

# JUST HOUSING



*Ngoan Le, Vice President of Program for The Chicago Community Trust, underscores the importance of immigrant integration in a fostering a healthy region for all.*

## IMMIGRANTS NOW COMPRISE 27% OF CHICAGO'S NORTHERN SUBURBS

In a democracy, no one should be invisible. Although immigrants who live and work in the northern suburbs contribute \$6.5 billion to the local economy through jobs, spending, and homeownership, immigrants are woefully underrepresented in civic life.

On January 28, 2011, 45 government and community representatives gathered at the Skokie Public Library for the Interfaith Housing Center's release of *Open to All?: Different Cultures, Same Communities*. This report, commissioned by Interfaith and conducted by

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## ANNUAL MEETING 2010:

### Homesharing, Retirement, and Integrated Communities

Fifty-five people attended Interfaith's Annual Meeting, celebrating the 25th anniversary of Interfaith's Homesharing Program, at St. Timothy's Church in Skokie on November 7, 2010. Homesharers shared their different experiences. Gwen Johnson is an Evanston resident who needed the additional income to meet her mortgage. She is sharing her home with Janice Reed, a woman who suffered a two-hour commute to work prior to this move. "This is a new opportunity for me, and I'm having a ball," said Johnson. "We're two months in, but it's like we've known each other forever."

Maury McGough of HUD gave an update of HUD's fair housing goals as the Fair Housing Act evolves over the next 40 years. While HUD remains vigilant in going after those who illegally discriminate in the housing market, McGough said that the emphasis today is being "put toward building inclusive and sustainable communities" He added,

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*Gwen Johnson of Evanston is enjoying having someone to share her home, having made a new friend and being able to afford her mortgage.*

## THE MISSION

The Interfaith Housing Center of the Northern Suburbs is dedicated to housing justice by advancing open, inclusive, and diverse communities throughout Chicago's northern suburbs.

As the area's premier voice for fair and affordable housing, Interfaith educates, advocates, and organizes to uphold these values.

## One-Stop Shop Launched for North Suburban Tenants and Landlords



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## Executive Director's Letter

# IT'S NOT ABOUT HOUSING.

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It all boils down to what kind of community do we want to be.

A dozen years ago, I was part of an evening gathering of Glencoe residents at North Shore United Methodist Church. Several clergy were there, residents of all ages including Glencoe's only Section 8 voucher holder, her daughter sleeping on her grandmother's lap, staff from the North Shore Senior Center, and the Village President. The President talked about his vision of creating the first affordable senior housing in Glencoe, "in the \$500,000 range." The pastor of the church, Rev. Carol Brown, opened her eyes wide and balked at that high "affordable" level.

At that point, Rabbi Bruce Elder said that the real question we should be asking ourselves is not what kind of housing do we want but "what kind of Glencoe do we want to be."

I think about this today while we are in the midst of an affordable housing debate in Winnetka. Working closely with five clergy (including Rabbi Elder), we have been able to generate considerable support for a plan, five years in the making, that's on the table for Village approval. But there is also vocal opposition.

Looking at petition comments, e-mails, and letters to the editor on both sides, it is apparent that this plan is not really about how affordable is "affordable", the price tag, or who will live in this housing.

Often in these comments, housing is only the punch line after setting the context about the kind of Winnetka we want to be.

Read these comments from supporters:  
*"Winnetka has achieved and enjoys excellence in virtually all areas of Village life... Much of this is the result of the relative affluence of its residents and the working of market forces. But much is also attributed to values that transcend the purely economic: A sense of community, of openness, respect and concern for each others' needs.... The affordable housing proposal recognizes these important intangible values in an appropriate, feasible way."*

*"According to the UIC study that underpins the Plan Commission's work, one in four Winnetkans cannot afford their current housing. ... They are contributors to the fabric of this community. Their experience, diversity of interests, and volunteer efforts enrich us all."*

*"We become parochial and small-minded when we retreat into ghettos, even ghettos of the wealthy. For the sake of others we should care for, and for the sake of our own souls, we should work for a community in which there is room for those who need low cost housing."*

*"We [are] members of a community that is more than the sum of its property values."*

And from detractors:

*"I don't support affordable housing in Winnetka, because I don't believe in an egalitarian society when it comes to housing and some other things."*

*"Are you really sure that the woman who cleans your house wants to live next door to you?"*

I fear that our future could be our past. Watch *Umberto D.*, a post-war 1952 Italian film by Vittorio De Sica. An elderly pensioner lives "in tragic solitude," as De Sica describes it, with his dog Flike in a single room. After 20 years, his landlady is evicting him so she can make more money. No one is there to help him fight for his rights or uphold his dignity. As a society, we could be headed in that direction, with budget cuts, pension cuts, service cuts, and the widest gulf between rich and poor since the 1920's.



