

Building Hope Together

Sheen Housing

Annual Report
2010 - 2011

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Special points of interest:

- Home Repairs for 428 persons in 213 homes
- Housing Counseling for 171 households
- Development of affordable rental housing.

Making a Difference in So Many Lives



Joint Message from the Board President & Executive Director

Our 2010-2011 Annual Report highlights achievements in implementing housing programs and initiatives that are making a real difference in people's lives. This year was not without its critical issues but we were able to reach out and serve 384 families, individuals, seniors, veterans and persons living with disabilities.

The work that Sheen Housing does is designed to make a difference not just in the short term, but also for generations to come. Our accomplishments further our vision of creating and preserving safe, decent, affordable housing for the families and communities we serve. We approach every home, every project

with unwavering commitment to quality and value.

This past year brought many challenges, including an unstable economy, foreclosure crisis and dramatic reductions in available equity for the affordable housing industry. Despite these challenges, Sheen Housing was able to expand our reach to more low income families, individuals, seniors, veterans and persons living with disabilities in communities across our 13-county service area. Sheen Housing not only focused on our core services but we implemented initiatives that went beyond our housing programs to develop stronger partnerships, create local jobs

and provided a safety net for many families. Our vision and mission has never been more important or relevant as poverty is on the rise and the need for affordable housing continues to grow.

We are proud of our contribution over this past year to create sustainable housing for families and our community. We share this achievement with all our partners. In the year ahead, we look forward to building on these achievements and expanding our involvement in housing development. Every person in our community deserves safe, decent and affordable housing. Together we can make that difference.

"We share our achievements with all of our partners."

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Seeking

Sheen Housing is now accepting resumes for Fall/Spring intern positions. Interns are highly valued and fully integrated into the staff work. We seek students passionate about housing and social issues with excellent computer and interpersonal skills.

Positions available include:
Communication Intern – Assist in planning Sheen Housing's Building Hope Together Dinner, preparation and distribution of Gala materials, web site and social media networking. Also responsible for maintenance of the Gala database/tracking and other development duties as assigned.

Outreach Intern – Assists with grassroots organizing and marketing efforts for the home repair and home ownership programs. Internal database, pre-audit upkeep and other program duties as assigned. If interested, send a resume or email: sheen@rochester.rr.com. Stipend available.

Home Repair Program

Families have faced ongoing challenges this year as they experienced the economic downturn. Home maintenance and critical home repairs have been deferred to the point of risking the families' health and safety.

Sheen Housing responded by providing health, safety and energy efficiency home repairs plus accessibility modifications. We incorporated green building concepts into our home repair program. We coordinated, collaborated and worked in partnership with our communities to leverage greater impact and stretch every dollar to the

maximum. We created and retained jobs for our local contractors and suppliers. The home repair program is an example of Sheen Housing's expertise in creating affordable, quality, sustainable housing opportunities.

This year we assisted 213 families, individuals, seniors, veterans and persons living with disabilities by providing health, safety and accessibility home repairs with \$3,278,564 of program funding. Qualified local and M/WBE contractors are welcome to join our dedicated team.



Home Ownership



Foreclosures are devastating to families and our communities. Families lose their homes, and their assets. Their ability to rent apartments or get jobs is jeopardized by the impact of foreclosure on their credit record. Our goal is to help homeowners stay in their homes.

Housing counseling is a critical component of any foreclosure situation. Providing the homeowners' a clear understanding of the options available to them increases the likelihood that the resolution or avoidance of a foreclosure will be successful.

For homebuyers, Sheen Housing provides a no-interest closing cost assistance loan and purchase assistance. We require the homebuyer to attend home buying education classes. Interested homebuyers without acceptable credit also receive credit counseling to prepare them for homeownership. Sheen Housing is a HUD Certified Counseling Agency, providing a wide range of housing counseling services.

This year we provided housing counseling to 171 families, individuals, seniors, veterans and persons living with disabilities, producing a housing value of \$9,105,750.

"God has angels here on earth and they are members of Sheen Housing's programs."

Mr. & Mrs. N

Housing Development

One of Sheen Housing's key goals is to respond to the gaps along the housing continuum and expand the range of housing choice and supports for residents in greatest need whether for families, seniors or special needs populations. We do this by creating new, affordable housing units through our Housing Development Program. We work with and rely on established

successful partnerships with housing providers, government and local development team partners and community organizations to increase housing rental options.

We also manage an existing housing portfolio that contributes to the quality of life for residents and our community. We work in partnership with housing providers to ensure that the housing is

well managed, maintained and that adequate provisions are in place for future requirements as building's age. We focus on working to ensure that residents have access to the housing and supportive services they require to maintain independence and stability.

This year we worked through the feasibility of several family and senior projects. We have moved forward in the development of a 60-unit senior project.



Where to Find Us

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www.SheenHousing.org

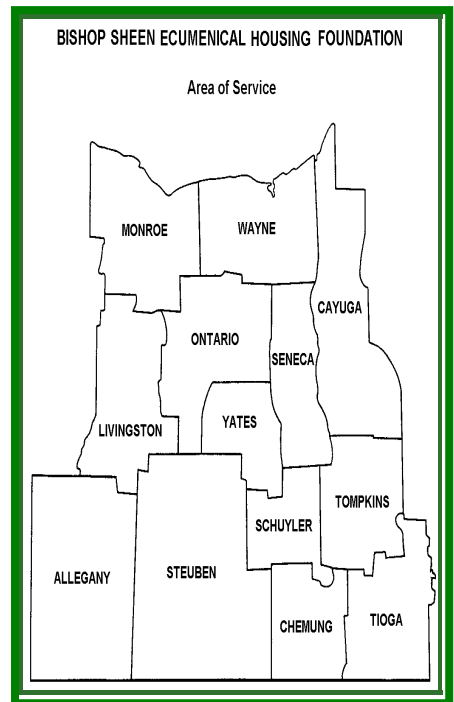


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Remembrance Gifts

We are most grateful to those who choose to support our activities by making a Memorial, Honor, Tax, or Endowment Gift. Your gifts contribute significantly to Sheen Housing's ability to serve families, individuals, seniors, veterans and persons living with disabilities in critical housing need.

A **Memorial** Gift is a way to honor a loved one. The bereaved family is sent an acknowledgement informing them of your gift. An **Honor** Gift is a means of recognizing a retirement or special occasion for a family member or friend. A **Tax** Gift is a way for an individual to donate gifts of appreciated securities. A **Major** Gift allows you to give your community ongoing housing benefits, thus helping to increase the quality of life for countless years to come. Please, remember Sheen Housing in your Will.



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