

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

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\_\_\_ **YES, I want to support North House's educational efforts**, enclosed is my gift to support programs, events and daily operations.

\_\_\_ \$25      \_\_\_ \$75      \_\_\_ \$250  
\_\_\_ \$50      \_\_\_ \$100      \_\_\_ Other

\_\_\_ **YES, Building the Blacksmith Shed in 2010 is a priority I believe in**, my gift supporting Raise The Roof for 2010 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.

\_\_\_ **YES, Raise The Roof's continuing momentum 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**

\_\_\_ Check enclosed

\_\_\_ Please charge my credit card:

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## Raise the Roof Update

Fall 2010 - 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!**

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## Raise the Roof Update

North House Folk School • Fall 2010

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 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!