FY 2011 PROGRAM WORK TEAM ANNUAL REPORT

1. Full name of your Program Work Team (PWT): Poverty & Economic Hardship Program Work Team

2. Please list names, affiliations and e-mail addresses of the PWT Co-Chairs: (With an asterisk [*], please indicate the co-chair responsible for finalizing this report.)

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3. Please identify your PWT’s activities, accomplishments, and, most importantly, outcomes and impacts over the past year.

The PWT received funding for a three-year participatory action research project to initiate and evaluate local efforts to fight poverty. The project began on October 1, 2011, and is in the planning stages. Plans are underway for programs within eight counties located in upstate New York.

A social impact resulting from the work of the PWT is reported from Hamilton County in the Adirondack region. As a result of the PWT's work on community poverty risk, an email list was established to link residents into a social network to respond to community needs related to poverty risk. The email list played a significant role in aiding a resident family whose home burned down in December, and found itself in need of emergency relief. The email list alerted community leaders who secured emergency supplies and shelter for the family in need.