From the 1952 Italian film, *Umberto D.*

What kind of community does Interfaith aspire to foster? Indeed, it is a just and caring community. At Interfaith, we are here for seniors and families living lives of "tragic solitude". Thanks to you – the supporters, colleagues, and members of Interfaith – we are here to turn strangers into friends, to mediate, to organize, and to help right wrongs. We are happy to lend organizing support to home-grown grass-roots movements for housing justice like the newly launched Winnetka is Neighborly.

As one Winnetkan wrote, "This vibrant community should open its arms to the people who provide a true sense of community: people who work here, people who serve here and people who would like to grow old here."

—Gail Schechter, [gail@interfaithhousingcenter.org](mailto:gail@interfaithhousingcenter.org)

**PS Winnetkans:** Hope to see you at the April 12th Village Council meeting and together we can lend our support for the affordable housing plan.

# ORGANIZING GRASSROOTS SUPPORT FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING:

Northbrook, Wilmette, and Winnetka

## Northbrook

Northbrook's new Comprehensive Plan, adopted in December 2010 after many years of study, makes affordable and accessible housing its top community priority. Last year, a passionate group of residents approached Interfaith for organizing help, concerned that the draft plan had no mention of helping to meet affordable or accessible housing needs. These residents, with Interfaith's help, circulated petitions by e-mail and in person that attracted over 100 residents, clergy and business signers from Northbrook. One woman even set up a card table near the lunch room of her assisted living facility to gain signatures. Last spring, five residents in succession testified to the Village Board in favor of affordable housing in the plan.

The new language reads, as Priority 1: "Provide housing that meets the needs of the entire population of Northbrook." The Comprehensive Plan can be found at <http://www.northbrook.il.us/index.aspx?page=239>

## Wilmette

Interfaith worked with Wilmette religious leaders to draft and collect signatures to a congregation-based petition advocating the inclusion of affordable housing at the new Village Center Master Plan, projected to include at least 330 residential units. Rev. Kirk Reed of Trinity United Methodist Church presented over 60 names to the Wilmette Plan Commission at its November 22nd meeting, and introduced himself as representing a dozen congregations of multiple faiths in the Village. This successfully resulted in members of the Commission editing the document to include compliance with Wilmette's affordable housing plan. As Commissioner Scott Goldstein said, without it, there could be an argument in the future that the policy does not apply to the Village Center. In January 2011, the Village Board unanimously incorporated the Village Center Plan into its Comprehensive Plan.

## Winnetka

Working with a group of clergy from Christ Church, Congregation Hakafa, Winnetka Congregational Church, Winnetka Covenant Church, and Winnetka Presbyterian Church, Interfaith helped organize community support for the Winnetka Plan Commission as they finalized an affordable housing implementation plan.

Together, the group generated over 75 names through print and on-line petitions, which Rabbi Bruce Elder presented last November. The group was able to gather dozens of supporters at the Plan Commission's meeting on December 15, which successfully advanced the Plan to the Village Council. The Council is scheduled to consider the Plan Commission's report on April 12, 2011.

The proposed Winnetka affordable housing implementation plan, entitled *Reinvigorating a Tradition of Varied, Moderately Priced and Affordable Housing: A Report to the Village Council*, is available on the Village's web site at [www.villageofwinnetka.org](http://www.villageofwinnetka.org). It proposes a menu of regulatory changes that would make it easier for a homeowner to renovate and rent out "coach houses"; incentives to maintain rental housing units above stores; and a requirement of 15% affordable housing in any new multifamily development to be constructed in business districts.

Affordable ownership housing would be targeted to families earning between \$75,000 and \$105,000, and rentals, for those earning between \$45,000 and \$75,000. It also proposes a non-profit community land trust as steward of this housing, and an affordable housing trust fund, which could be capitalized by private, voluntary donations.

