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NeighborWorks® Week

The St. Lawrence County Housing Council, Inc. will recognize the ongoing success of its 27 years of service through its observance of National NeighborWorks® Week from June 7–14, 2008.

“Highlighting and congratulating the hard work of so many vital partners keeps the momentum going,” said Housing Council executive director Chris Rediehs. “Each stakeholder needs to see that her or his efforts make a difference and are needed for continued improvement.”

The Housing Council, a private, not-for-profit organization, works throughout St. Lawrence County to provide support and resources to people and communities in need. Since its founding in 1981, the Housing Council has brought more than \$41.5 million to the county to address housing and other community needs. With the Council’s help, 486 families with low and moderate incomes have purchased their first homes, 1209 grants have been provided to homeowners for rehabilitation of their properties, 63 apartments have been built or rehabilitated, and 26 community projects, including the newly completed Grasse River Heritage Park, have been assisted. The Housing Council is also currently providing management services for more than 200 apartments.

In recognition of these and other accomplishments, the Housing Council will bring together residents, corporate sponsors, government officials, and organizational partners to celebrate through the following National NeighborWorks® Week activities:

Saturday, June 7th the Housing Council will be seeking its 3rd consecutive

first prize for its float in the Dairy Princess Parade in Canton;

Tuesday, June 10th the Housing Council is co-sponsoring a workshop for bankers and real estate professionals on low cost mortgages being offered by the State of New York Mortgage Agency (SONYMA);

Tuesday, June 10th Council staff will be offering classes for people seeking their first home, and for people who have purchased their first homes. (Pre-registration is required);

Friday, June 13th the Council will be offering an informational table on its services at the Farmers Market in Canton;

Monday, June 16th the Council will hold its Annual Dinner at which Kenneth Abt, a distinguished banking leader, will address the current financial crisis, speaking on “People, their Money, and their Homes,” and the Council will present its “Making a Difference” and “Rural Housing Leadership” awards. (Reservations are still being accepted at the Housing Council 386-8576)

The Housing Council is part of the national NeighborWorks[®] network, an affiliation of more than 240 nonprofit organizations that increase homeownership, produce affordable housing and revitalize neighborhoods in more than 4,414 communities across the nation. In 2008, the NeighborWorks[®] network is projected to generate more than \$3.2 billion in total direct investment and help more than 216,000 low- to moderate-income families purchase, improve and maintain their homes. The NeighborWorks[®] network was founded and is supported by NeighborWorks[®] America, which strengthens the network through training, technical assistance, and funding.

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