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Five questions: Beverly Signoracci

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For nearly a decade, Cohoes native Beverly Signoracci has been the executive director of the Cohoes Housing Authority (which has 305 housing units).

Q You've been working for the city housing authority for nearly three decades. What is the most rewarding part of your job?

A We are here to help people and we create a sense of community among our developments. It's wonderful to have a job that provides a support system for the needs of moderate to low income people.

Q Can you tell me a little about the Family Self-Sufficiency in Public Housing program?

A It's about supplying services that help further their (residents) education and job training, as well as getting help with child care so that eventually they can become independent and not need subsidies.

Q What is the Housing Choice Voucher Program?

A Residents get rent subsidies, but instead of living in a housing development, they live in communities outside the development.

Q How successful is the program to promote home ownership?

A We've had one (family) purchase a home and eight people going to the program. It's a very good program (which requires participates to purchase properties in Cohoes).

Q Many people in Cohoes know you professionally. Can you tell them something they might not know about your personally?

A Well, I just became a grandmother and it's the best feeling in the world.

- Robert Cristo