The Village aims to restore income diversity. The Commission writes in its report, "Winnetka's housing stock increasingly serves only one kind of resident—a family at the peak of its earning years and with school-aged children. This limited vision of a Winnetka resident excludes too many of our own residents, offers little flexibility for dealing with changes in the economy or in demographics, and does not do justice to the economically diverse history of Winnetka."

Interfaith is lending technical support to local clergy and a campaign of advocates, Winnetka Is Neighborly. Interfaith also created a fact sheet about the plan, available on its web site, [www.interfaithhousingcenter.org](http://www.interfaithhousingcenter.org).

## WINNETKANS: Voice your support for this plan!

Send letters or e-mails to the Village President Jessica Tucker (via Village Manager Robert Bahan at [rbahan@winnetka.org](mailto:rbahan@winnetka.org)). And attend the April 12th meeting if you can!

## Newsletter sponsor

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## ANNUAL MEETING

“Integration has to be done at the local level, and Interfaith has always maintained a strong community component.”

Author Mark Miller (*The Hard Times Guide to Retirement Security: Practical Strategies for Money, Work, and Living*) of Evanston described

how Homesharing can be an important retirement option because of this ever-changing economy. Miller writes a syndicated column, *Retire Smart*, and is the son of the late Rayna and Marvin Miller, founders of the Interfaith Housing Center.



Maury McGough, Chicago fair housing director for HUD, shares the agency's pro-integration direction.

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## IMMIGRANTS

the Voorhees Center of the University of Illinois at Chicago documents immigrant life in this region and “best practices” for civic engagement. Dr. Janet Smith, co-director of the Voorhees Center, presented a summary of the report. The full report is available on Interfaith's web site at [http://www.interfaithhousingcenter.org/newsitems/open\\_to\\_all\\_Interfaith\\_Voorhees\\_2011.pdf](http://www.interfaithhousingcenter.org/newsitems/open_to_all_Interfaith_Voorhees_2011.pdf)

This project was underwritten by The Chicago Community Trust under an Immigrant Integration Initiative. For more information or for presentations, contact Alicia De La Cruz at (847) 501-5760, ext. 407, or e-mail: [alicia@interfaithhousingcenter.org](mailto:alicia@interfaithhousingcenter.org)

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## HUD CONSIDERS HOUSING RIGHTS FOR GAYS AND LESBIANS

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is proposing banning federally-assisted housing providers from discriminating based on an applicant's sexual orientation or gender identity. This would also prohibit lenders from using sexual orientation or gender identity to determine eligibility for FHA mortgage financing.

The proposal also clarifies the definition of "family" in HUD programs to ensure it does not exclude anyone because one or more family members may be an LGBT individual or perceived as such. Finally, the proposed regulations prohibit owners and managers of HUD-assisted housing from asking about the sexual orientation or gender identity of an applicant or current resident.

In addition, HUD is conducting its first-ever national study of LGBT discrimination the rental and sale of housing.



## INTERFAITH'S 7th ANNUAL FAIR HOUSING MONTH EVENT

### Making Our Communities Accessible: Housing Solutions for People with Disabilities

- ▶ How can older homes be adapted for people with disabilities?
- ▶ What can our municipalities do to make neighborhoods fully accessible?

Interfaith Housing Center of the Northern Suburbs, in partnership with JJ's List, invites you to join us for a panel discussion of:

- ▶ Innovative housing options for individuals with disabilities;
- ▶ Ordinances and zoning regulations that can protect people with disabilities; and
- ▶ Fair housing rights and responsibilities as they affect all people.

This is also the annual opportunity for information sharing and networking among north suburban municipalities.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2011,**

**FROM 6:30pm – 8:30 pm**

Trinity United Methodist Church

1024 Lake Avenue, Wilmette

Free of charge and open to the public

### LET US KNOW YOU'RE COMING!

Visit [www.interfaithhousingcenter.org](http://www.interfaithhousingcenter.org) to RSVP or for more information, call Andrea Juracek, Director of Fair Housing, at (847) 501-3278, ext. 501.

## FAIR HOUSING TRAINING FOR CONDO & HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS

- ▶ If a resident in a wheelchair needs a ramp built to enter a main building entrance, who pays for it?
- ▶ If a resident needs a handicapped parking spot and all spots are assigned, what is the association's responsibility?
- ▶ What is a reasonable accommodation or modification? Does your association have a procedure for handling these types of requests?

