduated from Home HeadQuarters HomeBuyer Education Course
- \$365,000 in Down Payment and Closing Cost Assistance was provided to families in need
- More than 300 clients received Foreclosure Prevention Counseling.
- More than 1150 prospective and existing homeowners received housing and credit counseling
- Home HeadQuarters' assisted homeowners helped generate more than \$9 million in local realtor commissions

Senior Superlative: "97 Families were saved from foreclosure"



A Skynk City Mini-grant recipient with HHQ & SUN

Lending

More than 860 families received nearly \$7.7 million in home improvement financing through Home HeadQuarters which remained the number one home rehab lender throughout the country in the NeighborWorks® America network. The organization accounted for 16% of NeighborWorks® America's entire home rehabilitation line of business.

Home HeadQuarters' best practices model of interest buy down with Federal funding for home improvement financing became a new way of doing business through the City of Syracuse with the adoption of a new city-wide 1% loan for gualified homeowners.

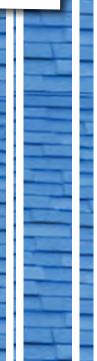
Home HeadQuarters' FlexFund and NYSERDA Energy Loan and Grant customers, along with the more than 700 additional families who received minor home repair through the SHARP program helped generate over \$3,700,000 in local construction contracts.

Senior Superlative:

"Home HeadQuarters voted the #1 producer of home rehabilitation lending in the U.S. within the NeighborWorks® America Network."



Alexandria Clark in her loan closing with HHQ's Meghan Carroll



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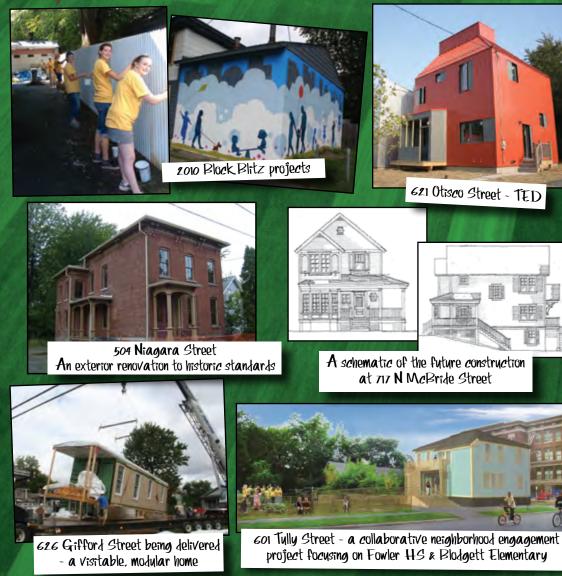












Development

From never before used construction materials to the specific orientation of plant materials on a building site—green development brought Home HeadQuarters into unchartered • territory in 2010. Daily visits from building suppliers, architects, green proponents, funders, inspectors, students, teachers and more to collect data, test material, teach installation and Δ just look at the possible future of development, made the business of home construction even more interesting. Green construction also moved into the rehab side of development with every HHQ full vacant rehab earning a NYS Energy Star rating. Five newly constructed homes were built, nine derelict properties removed and nine formerly vacant homes were rehabbed this past year while more than 20 development projects were started. ghb

Senior Superlative: Voted in the top five for single-family home construction within the 240+ National NeighborWorks[®] America Network.

While Home HeadQuarters' planning 7 and development efforts encompassed many areas including Orchard Street in Auburn, most of the organization's focus centered on its three neighborhood revitalization plans within Syracuse. >>>



Southside

Three new properties were constructed on the While the "From the Ground Up" architectural award-winning As Phase I was completed with the city's Southside, one of which is being used as an homes dominated the imaginations of architects, writers and development on Townsend Street with partners Northside Up, St. Joseph's HHC energy comparison model against the same home green enthusiasts alike, it was many of the other development design built at another location. Predevelopment projects that truly engaged the neighbors. Home and Housing Visions, Home HeadQuarters planning is in progress for three additional new HeadQuarters put up a modular home in less than an hour advanced into Phase II on McBride and homes on West Kennedy. Half of the 2010 Block on Gifford Street to complement the existing development the connecting streets. Three rehabs Blitz was located in the heart of the Southside on partnership with Christopher Community, started a truly were completed in 2010 with various Landon Avenue with more than 11 new porches collaborative project on Tully Street with artists and students derelict buildings being removed from being built and 20 homes being improved for the and sold a mixed-use building on Fayette Street to an eager the neighborhood. Volunteer projects one-day event. NeighborWorks® America's 2010 entrepreneur looking forward to doing business on the SALT through Home HeadQuarters centered on Community Leadership Institute welcomed a corridor. The Annual Block Blitz again centered on the Near McGroarty Park and provided plantings, clean up and painting for McBride Street Southside-focused group comprised of Southside Westside with more than 100 volunteers working up a sweat residents and representatives from Southeast on Otisco and Ontario Streets. Nine housing projects are residents. Nine housing projects are in Gateway Development Corp, Home HeadQuarters, currently underway, with almost 10 rehab and three new progress and two rehab homes have been Syracuse Model Neighborhood Corp, Southside construction homes being completed. Seven new families sold to new owner-occupants. Working Group and the Southside Coalition. joined the ranks of Near Westside homeowners this year by purchasing Home HeadQuarters' homes.

