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Dutchess County Coalition
for the Homeless (DCCH)
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DCCH is a project of
Hudson River Housing, Inc.

The **Wind Chill Fund** is a campaign to raise funds to help finance operation of the DCCH overnight shelter and house all the homeless adults who come to our screening site each night.

DCCH fills a critical community need, offering individuals a safe place to sleep, two meals, a shower, transportation and access to case management and advocacy services. In 2007, HRH consolidated our DCCH emergency overnight shelter for homeless adults to one location. This change occurred at Hillcrest House through renovations to existing rooms within our transitional 58-bed facility.

The Dutchess County Coalition for the Homeless (DCCH) is one of HRH's programs. DCCH provides emergency shelter for homeless adults.

Hudson River Housing, Inc. (HRH) is a not-for-profit agency that for the past 25 years had provided housing for those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

Although HRH has received generous financial support from the Dutchess County Department of Social Services, FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Assistance) and the City of Poughkeepsie CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) this program requires significant additional financial assistance to continue operation.

Our hope is that you, our friends and neighbors, will consider making a tax-

deductible contribution to the **Wind Chill Fund**. Our goal is ambitious. With your assistance, we believe we can raise 175,000.

DID YOU KNOW?

- From January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007, the DCCH shelter provided 11,412 shelter services for 466 individuals.
- During 2007, the shelter served 22,824 meals to those same individuals.
- We estimate that 24% of those served are employed, but do not have enough income to afford security and rent for an apartment in Dutchess County.
- In the month of December 2007, we served 19 individuals that were new to homelessness.

Please consider filling out the attached response card and sending a donation to help support the **Wind Chill Fund**.

Please make your check payable to:

Wind Chill Fund
 Hudson River Housing
 313 Mill Street
 Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

For more information, please call (8+45) 452-5197. Thank you.



YES, I want to help Hudson River Housing reach out to homeless adults in our community. Enclosed is my donation of:

_____ \$32 ~ A donation of this amount will provide shelter and two meals for an individual for 1 night.

_____ \$96 ~ A donation of this amount will provide shelter and meals for an individual for 3 nights. (This is the average length of stay for our shelter guests.)

_____ \$225 ~ A donation of this amount will provide shelter and meals for an individual for 1 week.

_____ \$750 ~ A donation of this amount will provide shelter and meals for an individual for 1 month. Anyone who donates an amount of \$750 or greater will have their names engraved on a plaque displayed at the DCCH Overnight Shelter.

\$ _____ Other, any amount is welcome.

Name _____
 Affiliation (if applicable) _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____

If you wish to make your donation in the name of another person, please provide us with that information and we will send an acknowledgement.
 Name _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____

Please make your tax-deductible contribution payable to: **Wind Chill Fund**,
 313 Mill Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Thank you.