All homeowners associations are subject to federal, state, and local Fair Housing laws. If you're on the board of a condo or homeowners association and unsure of the answers to these questions, contact Interfaith Housing Center for free fair housing law training.

To arrange for a training, contact Andrea Juracek, Director of Fair Housing at (847) 501-3278, ext. 501 or [andrea@interfaithhousingcenter.org](mailto:andrea@interfaithhousingcenter.org).

*Ald. Kathy Murphy-Pieri talks about Highwood's fair and affordable housing challenges at Interfaith's 2009 Fair Housing Month event.*



## 2011: A YEAR OF OUTREACH

**Audrey Moy** is reaching out to Interfaith's member congregations to strengthen our connection, learn about their housing concerns, and share information about our fair housing, foreclosure prevention, and Homesharing programs. We thank The Chicago Community Trust for its support of this outreach.

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Audrey Moy

**Lali Watt** is reaching out to local employers to urge them to share Homesharing to their workforce as a free, community-based housing resource. We appreciate the Grand Victoria Foundation's support of the Homesharing employment outreach initiative.

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Lali Watt

## LANDLORD TENANT PROJECT

One-stop shop launched for North Suburban Tenants and Landlords:  
[www.landlordtenantproject.org](http://www.landlordtenantproject.org)

Municipalities and Interfaith coalesced as the Landlord Tenant Project in 2009, thanks to a grant from the Woods Fund of Chicago. The seven local municipalities (Evanston, Highland Park, Lincolnwood, Northbrook, Park Ridge, Skokie, and Wilmette) and Interfaith Housing Center launched a new web site, [www.landlordtenantproject.org](http://www.landlordtenantproject.org), in February 2011, consolidating information on rights, responsibilities and resources for renters and landlords in Chicago's northern suburbs.

The goal of the project is to bring together landlords, tenants, and municipalities into a network, fostering understanding between all groups and ultimately strengthening rental housing in the region and the state of Illinois.

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Area officials are thrilled. "I think the website is a good resource tool for landlords and tenants that are looking for quick advice in resolving their housing issues," said Alisa Dean, Community Intervention Coordinator for the City of Evanston. "The web site is a welcome referral source to foster understanding between landlords and tenants," adds Laura Dee, Environmental Health Officer with the City of Park Ridge.

The feedback from landlords and tenants has also been positive. "This is a practical, simple, easy to follow website," said Kurt Kopala, owner of rental property in Lake and Cook Counties.

Shanton Mathis, an area tenant, says, "Knowledge is power. This web site gives information that prevents homelessness and disagreements. It helps empower tenants to help negotiate and alleviate problems."

The Landlord Tenant Project does not offer legal advice. Rather, it offers tips to help create a safe, comfortable living environment in rental units for all communities.

Please visit [www.landlordtenantproject.org](http://www.landlordtenantproject.org). If you have any questions, feel free to contact Brendan Saunders at Interfaith at [brendan@interfaithhousingcenter.org](mailto:brendan@interfaithhousingcenter.org) or (847) 501-4352, ext. 402.

**You have a nice set of wheels but can't find a place to park them.**



Landlords must allow you to make reasonable accommodations to ensure full use of your apartment. Telling you that you can't install grab bars and ramps is against the law. You can fight back.

If you suspect unfair housing practices, contact HUD or your local Fair Housing Center.

**Everyone deserves a fair chance.**

**The only way to stop housing discrimination is to report it.**

Contact (847) 501-5760  
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**If you feel you've been discriminated against,** contact Andrea Juracek at [andrea@interfaithhousingcenter.org](mailto:andrea@interfaithhousingcenter.org), or (847) 501-3278, ext. 501.



**EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY**

## OUT OF ADVERSITY, OPPORTUNITY: HOMESHARING MAY BE FOR YOU

The housing downturn has left people unable to sell their homes. Rising utility, home maintenance, and property tax expenses challenge incomes diminished by inflation. Many homeowners are thinking creatively about generating income through renting out one or two of their furnished bedrooms.

Meanwhile, the economic downturn has transformed the workplace. Skilled workers now follow contractual, project-specific jobs to other states and countries; often forced to leave spouses, homes and children temporarily behind. These workers need month to month affordable housing near employment.

