Community Build to End Homelessness

Signature Project

TOOLKIT
This year, the CVC is excited to partner with the Rescue Mission and The Hayner Hoyt Corporation for the Annual CVC Signature Project: “Community Build to End Homelessness.”

The CVC Signature Projects bring together members across the community to impact a community need in a major way. Our project is always identified with the help of the United Way and the dozens of volunteers who spend time evaluating the results of the Community Needs Assessment. Undoubtedly, homelessness is an important issue within our community.

From the Community Needs Assessment report, surveys showed that housing was rated one of the top three needs in Onondaga County according to community experts. Additionally, the report shared that the number of individuals needing emergency shelter increased from 2,553 in 2010 to 3,026 in 2012. Without the security of our most basic needs – food, clothing, and shelter – often times, life’s other challenges become even more difficult to handle. This year’s CVC Signature Project in partnership will Hayner Hoyt and the Rescue Mission will allow us to contribute to providing this safety net to members of our community.

Enclosed you will find our Signature Project Toolkit which outlines ways your organization can assist in this community build. Whether it is getting a few of your employees together to paint on a Friday afternoon or running a toiletry drive for the occupants of this soon-to-be home, we hope you will get involved. If you have questions or would like to participate in the CVC Signature Project, please complete the form at the back of this toolkit.

I hope you will join us in making a difference in our community.

Sincerely,

Shannon Andre
The Community Build to End Homelessness is a project lead by the Rescue Mission and The Hayner Hoyt Corporation to transform what was formerly a vacant and currently uninhabitable property into the opportunity for affordable housing and a changed life for members of our community. The home will be completely renovated and refurbished to provide housing to three formerly homeless men. These residents will be pre-screened, employed, and will pay monthly rent. They are individuals who can regain their independence and will no longer need shelter or meals from the Rescue Mission.

This project is life changing for men like Chris, who has been homeless since the age of 16. He has worked hard with case managers while staying at the Rescue Mission shelter to secure fulltime employment. He has been saving for several months to cover a security deposit and first month’s rent for an apartment. It took Chris six months to save enough money and he finally moved back into the community. There are still many Syracuse Rescue Mission clients like Chris trying to live independently. The Granger Street project will provide permanent affordable housing for these individuals and minimize the time they spend homeless or in emergency housing.

We are reaching out to local business and community groups to participate in this project. Skilled and unskilled labor, building materials and unrestricted donations are needed for all phases of this project. Construction Management professionals from The Hayner Hoyt Corporation will assist with scheduling, material staging, donating skilled labor, providing financial support, and providing on-site work direction.

We hope you and your business will consider participating in this important community project to end homelessness by donating money, building materials and or labor skilled or unskilled. All donations will be considered a charitable contribution.

Thank you for your consideration.
The **Rescue Mission** is a nonprofit organization dedicated to ending hunger and homelessness. Their mission is to share hope, end hunger & homelessness, change lives and strengthen communities one person at a time. They have been providing services to the most vulnerable men, women and children in the Syracuse Community for over 120 years.

The **Hayner Hoyt Corporation**

The Hayner Hoyt Corporation is a privately held construction management company founded in 1966. We successfully build and manage commercial construction projects across Upstate and Central New York. We are equally dedicated to providing quality services to our clients, our employees and our community and are happy to facilitate this important project.

The **Corporate Volunteer Council of Central New York** (CVC) is a coalition of businesses, organizations and associations that recognize the importance of volunteerism in our community. Our mission is to provide professional guidance, development, support and networking opportunities for members and to address community needs through employee, retiree, member and family volunteer efforts.

