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of
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Evening Program

5:30 - 6:30 PM
Cocktail Reception
Food Stations
Music & Leave a Video Message
Mingle with Old Friends

6:30 - 7:15 PM
Calvin Corriders - Welcome
Home HeadQuarters' Board President

Laura Serway - We Don't Know What She'll Say!
Home HeadQuarters' Friend, Syracuse Treasure

James T. Walsh - The Days of SNI
Former NYS Congressman, Architect of the Syracuse Neighborhood Initiative

Kerry Quaglia - "Growth & Change"
Founder & CEO of Home HeadQuarters

Video Presentation

7:15 - 8:00 PM
Eating, Drinking, As You Were
I can't thank all of you enough for your part in helping Home HeadQuarters’ first 25 years be so successful. The work that we do is so important because it all has the common threads of helping people who really need it and helping our communities grow. Perhaps, it is helping a first-time homebuyer become the first person in their family to ever own a home, or helping a family who worries every time it rains because their roof is leaking, or maybe it is as simple as providing counseling to a family to get them out of the overwhelming anxiety and despair of credit card debt that they once thought was insurmountable.

On the community front, we see the tremendous pride that people have when they move into one of our newly constructed or substantially rehabbed homes. Not only do these activities benefit individuals, but the whole neighborhood feels that same sense of pride and rejuvenation that the homebuyers feel as Home HeadQuarters is most often making the first significant investment in their neighborhood in years and often in decades!

At the end of the day, our dedicated staff and engaged board of directors work extremely hard every single day to produce these outcomes, but in each and every case we have incredible partners that help us get this work done. So, thank you to the federal, state, city and county governments that have the faith in us to invest their grant dollars knowing that we will work our hardest to produce results. Thank you to the lending institutions who have invested tens of millions of dollars in Home HeadQuarters knowing that these investments will be well-cared for and reach those customers that they cannot. Thank you to the philanthropic community for always being there when we’ve had special programs or special initiatives that required some “out of the box” thinking. Most of all, THANKS TO ALL OF YOU for your encouragement, your commitment and your willingness to get involved!

Here’s to another great 25 years ahead!
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Home HeadQuarters (HHQ) was founded in 1996 after discussions by leadership within the City of Syracuse's Community Development office. The discussions centered on how to deliver increasingly scarce federal housing dollars while leveraging other funding to address the city's declining owner-occupancy rate and overall disinvestment more effectively. Initially, HHQ focused on implementing a home improvement lending program and providing homeownership education to create new city home buyers to maintain and improve aging city neighborhoods.

In 1999, HHQ joined the national NeighborWorks® America Network, and became a certified NeighborWorks® HomeOwnership Center. Since then, HHQ has become one of the leading providers of homebuyer education and counseling in the country, regularly ranking in the top ten of all 240+ NeighborWorks organizations nationwide. That same year, HHQ also became a Certified Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) designated by the U.S. Treasury.

HHQ was the lead administrator of the Syracuse Neighborhood Initiative (SNI) program created more than a decade ago by Congressman James T. Walsh. HHQ successfully delivered the majority of SNI's $81 million in housing and neighborhood investment to more than a dozen neighborhoods and target areas and hundreds of families in Syracuse.

Today, Home HeadQuarters focuses on initiatives and programs that create equitable housing and financing opportunities for underserved people throughout Upstate New York. Through property development and lending, the organization works to eradicate household lead poisoning hazards, provide opportunities and capacity building to local MWBE-certified contractors and develop vacant commercial and mixed-use properties within the benevolent development model.

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- National Association of REALTORS Hope Award Winner
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Our Milestones

1996
- Home HeadQuarters Founded

1998
- HHQ Joins national NeighborWorks America Network
- Syracuse Neighborhood Initiative Launches

2000
- HHQ becomes a Certified Community Development Financial Institution
- SNI Phase III launches focusing on key city neighborhoods: Lincoln Hill, Tipperary Hill, Westcott and the South Salina Corridor – In less than a year, more than 450 mini-grants were awarded to neighborhood homeowners

2001
- HHQ takes title to the derelict Shady Willow Estates to demolish 224 unfit rental units in 57 buildings

2003
- HHQ Introduces the FlexFund, an innovative home improvement loan pool for CNY homeowners unable to borrow from traditional lenders

