



Coalition Staff Changing Scenes

Evelyn Rusciolelli Retires



Evelyn and Bill Rusciolelli riding their horses as they start their retirement together.

After a rewarding 22-year career in affordable housing, first as the Marion County Housing Director, then as a Technical Assistance Provider for the Florida Housing Coalition, I have decided to retire.

I have enjoyed my work at the Coalition, especially working with the local SHIP communities to help improve their programs and properly expend their funds. I have worked with some wonderful, dedicated staff and was honored to be a part of their efforts to create safe, quality affordable housing for low- and moderate-income clients.

My husband Bill and I, along with our two Appaloosas, will be traveling the U.S. and riding the trails of our national parks. We are excited to begin this new chapter of our lives and look forward to seeing the country on horseback.

I will miss my colleagues at the Coalition and all the people I have met who enriched my life and my career.

Happy Trails! [HNN](#)



The Board and Staff expressed deep appreciation for Evelyn during her send-off celebration.

Lisa Hoffmeyer Takes Sabbatical to Teach in Cambodia and See The World

Everyone says to themselves at one time or another: “One day I’m going to learn Japanese,” “One day I’m going to master the art of French cooking,” “One day I’m going to run a marathon.” We all have a dream for “one day” and for me, that day has come. One of my passions in life is travel and I’ve always wanted to do a Round the World trip and particularly spend extended time in Southeast Asia. I am making my dream a reality and taking a year off to travel beginning May 23.



Lisa at the temples of Angkor in Cambodia.

During my trip, I’ll take a class to Teach English to speakers of Foreign Languages (TEFL). So for a month I’ll be based in a town on the southern tip of Spain in a picturesque and historic port town, called Cadiz. After I receive my TEFL certification, I’ll make my way to Thailand and Cambodia where I plan to practice my new skills of TEFL through volunteering. I fell in love with Cambodia a few years ago on a vacation to visit the ancient temples of Angkor. The warm, happy spirit of the people was unforgettable, especially in light of the country’s tragic and troubled past. When my guide at the temples mentioned that he was involved with a new nonprofit school in the area I jumped at the chance to visit. I was so impressed by the teachers, students and the organization that I promised to return to volunteer one day.

I am excited (and, to be honest, a little nervous!) to begin my adventure. I’ll keep in touch with my colleagues while I’m gone through my blog: <http://blog.travelpod.com/members/travelinglisa>

I look forward to working with you again upon my return to the Coalition next year. But for now, I’m off to see the world! [HNN](#)

Coalition Welcomes New Board Member & Staff



Susan Pourciau joins the Florida Housing Coalition Board. She is the Executive Director of the Big Bend Homeless Coalition in Tallahassee. The mission of the Big Bend Homeless Coalition is to end homelessness in the Big Bend through leadership, education, advocacy, and the provision of quality services.

Prior to acting on her vision to help end homelessness, Susan was an Accounting Professor at Florida State University. Susan earned a Ph.D. in accounting from Arizona State University and a J.D. from Duke Law School. [HNN](#)



Rose Phillips joins the Florida Housing Coalition Technical Assistance team. Phillips received her Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Iowa and her Bachelor's of Arts Degree in Environmental Studies from Mount Holyoke College. She recently co-authored an Economic and Social Impact

Study for the Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity. In 2012, she served on the University of Iowa team that conducted a housing needs assessment for the Oskaloosa Housing Trust Fund. She interviewed social service providers about local housing needs, identified policy tools and funding sources for affordable housing development and rehabilitation of older housing stock, and analyzed housing policies in the city's planning and zoning documents. Phillips also was a team member for the "Portrait of Poverty" study for Dubuque, IA, a partner city in the Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities. She analyzed housing cost burden in Dubuque using GIS, helped conduct surveys and focus groups with residents and social service providers, and served as co-editor for the final report.

See her article: *The Dedicating Opportunities to End Homelessness Initiative* on page 12. [HNN](#)

New Tampa Office



The Florida Housing Coalition has a new Tampa Office where Stan Fitterman, Chief Operating Officer/Technical Assistance Director; Gladys Schneider, Technical Assistance Director; and Rose Phillips, Technical Advisor; will be based.

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