

**West Side
Neighborhood
Housing Services, Inc.**



*Coming together
to create
neighborhoods
of choice
in Buffalo!*

**Black Rock – Riverside
Neighborhood
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PRESS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCES GRANT MONEY FOR REHAB



One home at a time, one block at a time, West Side NHS, a NeighborWorks® charter member and Black Rock/Riverside NHS want to help you rehab your home. We have been awarded nearly \$800,000 in grants to make that happen: If you have an owner occupied, single family home West of Main Street, New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal has given us \$399,600 to help you with rehab. Thanks to the Affordable Housing Corporation's block-by-block initiative, \$400,000 will go specifically to rehab targeted blocks on Parkdale, Hoyt, Baynes and Dearborn Streets. If you live on these streets, please call us!



WSNHS/BRRNHS is dedicated to preserving and revitalizing Buffalo's West Side & Black Rock-Riverside Neighborhoods.

**In the last 4 years we've helped
375 families buy or rehab their homes, nearly
17 Million Dollars BACK into this community**

ABOUT NEIGHBORWORKS® AMERICA



Housing Director Andrea James holds HSBC sponsored SHOP every month. It stands for Special Home Ownership Program and will help you navigate from beginning to end, the process of owning your own home. Call to find out about our next SHOP and you'll be that much closer to your homeownership dream.

NeighborWorks® America creates opportunities for people to improve their lives and strengthen their communities by providing access to homeownership. Since 1991, we have assisted nearly 1.2 million low-to moderate-income families with their housing needs. Much of our success is achieved through our support of the NeighborWorks® network—more than 230 community development organizations working in more than 4,400 communities not just in Buffalo, but in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. In the last five years, NeighborWorks® organizations have generated more than \$15 billion in reinvestment in these communities. NeighborWorks® America is the nations leading trainer of community development and affordable housing professionals.

Right here in our West Side and Black Rock/Riverside neighborhoods we have assisted with Capitol projects, the CountryWide Program, expandable Grants and HUD Housing Counseling

Other homeownership and rehab financial support has come from HSBC Bank with the Dearborn Recoverable Grant and SHOP Buffalo. Money for us to help you has been given from AHC Block by Block and scattered sites grants

The City of Buffalo supports us with Community Development Block Grants and CHDO Projects-TSI. The Home Energy Conservation Kit Grant came from former Councilman Nick Bonafacio.

The State of New York Division of Housing and Community Renewal has provided Neighborhood Preservation programs, HOME Award, State Legislature Member Item, Keep the Dream and Urban Homeownership.

Ingram Micro contributed, as did The Westminster Foundation-Ferguson Street.

We graciously thank these partners. There IS money available to help you buy or maintain a home.

Every year during NeighborWorks® Week, Mineo & Sapio's Mike Pierro sponsors an award to a block club that has worked hard toward our goal of strengthening communities...one home, one block, one neighborhood at a time. This year Richard Potwora accepted the award from Executive Director Linda Chiarenza and Board Presidents Ramon Morales and Brian White for Buffalo's beautiful Cottage District



Creating Colorful Neighborhoods

Buffalo's West Side is rich in newly immigrated families, and they need safe, affordable housing. We hope to guide some of these families through the process. Step by step, from saving money and establishing credit all the way to realizing their homeownership dream.

Here, originally from Somalia and Yemen, six West Side women begin a mural that portrays the colorful diversity of our neighborhood. It was an amazing sight to see them on ladders, skirts and scarves flowing...AND a bright yellow NeighborWorks(R) Paints tee shirt! Leila, Hamdi, Faizen, Fardowsa, Hodan and Manal were so proud when professional muralist and art teacher Elvee Jo paid homage to them in the lower left corner of the masterpiece!



Make sure you check out the beautiful mural next to our offices at 359 Connecticut Street



We honored our partners and introduced them to the customers they have assisted at a luncheon at Harry's Harbor Place during NeighborWorks® Week.



WSNHS welcomed 15 staffers from Computer Task Group on Delaware to the neighborhood for United Way's Day of Caring. All of Connecticut Street and our own offices were spruced up thanks to their time and effort. Many thanks CTG!

"...A community needs a soul if it is to become a true home for human beings."

SPREAD THE WORD!

Housing Counselor Melissa Wannemacher (below) helps spread the word under the WSNHS/BRRNHS display tent. Getting the word out about home ownership and home rehab is why you'll see us at every Housing Fair, festival or community gathering out there. We are committed to making our neighborhoods stronger with our services. Here's what we really want you to know:

West Side Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. & Black Rock-Riverside Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. is a private non-profit group.

We work with you, other Buffalo homeowners, businesses and our government to promote and provide safe and affordable housing in our neighborhoods. This is what we offer→



From the Left – Beverly Eagan of the Dearborn Block Club, Rich Mack from the Riverside Review, Dawn Schaefer, Linda Chiarenza, Melissa Fratello, Brian White, Black Rock Board President, and former West Side Board President Robin Johnson

[FREE Loan Prospector Outreach](#)

A tool that prepares you to go to a bank with your credit info/number knowing what to expect.

Knowledge is power.

[Special Home Ownership Program](#)

An innovative approach to affordable lending that will assist potential homebuyers with purchasing a home within the City of Buffalo.

[Home Improvement Rehab-Loan Program](#)

Revitalizing & strengthening Buffalo through the moderate rehabilitation of homes.

[Down Payment & Closing Cost Assistance](#)

Low interest rate loan that can assist first time home buyers with the funding of reasonable closing costs

[Home Ownership Education Classes](#)

Educating first time home buyers about the home buying process.

[Minor Home Repair](#)

[Acquisition/Rehab Program](#)

Provides those eligible the opportunity to purchase a rehabbed home owned by WSNHS at an affordable price.

[Foreclosure Prevention Program](#)

LEARNING NEW WAYS TO MAKE OUR NEIGHBORHOODS BETTER...

Local community organizers joined West Side and Black Rock Riverside NHS staff for a Community Leadership Institute seminar in San Jose, California.

