

Raise the Roof Update

2010/2011 - Building Black
for North House Folk School



It takes many hands to build a school!
Indeed, helping hands have been a central
feature at North House since our beginning.
Help us forge the future!

Involvement of every kind and at
all levels is needed and welcome!

Get the Match!

___ **YES**, please match my donation to North
House's Raise the Roof campaign and double
my impact!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

___ **YES, Building the Blacksmith Shed in
2010/2011 is a priority I believe in**, my gift
supporting Raise The Roof for 2010/2011 is at
the following level

___ **Swing That Hammer - \$100**

Fund a full set of basic tools.

___ **Make The Anvil Ring - \$250**

Buy a quality anvil next to a forge.

___ **Forge The Future - \$500**

Invest in a traditional coal-fired forge.

___ **Raise The Roof - \$1000**

Help North House insulate the roof & walls.

___ Check enclosed

___ Please charge my credit card:

Type _____ ## _____

Exp _____ V-Code _____

___ **YES, Raise The Roof's continuing momen-
tum is important**, I am considering a larger
multi-year pledge for the future (2011 & beyond)

___ **Please send me more information**

North House's board members and director are
available to share coffee and discuss the future.

___ **Please send me a pledge form**

Options for multi-year commitments available.

___ **I have/want to include North House's
Endowment in my will**

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Raise The Roof is North House Folk School's multi-year campaign to improve its programs, facilities and operation by strategically enhancing its harborside campus. At the core of Raise The Roof are North House's commitment to high quality programs, vision for creating intimate hands-on learning experiences, and investment in our harbor home.

Raise The Roof completed its first stage 2008-2009 by building the Milling Shop classroom building. This new building added a new woodworking & boatbuilding classroom to campus while also modeling the use of sustainable building strategies. In addition, upstairs of the classroom a three bedroom loft was built to house North House's growing year-round internship program.

Raise the Roof's forward progress is steady and purposeful:

2010

- Blacksmith Shed: improve blacksmithing and metalworking resources; move, expand and enclose blacksmith shed.

>> Funding for 2010/2011 is largely in place though an additional \$15,000 is needed to secure key equipment, forge hardware and other resources.

2011

- Outdoor Student Commons: revitalize harborside area emphasizing student and program use while also decreasing runoff into Lake Superior; remove asphalt, install paving bricks, landscape with native vegetation
- Larger Wood-Fired Oven: relocate, enhance coverage for wet weather
- Expanded Parking Area: relocate campus parking adjacent to highway; reorganize and expand upper parking lot
- Improve Campus Entrance: reformat main entry to safely accommodate pedestrian and vehicle traffic, improve campus signage

>> For 2011 a matching grant of \$90,000 from the MN Lake Superior Coastal Program has been secured – an additional \$75,000 is needed to fully fund the match.

And Beyond

- Green Building/Student Center: includes craft library, student services, school store, two locations under discussion, Option A: adjacent to blacksmith shed
Option B: replace yellow house
- Community Kitchen: for special events and traditional foods coursework

>> An estimated \$250,000-\$350,000 will be needed to complete the final stages of Raise The Roof.

Refining the vision for the student center and community kitchen is a major priority for North House. After three years of steady effort, North House needs to maintain momentum while also reaffirming its plans for moving forward. Two possible locations, size and features are all being discussed. The impact and reality of the world's changing economic environment also needs to be studied. These efforts are being coordinated by the Board of Directors.

The involvement of additional supporters, funders and volunteers interested in the North House's continuing success will be essential in the coming months and years. Your comments, questions and investment are all welcome!