



Raise the Roof UPDATE

— *summer/fall 2011* —

North House Folk School Capital Campaign



North House's Outdoor Student Commons will celebrate community and welcome hands-on learners year round.

Help us Pave the Way!

Involvement of every kind and at all levels is needed!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

— **YES, Building the Student Commons in 2011-2012 is a priority.** My gift supporting Raise The Roof for 2011-2012 is at the following level:

___ Plant The Garden - \$250
Make campus green with trees & shrubs

___ Light The Path - \$500
Invest in low-level lighting for pathways

___ Raise The Timbers - \$1000
Purchase timbers for new building entries

___ Pave the Way - \$2500
Secure paving brick for the commons

___ Other - \$ _____
Gifts at all levels (& in kind) are welcome

___ Check enclosed

___ Please charge my credit card:

Type _____ ## _____

Exp _____ V-Code _____

— **Green is on the Horizon! 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 want to include North House's Endowment in my will (please send me info).**

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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. In 2010-2011 North House continued its steady forward progress by relocating/enlarging the campus' Blacksmith Shop, installing a much needed kitchen classroom for the Foods program and initiating the construction of an enlarged wood-fired brick bread oven. These second stage projects have focused on improving the quality of student experiences by enhancing the physical resources of North House's classrooms.

Building The Outdoor Student Commons - Pave The Way:

2011

- Outdoor Student Commons: revitalize harborside area, emphasize small group learning and community events
- Larger Wood-Fired Oven: build & cover
- Parking Area: relocate adjacent to highway
- Campus Entrance: reformat entry to safely accommodate pedestrian and vehicle traffic

>> A matching grant of \$90,000 from the MN Lake Superior Coastal Program has been secured – an additional \$30,000 is needed to fully fund the match.

2012

- Outdoor Student Commons: complete landscaping, planting trees, shrubs and other vegetation
- Timbered Entrances: enhance the access to key campus buildings, cut timbers in winter/spring as service learning projects and raise during spring/summer
- Campus Signage & Welcome Kiosks: improve the visibility, utilize timber/stone construction,
 - >> An additional \$70,000 is needed to complete the Outdoor Student Commons, RTR's third phase.

And Beyond

- Green Building/Student Center: includes craft library, student services, school store, located adjacent to the highway and bike trail, replacing yellow house
- Community Kitchen: for special events and traditional foods courses, existing equipment in the Fish House kitchen will be relocated and augmented based upon program needs.
 - >> An estimated \$400,000-\$500,000 will be needed to complete the final stages of Raise The Roof.

By the close of 2012 North House will have completed the first three phases of Raise The Roof – the Milling Shop, Blacksmith Shop and Outdoor Commons. Thanks to the involvement of many generous donors/partners, and in spite of challenging economic times, North House has managed to maintain its steady forward progress. Shaping the vision and timeline for the Student Center/Green Building is the next priority.

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!