



**Spring 2019**

## ***Rural AHEC to Host Thiel Hospitality House Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony and Open House***



### **AHEC FYI**

**The Western New York Rural Area Health Education Center will host a Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony and Open House to celebrate the renovations and repairs to the William F. Thiel Hospitality House on Wednesday, May 15th, from 2:00 to 4:00pm.**

The celebration will take place at the Hospitality House, located on the hill behind the Wyoming County Community Health System on Duncan Street in Warsaw.

“We’re happy to introduce our latest accomplishments to the community and those who helped bring this project to fruition,” said Catherine P. Huff, CEO. “The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Thiel Hospitality House marks the launch of our renovated state of the art, remodeled, and comfortable accommodations to guests and visitors.”

Scott Gardner, President of the Wyoming County Chamber of Commerce & Tourism, is scheduled to be on hand to offer a few remarks and to assist in leading the ribbon-cutting at 2:00pm.

“We’re also delighted to have representatives present from the area foundations who will be joining us in our celebration. Our dream of remodeling, upgrading and making the necessary repairs to this facility was made possible in part by the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, John R. Oishei Foundation and the Garman Family Foundation” said David R. Riddell, Director of Operations for RAHEC.

The Open House affords participants the opportunity to tour the House and explore its newly renovated rooms and suites. Director of Programs Valerie Putney suggests, “Take this opportunity to explore, and you will find a series of biographical posters highlighting students and partners whose goals and accomplishments our programs support.”

The William F. Thiel Hospitality House is owned and operated by Rural AHEC, whose mission is to improve health and healthcare through education. The House was originally constructed and opened for guests in 2005. The House primarily provides housing for individuals or families facing a health care crisis and on-call or visiting medical professionals. In addition, half the house is committed for use by health professions and medical students performing rural clinical rotations in Wyoming County with the goal that they will consider serving a medically underserved area/population upon graduation. According to Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA), Wyoming County is considered a medically underserved area.

*R-AHEC is a 501(c)(3), non-profit organization, serving a 12- county region with a mission “to improve health and healthcare through education.”*

*R-AHEC addresses health needs of rural communities by creating community partnerships.*

*R-AHEC’s areas of focus: Health Workforce Development, Rural Healthcare Technology Development, Preceptor Development, Student Housing and “Pipeline” programming designed to expose K-12 students to health careers.*

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