Near Westside

Prospect Hill





- Seeking the first city of Syracuse residential LEED-certification on 7 new homes
- Working with Near Westside partners to attain LEED-ND certification of an existing neighborhood, a full neighborhood designation
- Co-sponsor with SU School of Architecture and Syracuse Center of Excellence and developer of "From the Ground Up" International design competition winning homes highlighting green, affordable, urban housing
- All new single-family home construction built to NYS Energy Star ratings
- For some new construction, utilizing green and renewable construction/site materials including:

SIPS insulated panels • Low VOC paint • High efficiency heating systems Heat recovery ventilators • Radiant floor heating • Low water consumption systems Renewable sheathing • Natural light capture • ICF foundations Pex • Low or no-mow grass

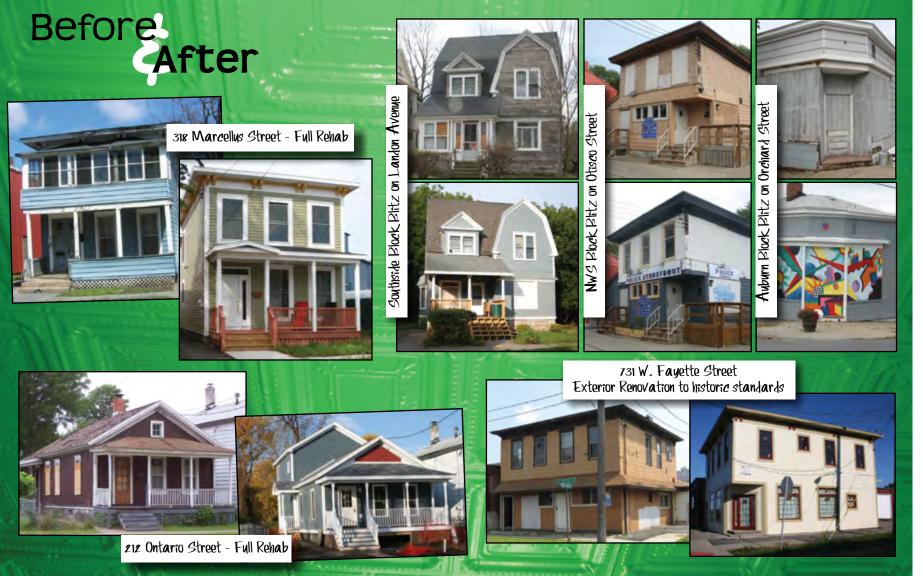
- Developing green work specifications for use in the affordable housing market
- Conducted first official property "deconstruction" in city of Syracuse
- Partnering with local agencies to deliver rain barrel and rain garden site improvements
- Training low-income individuals in green construction techniques through construction apprenticeship program
- New single-family construction on the city's Southside includes energy comparison and rating models

As part of Home HeadQuarters' busy construction crew this past year, Opportunity HeadQuarters construction apprentices learned first-hand, the ups and downs of the housing construction industry—literally! Starting below ground, apprentices learned how to install Insulated Concrete Forms (ICF's) providing an affordable and higher insulated value basement than standard foundations. Construction apprentices who work side-byside with the construction crew for three months, also raised the roof on a full gut-rehab on the city's Near Westside. Besides learning the latest green construction methods and basic carpentry skills, apprentices are also provided with other job skill training including construction inspection shadowing, resume help, paid application survey trips and contacts in the building industry. To date, six low-income construction apprentices have graduated from Home HeadQuarters' program.

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Thank goodness volunteers

You know who you are: you're the person who stands in the rain planting a tree in a neighborhood that you may have never visited or the person who pulls out the checkbook to support a family you have never met who is trying to get ahead and learn about purchasing a home. Maybe you are the person who shows up every month for a committee meeting that you aren't even sure you signed up for or maybe you're the person who brings water for the other group of tired volunteers who have just been painting a home at which they know no one. Whether you're the student who takes a few busses to get to our office to sit at a desk and call homeowners to ask about their repairs or the newly retired committee member offering the best and most sage advice we thank you. You have made a difference to us, to the families we serve and to our community. Thank you volunteers.

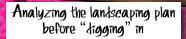


Saint Andrews Church traveled from Maryland to work up a sweat at the Block Blitz



SU students through Hendricks Chapel putting the finishing touches on a NWS project







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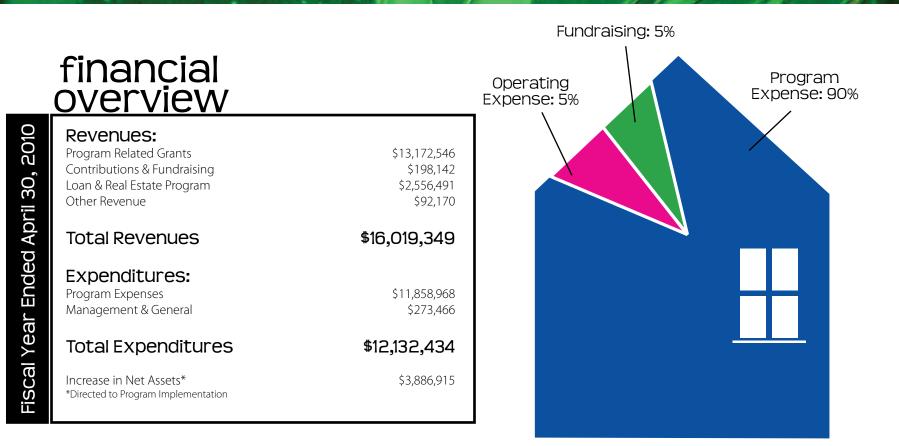
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