Opening one's home to a stranger can be intimidating. And so can moving into another person's home.

Operating a shared housing program since 1985, Interfaith's staff acts a "match-maker" turning a housing crisis into an opportunity for companionship and income.

Jackie Grossmann, Homesharing Coordinator for over 14 years, listens to the needs of both the homeowner and the potential renter. In addition to negotiating the practical details regarding rent

and house rules, she listens and looks for the unique qualities that each person could bring to a match: a generosity of spirit, kindness and honesty. She then introduces people whose lives might be mutually enriched by the experience of sharing a home with someone else...the "art" of the matching process.

If you are interested in sharing your home or finding a room to rent for \$600 and under, please contact Jackie Grossmann, [jackie@interfaithhousingcenter.org](mailto:jackie@interfaithhousingcenter.org), (847) 501-5732, ext. 401. This service is confidential and offered free of charge.

If you are an employer and want to learn more about how Homesharing could benefit your employees, please call Lali Watt, Employer Outreach Consultant, at [lali@interfaithhousingcenter.org](mailto:lali@interfaithhousingcenter.org) or (847) 571-8318.



## BE PREPARED... TO PREVENT FORECLOSURE

When faced with the possibility of foreclosure, it is not unusual to be nervous.

Homeowners can turn to the Interfaith Housing Center for help. Staff work diligently with homeowners to present their options. We count on homeowners to be prepared and organized. We give every homeowner who contacts us a list of mortgage-related documents they need to provide us before scheduling an appointment. (This list is also available for download from our web site.) These documents enable staff to intervene effectively with the lender.

When the homeowner is prepared and provides all documentation in a timely manner, we have been able to negotiate some very satisfactory outcomes.

For example, a young father of three children contacted Interfaith when he was 60 days delinquent. His hours at work were reduced, leading

to a decline in income. This homeowner came to his appointment fully prepared with all documents requested. On the spot, staff verified his information, created a budget and worked together on an action plan with his lender. Within 24 hours, staff requested more information regarding income and before close of business, the homeowner provided the information. A month later, the homeowner was offered a trial loan modification which lowered his monthly payments nearly \$500.

Staff will continue to follow up until the modification is permanent. Some of the cases that we see can take much longer especially if the Homeowner is not prepared.

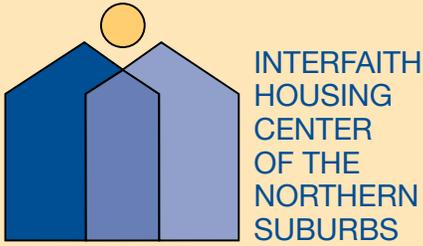
If you or anyone you know is in need of Housing Counseling, contact either Jasmine S. Brewer or Anna Dominov at (847) 501-5760, extensions 404 or 405 respectively.

## CHECKLIST FOR A HOUSING COUNSELING APPOINTMENT

We need a copy of each of the following information from you to create a case file and schedule an appointment with a homeowner seeking to prevent foreclosure. With a complete file, Interfaith staff can communicate effectively with lenders on your behalf.

- ▶ Most recent mortgage statement
- ▶ Checking account statements for last 2 months
- ▶ 2 years of filed taxes
- ▶ Paystubs for the last 2 months for all income holders of the property
- ▶ Proof of any other income (child support, alimony, SSI, disability, rental income, cash payments for work)
- ▶ Hardship letter (What happened that caused you to fall behind)
- ▶ Any communication with lender/servicer (letters, court papers, etc...)
- ▶ Original loan documents (these can be obtained from calling your servicer):
  - HUD -1A Settlement Statement
  - Truth in Lending Statement
  - Good Faith Estimate
  - 1003 Loan Application

*Depending on the lender, clients might be asked for additional documents. Please contact Interfaith at (847) 501-5760, ext. 405 before dropping off the documents.*



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Here are just a few ways  
you can become involved...

- ▶ Become a Fair Housing Tester (and earn a modest stipend for while providing a valuable service).
- ▶ Hang flyers in your community to spread the word about the critical services that Interfaith provides.
- ▶ Publish information about Interfaith in your organization's newsletter.
- ▶ Invite us to speak to your students, congregation, neighbors, homeowners' association, or civic group.
- ▶ Apply to join the Board of Directors.
- ▶ Volunteer to help with mailings at our office in Winnetka.

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