Housing with compassion...
Development with a vision
Hudson River Housing exists to improve lives and communities. We do this by developing affordable housing, providing housing education and supportive services, and revitalizing neighborhoods. **Hudson River Housing’s reach extends across the Hudson Valley, to people of all ages, from the homeless to the homeowner.**

**Emergency & Supportive Housing and Services**
We move people to self-sufficiency. We create a path out of homelessness for individuals and families through emergency shelter, transitional housing and permanent housing programs.

**Veteran Housing & Services**
We promote housing stability among very low-income veteran families. We provide specialized housing along with case management, referrals and employment assistance.

**Home Ownership**
We help people achieve the dream of owning a home and strengthen neighborhoods by promoting home ownership and preventing foreclosure.

**Affordable Rental Housing**
We provide opportunities for low- and moderate-income residents, young adults and seniors to afford to live and stay in the Hudson Valley. Housing options range from communal living to houses for rent, all supported by Hudson River Housing’s property management and facilities team.

**Youth Services**
We strengthen life skills and offer an accepting environment in which to plan a brighter future. We provide emergency shelter, crisis intervention, transitional housing and case management that will ultimately lead to self-sufficiency.

**Neighborhood Revitalization**
We work to give everyone the opportunity to live in vibrant, sustainable neighborhoods. We develop affordable housing through rehabilitation and new construction; preserve and redevelop historic properties; and help strengthen communities.
Rhonda has a masters degree and was doing social work in Lake Katrine with traumatic brain injury clients when her mother became ill. “I moved to Florida and helped her until she passed away. But then I couldn’t find a job in my field down there, so I came back here and it was hard for me to get a job up here, too. I didn’t have any place to stay and I was too ashamed to go into a shelter.” So she turned to a friend who helped her with housing and food, “but he was into the wrong things. I’m only human, I make mistakes.”

Rhonda put herself into rehab and went away to Albany for nine months. While she was there, she filled out an application for Hillcrest House. After 18 months at Hillcrest, Rhonda learned Hudson River Housing had a studio apartment available. “One of my friends had moved there already, so I said ‘good we’ll be neighbors,’ and I moved in.”

Two years after moving into her apartment, Rhonda was faced with another crisis. In December 2013, her 36-year-old son died of congestive heart failure. “I’ve been doing what I need to do to keep myself in the right state of mind but it’s been tough because I just lost my son.”

Rhonda credits her case manager with getting her through this difficult time. “I’m just grateful. [Hudson River Housing] really helped me a lot, with a lot of issues, and basically getting back on my feet, starting to live again.”

“I’m glad I’m where I’m at now. I’ve put all that behind me and I’m holding on for dear life.” Today Rhonda’s working as an administrative assistant part-time. “My son would want me to move on and he would be very proud of me.” And Rhonda has goals for her future. “Eventually, I want to do something in social work so I can help others.” Rhonda proudly takes out a picture of her and her grandchildren at church. “I’ve got my grandkids, and I’m keepin’ myself busy.”

“IT’S A THIN LINE BETWEEN HAVING A JOB AND BEING HOMELESS. WHATEVER WALK OF LIFE YOU MAY COME FROM, YOU NEVER KNOW. YOU COULD BE JOBLESS LIKE THAT.” SHE SAYS, SNAPING HER FINGERS
"I got here the long way," says Gemma in the living room at a multi-unit home for female veterans operated by Hudson River Housing. In the 70’s, Gemma moved to Poughkeepsie when her father was transferred by IBM. As an adult, she joined the military, and later worked as a corrections officer and got married. After going back to college, she got a job working with the mentally ill.

After her three children were born and Gemma was diagnosed with bipolar disorder, the trouble really started. Her husband became abusive and started an affair. Gemma began to exhibit symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder.

"It was just a downward spiral from there." While she got custody of the children, her housing costs skyrocketed and she could no longer afford to live in the Spackenkill district. "I wanted to maintain the continuity of [my kids'] education. I went back to court [to get more alimony] and that’s when [my ex] started to sue me for custody."

When the eviction notice arrived, she and the kids moved in with her boyfriend. "I thought he was nice. I was wrong, but you know it’s in increments, they slowly kind of sneak up on you." He was abusive, too. Then came the breakdown. "I called my ex and said you need to come get the children and take them out of here and he did." Gemma was admitted to the psychiatric ward at St. Francis Hospital, the same place where she had once worked.

But the cycle of abuse continued. After treatment, she went back to live with her boyfriend. Following a fight, he called the police, blamed the incident on Gemma and she was arrested. After weeks in jail, a judge agreed to place her at Grace Smith House, where she was connected to Hudson River Housing's veteran services. Working with Ed Reid, whom Gemma calls "a saint," she was placed in the new veteran's housing on Garden Street.

"I BROUGHT MY KIDS HERE AND THEY LOVE THE HOUSE. I'M TRYING TO RE-ASSEMBLE MY LIFE, AND [THIS HOUS-ING] MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE. IT'S A NICE SUPPORT SYSTEM AND A GREAT PLACE TO START OVER AGAIN."

Read more testimonials at hudsonriverhousing.org/testimonials
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Helped stabilize our local market by educating 1,066 people in home-buying, financial literacy and foreclosure prevention.

Managed 571 affordable rental housing units for individuals, families, and seniors throughout the Hudson Valley.

Engaged over 600 stakeholders in neighborhood improvement initiatives and leadership training.

Ensured 155 veteran families avoided homelessness through affordable housing and supportive services.

Provided emergency shelter, affordable housing and supportive services to over 1,300 homeless individuals.

Moved 64 chronically homeless individuals to permanent housing.

Worked with 500 youth to strengthen and offer a safe environment to plan a future.

Growing
Growing hope and opportunity for individuals growing new programs to meet!
Housing

New in 2014

Together
Individually, families and neighborhoods, and all challenges in our community

New in 2015

The Poughkeepsie Underwear Factory
Our largest project in over a decade - reclaiming a historic building for the 21st century as a mix of commercial and residential space and revitalizing Poughkeepsie's Main Street

New in 2015

The Charles S. North Employment Assistance & Training Station (EATS)
A comprehensive training and support center creating pathways to local employment for the formerly homeless and unemployed

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Developing new opportunities for youth to engage with the community through construction, the arts, and local food initiatives

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