

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS - AUGUST 2006
NUTRITION AND FAMILY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

- ❖ Staff from FNEC namely Jamie Dollahite, Michelle Scott-Pierce, and Susan MacNish paid a site visit to Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County. The purpose was to interact with the Executive Director and Nutrition staff and to share and discuss relevant issues. It was not possible to schedule observation visits to live group sessions in the field. Instead the NPEs 'brought' group experiences to the FNEC team through picture presentations and discussion. NPEs also prepared an original dish for the visitor's lunch. Pablo Shine who prepared a 'paper' on working with Hispanic communities was asked to submit the document for the FNEC website so that nutrition personnel and others would be able to learn from his experiences and suggestions.

- ❖ Another activity for the Ulster Counter Home Ownership program was planned and implemented on Saturday August 26. Participants of the Home Owners Education Program attended the "How To' clinics (i) Paint with Deep and Vibrant Colors and (ii) Installation of Ceramic Tiles, at Lowe's of Kingston. It was a fun educational event. There were several exciting prizes and gifts including tool boxes for home owners, the very popular Complete Photo Guide to Home Improvement with over 1700 Photos and 250 Step-by-Step Projects and the Complete Photo Guide to Home Repair with 350 Projects and 2300 Photos, Eco-bulbs and other items. Participants took the opportunity to use their 10% discount certificate at Lowe's, register for one-on-one consultations on financial or home improvement matters, and chat with fellow participants and program personnel, over refreshments, hors d'oeuvres and music provided by the DJ Blazin' Beatz Entertainment.

- ❖ The Financial Education team has been working on a plan for fund-raising. Planning and preliminary activities are almost complete. The team plans to present the plan at the next Program Committee meeting to discuss networking resources, and obtain suggestions and input from Committee members.

Team Members

Nutrition: Coordinator-Eileen Polk; NPEs-- Ron Baatz, Joan Baglio, Denise Reed, Pablo Shine, Deanna Young
Family Resource Management: FEs--Tom Heffernan, Ruth Hirsch
Team Secretary: Barbara Grumberg
Issue Leader: JM Alexis Smalec