



rtr gathering - fall 2008

RAISE the roof

campaign for
North House Folk School

campaign update

Raise The Roof: Campaign For North House Folk School is a major, multi-year commitment designed to secure and enhance North House's rich educational potential.

North House has emerged as a truly unique and essential northern resource. Our commitment to learning as a lifetime endeavor, our passion for the North and its story, our focus on nurturing community, our hunger for engaging life through the work of our hands – each has found its place here.

The Raise The Roof vision has taken shape over a series of years. At its heart are three fundamental commitments:

Home, Harbor

Within the North House community there is an unwavering sense that our home is on the Grand Marais Harbor. It is from this place that our dreams will be launched and realized.

Quality, Safety, Community

For the North House mission to achieve its educational potential, our entire campus must project our commitment to quality, safety and community.

Stability, Strength

As an emerging nonprofit, North House's ability to achieve its mission and capacity to welcome a diversity of students is directly connected to our financial capabilities. Therefore, increasing annual giving and expanding our endowment is essential.

The symbolism of the title fits North House perfectly— it is the hands of many that will raise the roof. We welcome your questions and look forward to your involvement.

Red Phase – May 1st Goal

The first phase of Raise The Roof (the Red Phase!) went “into the dirt” in August and is steadily building upward. In the mix – a new woodworking classroom, a green solar hot water high mass storage and heating system, accommodations to expand North House's internship program. The goal – have the building ready for coursework by May 1, just in time for the 2009 summer season. .

RTR Gatherings – Going There Together

The first phase is underway, which can only mean one thing - NOW is the time to set the stage for phase two (Go Green - the Green Phase!). Rolling into 2009, North House will host a series of “Raise The Roof Gatherings” at the homes of friends and supporters. Wonder how Green the green building will be? Ready to make a multi-year pledge to help leverage matching funds? Hoping a bequest to the endowment will help build momentum? North House is highly invested in connecting with its extended community of friends and supporters. Call Greg at 218-387-9762 if you want to attend or even host an RTR Gathering.

Affirming Red – A Challenge

In July, North House received exciting news from the Bush Foundation. The Bush Foundation approved North House's proposal to fund 15% of the Milling Shop classroom building (\$55,760). Their challenge? Find \$30,000 in additional pledges/gifts to complete the project by summer 2009.

The Bush Foundation is just one of multiple funding partners. Others include Lloyd K. Johnson Foundation, Iron Range Resource, Minnesota CERT program and numerous pledges and gifts from individuals and businesses.



first floor milling shop - fall 2008

CAMPUS BUILDING

Total Campus Building Goal - \$1,600,000
pledged/received to date \$671,410

42% of goal

ANNUAL FUND

Goal (over 4 years) - \$400,000
pledged/received to date \$84,205

21% of goal

ENDOWMENT FUND

Goal - \$750,000
pledged/received to date \$138,500

18% of goal

**pledged/received as of 11/10/2008