The **United Way of Central New York** is organized around a set of guiding organizational principles: a core mission that defines our role in the community, a vision that inspires our efforts, and strategies that shape our work.
The Community Build to End Homelessness will refurbish a three-bedroom house located at 142 Granger Street in Syracuse, adjacent to the Rescue Mission main campus location. This property was previously owned by the Land Bank of Syracuse and purchased by the Rescue Mission in October. Located within a block of the Rescue Mission campus, the home will allow residents of 142 Granger Street to engage with Rescue Mission staff as needed to remain healthy and independent. Rescue Mission staff will also monitor the residence and the tenants.

Upon completion this new residence will provide permanent or transitional housing for three male residents that have moved from homelessness to job security. It will consist of:

- 3 bedrooms
- 1 full bath and a second half bath
- Laundry room
- Eat-in kitchen
- 2 common/living areas
- Patio area from rear of house
- Off street parking
WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

The Community Build Project is scheduled to begin in late November 2014 and continue through March 2015 so there are many opportunities and time frames for you and your organization to contribute and participate. Here are a few ideas to begin a discussion within your company, but other creative suggestions are also welcome!

**Donate Materials**

We are hoping to have most of the construction materials donated directly or purchased with vendor donations. Several local subcontractors and suppliers have already made in-kind commitments, however many needs remain to renovate and furnish the house. The material list and building cost for each room and specific building components are available for consideration.

**Volunteer Onsite**

Provide a “work crew” to perform various building tasks,— demolition and site clean up, painting, final lean up, furniture move in and set up. Skilled and unskilled labor is needed throughout the project to:

- Perform site cleanup and initial demolition.
- Remove existing exterior and install new roof, siding and windows.
- Shore up foundation and perform extensive repairs to the front porch, basement and foundation.
- Complete extensive interior renovation and repairs including drywall, flooring, painting, ceilings, lighting, furniture set up and decorating.
- Complete renovation of the existing bathroom and addition of a second half bath and laundry area.
- Assist with final clean up, room set up, furniture move in and staging.

**Make Connections**

Provide introductions and or contact information for local builder supply vendors who may be willing to donate time and or materials for this project. The goal is to have as much actual building material required to complete the project donated so the Rescue Mission can use the minimal budget for this project for the materials that are unlikely not to be donated such as asbestos abatement, roofing, and insulation.
Ways to Get Involved

**Adopt a Room**
Your company could sponsor part of the house by providing actual building materials, furnishings, decorations, or money to cover the renovation costs for a specific room or component. Perhaps you’d like to sponsor the first floor bathroom (building supplies cost $3600) or all the lighting fixtures throughout the house (building supplies cost $4000). The material list and building cost for each room and specific building components are available for consideration. Providing a “work crew” for installation or decoration would be a great way to bring your contributions full-circle.

**Transport Materials**
Offer to pick up and deliver materials to the project site. Some suppliers may not deliver their contributions so offering to transport them to the site will keep the project moving in a timely manner. This need is throughout the project.

**Host a Housewarming Shower**
The Community Build doesn’t end with renovations. Host a “housewarming shower” to collect furnishings needed by the residents when they move in—bedding supplies, towels, dishes, kitchenware, personal care items.

**Financial Contributions**
Unrestricted donations are needed to complete this ambitious project. Consider making a tax-deductible financial contribution directly to the Rescue Mission.
- Designate your 2015 United Way Contribution to the Rescue Mission and specifically this project to provide much needed on-going funding
- Host an employee fundraiser
  - Jeans Day
  - Laundry Day Loose Change Drive
The Community Build to End Homelessness is scheduled to begin in late November and is expected to be completed and ready for occupancy in April/May 2015.
Yes! I am interested in getting my company involved in the Community Build to End Homelessness.

Please contact me to explore the following opportunities:

☐ Volunteering onsite

☐ In-kind material donations

☐ Sponsoring a room or component

☐ Financial contribution

☐ Hosting a fundraiser or shower

☐ Other

Name: 

Organization: 

Email: 

Phone:

Please return this form to Terri Anderson at tanderson@haynerhoyt.com or Carolyn Hendrickson at carolyn.hendrickson@RMSyr.org.