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Who's New at NCH

Dear {FIRST_NAME|Friend},

Each semester NCH welcomes some of the brightest up and coming homeless advocates to join our team as interns. Our interns are critical contributors to NCH's research, reporting and advocacy. We're extremely proud of our interns who continue to do great work in the homeless and anti-poverty movements, like Shaun Donovan, who today heads up the US Department of Housing and Urban Development! Help us welcome our Spring 2011 crew ([click to read full bios](#)):



Allison is a junior at Hendrix College in Conway, Arkansas studying Urban Studies with a religion minor.

Elan is a junior at George Mason University majoring in Conflict Analysis and Resolution.



Samantha is a senior at George Washington University majoring in government studies and International Studies.



Gabriel is a senior at Hope College in Holland, MI studying Psychology and Political Science.

Board of Directors Spring Meeting

The NCH Board will be meeting next weekend, March 25th and 26th. The agenda includes setting the organization's strategic plan for 2012. Stay tuned for more!

NCH in the News

The Nation (Feb. 24) - [Homeless in Hollywood](#)

The Columbia Tribune (Mar. 2) - [Helping the Homeless](#)

New York Times (Mar. 14) - [For Honolulu's Homeless, an Eviction Notice](#)

Upcoming Events:

March 27 - 30: The National Low Income Housing Coalition will be holding its Annual Policy Conference and Lobby Day. [Find more information or register for the conference.](#)

April 5: Join the

Brendan is the new Policy Fellow for NCH and we are very happy to have him! He graduated from UCLA with a B.A. in History and a J.D. He currently serves as the Presidential Management Fellow for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.



We also welcome, **Brian**, our new Bill Emerson Congressional Hunger Fellow. He graduated from Morehouse College in 2010 with a B.A. in Political Science and Sociology with a minor in Criminal Justice.

Did you spend some time with us as an intern or volunteer? If so, we'd love to hear from you! [Let us know about your experience!](#)

- Neil Donovan, NCH Executive Director

Update on HEARTH Regulations

From the HUD Office of Special Needs Assessment, HUD (via the CPD homeless listserv)

In September of last year, HUD held two national conferences to begin the process of familiarizing communities with the policy and performance requirements that will govern the new HEARTH Act programs. In the plenary session, we briefly discussed the connection between the roll-out of the new programs authorized under HEARTH and the appropriation levels HUD may receive in this and the coming years. As you are probably seeing in the news, the budget situation has changed since September – which has an impact on the high-priority items we are working on in SNAPS, including the HEARTH regulations and the 2011 competition.

Fiscal Year 2011 has thus far proven to be a challenging year, and we at HUD know and understand that the uncertainty about the 2011 budget has been a matter of great concern to our grantees and stakeholders. We also know that you were expecting to see, in the near term, the new regulations for the Emergency Solutions Grants, Continuum of Care, and Rural Housing Stability programs. I want to take a moment to update all of you on the budget and how it has affected our plans to implement HEARTH. Let me summarize for you where we stand on these critical items:

Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance at a reception with NCH Executive Director, Neil Donovan. [Check the MHSAA website for more details on how to attend!](#)

Ongoing: The Faces of Homelessness Speakers' Bureau continues to give presentations in DC and across the country. [Contact us to find an event happening near you.](#)



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