2004
- HHQ establishes small business lending program, focusing on local, MWBE contractors
- HHQ with public and private partners launches the Syracuse Home Ownership Program (SHOP), a model program assisting low-income homebuyers replicated nationwide

2005
- HHQ takes title and begins renovation on historic 5-Sisters in Syracuse's Park Avenue Neighborhood
- First unofficial Block Blitz gets underway in SNI Phase VI Park Avenue Neighborhood

2006
- HHQ rehabs more than 50 Syracuse homes and demolishes 45 vacant and derelict structures. At one point, HHQ rehabs represent more than 60% of all building permits in the city.
- Syracuse University, HHQ and the Near Westside Initiative launch home design competition “From the Ground Up”

2007
- HHQ Builds “From the Ground Up” LEED-certified housing on Syracuse's Westside

2008
- HHQ's Opportunity HeadQuarters surpasses 525 city of Syracuse properties redeveloped

2009
- HHQ ranked as the #1 Home Improvement Lender in the 240+ NeighborWorks member network throughout the U.S. helping more than 930 CNY homeowners repair their homes
- First official “Let's call it a Block Blitz” Block Blitz on the Near Westside
- HHQ constructs the first modular home within the city

2010
- Home HeadQuarters Construction

2012
- HHQ Kicks off First Mortgage Program.
Our Milestones

- HHQ's CNY Affordable Realty receives 501(c) 3 status, the only non-profit realty in CNY
- HHQ offices move to the Westside
- HHQ surpasses $15.9 million in Community Development Lending in one program year with 87% of its loans and grants going to households making less than 80% of the area median income.
- Finalized redevelopment of historic Jewish War Veterans home on Syracuse's Eastside into the Babcock Shattuck House with four market rate condos.
- HHQ completes the first new single-family home construction on the city's Northside in more than a decade and welcomes a new first-time homebuyer and family.
- HHQ, chosen as the nonprofit partner, helps kick off the opening of the Syracuse Financial Empowerment Center along with the City of Syracuse and other community partners.
- HHQ becomes the first to finance an Albany Landbank first-time homebuyer in the program's history.
- With Onondaga County, HHQ announces Solvay-Geddes 1% Loan Program.
- Working with city officials, local foundations and other community stakeholders, HHQ begins work to stabilize 50-year old nonprofit Syracuse Model Neighborhood Corp and bring back more than 280 units of low income rental housing predominately on Syracuse's Southside
- HHQ closes on $1.2 million commercial loan for Gear Factory redevelopment
- Selected for prestigious ADVANS Capacity Building Program through the Gifford Foundation
- Cayuga County Homsite Agencies officially affiliate with Home HeadQuarters
- In partnership with Onondaga County, HHQ launches Lease Purchase Program as a pathway out of poverty
- Work begins to wrap up on the Benevolent Development of the mixed use 100+ year old former Lasher Hardware at 1022 W. Fayette
- Green & Healthy Homes Initiative at Home HeadQuarters releases the Syracuse Lead Action Plan
- City of Syracuse Mayor Ben Walsh announces ambitious Resurgent Neighborhood Initiative with HHQ slated to build 25 new single-family homes in first phase.
- HHQ is first in the State to complete project construction as part of New York State's Small Rental Development Initiative. The six new rental units on the city's Westside start welcoming low-income tenants immediately.
- More than 1000 people sign up for Home HeadQuarters' HomeBuyer Education during COVID lockdown
- Ranked as the #1 Home Improvement Lender in the country amongst the 245+ member NeighborWorks America Network.
- Home HeadQuarters finally celebrates its 25th Anniversary with all the people who mean so much to the organization. Thank you for helping us reach so many who needed our help. We could not have done it without you.
25 Years of Work

$599,274,403
TOTAL PRIVATE, PHILANTHROPIC AND PUBLIC INVESTMENT.

5,095 NEW HOMEOWNERS CREATED

12,745 LOANS & GRANTS CUSTOMER

1,365 PROPERTIES DEVELOPED

23,841 CUSTOMERS COUNSELED

9,594 HOMEOWNERS PRESERVED

Since 2011, HHQ has ranked in the top 5 in the Northeast for residential lending and in five of those years, it ranked in the top 10 throughout the country-wide 245+ member network.

Since 1999, HHQ ranked in the top 10 in the Northeast 21 times for Homeowners Created.

In five of those years, it ranked in the top five.
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