

Local Spotlight: Green and Healthy Homes Initiative (GHHI) Greater Syracuse a healthy home program at Home HeadQuarters, Inc.

**Improves the health, safety and energy
efficiency of a home for low and moderate
income residents in the City of Syracuse.**

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LIFE Conference



Home HeadQuarters, Inc.

For the past 20 years, HHQ is committed to creating housing and related opportunities and services in Central and Upstate NY. HHQ improves the lives of underserved people and revitalize the community in which they live.



Home HeadQuarters Highlights since 1996:

- Redeveloped 222 derelict & vacant properties,
- Constructed 68 new properties,
- Provided 201 homebuyers with first mortgage totaling more than \$13.18 million
- Provided 9,244 home loans & grants totaling over \$93 million in financing
- Removed 522 derelict structures



PEACE, Inc.

- PEACE, Inc., has been the community Action Agency for Onondaga County since 1968. Energy & Housing has been providing weatherization assistance for over 35 years.
- Since 2007 – Over 9500 units weatherized
- Over \$32 million spent to weatherize units
- Over \$5 million leveraged from other sources(owners, NYSERDA, Utilities)
- In PY 2017 over \$43K leveraged from GHHI partners
- Measures covered by GHHI Partners – Lead, Asbestos, Knob and Tube wiring and other minor work not covered by Weatherization.

Development of GHHI Greater Syracuse at HHQ



A national movement

- Formerly known as the Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning
- Break the link between unhealthy housing and unhealthy families
- 27 sites nationally



A local initiative

- 2013 Stakeholder meeting held by CNY Community Foundation
- 2015 NYS Attorney General awarded HHQ \$1 million
- 2016 Start of production

Who we are

Funders



CENTRAL NEW YORK
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION, INC.

Where the Smart Money Gives.



Project Administrator



Compact signing June 2016

Housing and Health Partners



Green & Healthy
Homes Initiative®

Production and Process



Homeowners get holistic home improvements

- Housing Partners refer applicants
- Comprehensive assessment
 - Energy audit
 - Health educator
 - Housing inspection
- Identify scope of work
- Housing improvements
 - Health
 - Safety
 - Energy efficiencies
- Post analysis
 - Housing review
 - Health educator follow up
 - Energy audit follow up
- Evaluation

THE 8 ELEMENTS OF A GREEN & HEALTHY HOME

Green & Healthy Homes Initiative
Greater Syracuse

DRY

- prevent rain water from entering your home by making sure drainage around the outside is flowing away from the house
- prevent water from entering your home by repairing roof leaks before they get too big
- clean spills and floods immediately
- check the plumbing in your home for leaks

CLEAN

- empty trash regularly
- keep hair and animal fur to a minimum
- use wet-cleaning instead of dry dusting
- reduce clutter

SAFE

- always wipe spills away quickly
- secure loose rugs and keep children's play areas free from hard or sharp surfaces
- store and properly label food
- secure loose rugs and keep kid's play area free from hard or sharp surfaces
- install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- keep poisons & chemicals out of reach for children

WELL VENTILATED

- try to keep air moving in your home with fans or by opening windows
- ventilate bathrooms and kitchens

PEST-FREE

- if needed, use traps and baits in closed containers
- seal cracks and openings throughout the home so pests cannot enter your home
- store food in pest-resistant containers

CONTAMINANT-FREE

- keep floors and window areas clean using a wet cleaning approach
- have your home tested for radon, a naturally occurring dangerous gas that enters homes through soil, crawlspaces and foundation cracks
- reduce lead-related hazards in homes built before 1978 by having deteriorated paint removed or made safe

ENERGY EFFICIENT

- caulk windows and door frames to ensure that they are airtight
- change the filter on your furnace regularly
- install a programmable thermostat or turn your heat down (and air conditioning up) when you are not at home
- seal your heating and cooling ducts
- use reduced amounts of energy, water & resource consumption

WELL MAINTAINED

- inspect, clean & repair your home routinely
- take care of minor repairs & problems before they become large

EEW & its Impact on Environmental Health

Insulation

- Reduce heat seepage and mitigating exposure to the cold

Ventilation

- Decrease contaminants which may include bacteria, molds, mildew, viruses, pollen & animal dander

Leaks & Foundation

- Reduce respiratory illness such as asthma

Faulty electrical wiring

- Reduce fire hazards
- Allows insulation to be added to walls and attic

Window & door replacement

- Reduce lead hazards
- Improve air quality and ventilation

Radon



Asbestos



Asthma



Household Profile

Before GHHI Greater Syracuse & Partners

- Owned by a single-mother with 2 children
- Furnace not working & little insulation
- Asbestos around the furnace
- Electrical hazards
- Peeling paint, inoperable windows
- Collapsing back porch and front steps

After GHHI Greater Syracuse & Partners

- Asbestos removed
- A new furnace & water heater
- Insulation
- Electrical Improvements
- Remediation of lead paint & new windows
- New front steps & rear porch
- CO detectors and fire alarms installed.



GOING GREEN

Initiative works to make low-income homes environmentally friendly



-> PEACE Inc. representative Sally Ward, left, presents homeowner Tanesha Keene with a bucket of home safety items donated by The Home Depot, including smoke detectors for her children's rooms. | Riley Bunch, Staff Photo

Source: Riley, Bunch. The Stand. Winter 2016-2017

Partners: Home HeadQuarters
PEACE, Inc., Onondaga County
Health Department, &
Onondaga County Community
Development Division's Lead
Hazard Reduction Program, the
Home Depot, and applicant.



Questions?

Thank you for you time

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