

JUST HOUSING

Interfaith Housing Center of the Northern Suburbs Spring 2008

Housing Saved for Mother and her Disabled Daughter in Deerfield

Two days after Christmas, a mother called Interfaith desperately seeking help to preserve her housing voucher that has allowed her to afford to live in Deerfield for the last year.

The Lake County Housing Authority, the local government body that administers the Section 8/Housing Choice Voucher program, threatened to take away Kiana Kelly's voucher because she did not report her 2007 income (\$14,000) from her part-time job at Whole Foods. Ms. Kelly had not reported this income because it kept fluctuating with her part-time status and the child's father stopped making support payments.

Kiana Kelly has a five-year-old daughter with multiple disabilities including autism. Her daughter, Jakayla, is thriving at Wilmot Elementary School, benefiting from specialized kindergarten programming, as well as the Park District's after school care. Educators and health professionals alike warned that displacement would be traumatic for the girl and set back her progress.

Interfaith's Executive Director Gail Schechter spoke with Alon Jeffrey, Executive Director of the Lake County Housing Authority (LCHA), to request that the LCHA give Ms. Kelly a second chance as a reasonable accommodation for Jakayla's disability, citing the federal Fair Housing Act. Mr. Jeffrey did not make promises except to note that the LCHA would treat Ms. Kelly fairly in her appeal hearing.

Approximately two weeks later, Ms. Kelly was

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Kiana Kelly and her daughter Jakayla

Interfaith Expands Foreclosure Prevention Role

Interfaith received approval in March from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to expand its ability to help homeowners avoid foreclosure and stay in their homes, a move that comes at a time when northern Cook County is having a dramatic rise in foreclosure filings and many affordable smaller homes have been lost to "McMansions."

According to a recent report by the Woodstock Institute (www.woodstockinst.org), northern Cook County has had the largest growth of foreclosure filings in the Chicago metropolitan area with an increase of 67 percent from 2006 to 2007. Interfaith, which serves 16 north suburban communities, has seen its own foreclosure and predatory lending case load rise 350 percent between fiscal years 2003 and 2008.

"Foreclosures are the latest threat to diverse and affordable communities in the northern suburbs," said

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The mission of the Interfaith Housing Center of the Northern Suburbs is to foster a housing market open to people of all ages and income levels, regardless of race, religion, family composition or any of the other legally protected classes.



FAIR & AFFORDABLE

When Parking Restrictions Meet the Fair Housing Act

A cautionary tale for all municipalities: consider whether the housing rights of legally protected individuals – by race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, and presence of children – are disproportionately affected when making seemingly unconnected zoning changes. Such was the lesson learned when the Village of Skokie decided to restrict parking by resident taxicab drivers last year.

In mid-October 2007, Gail Schechter, Interfaith's executive director, was approached by a Skokie neighbor who is also an organizer with the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC). Together with the Council of Islamic Organizations, AFSC had been working with Skokie resident taxicab drivers upset with a Village amendment to its zoning ordinance that removes a one-cab-per-block exemption to its commercial vehicle parking ban, as of January 1, 2008. This could have the effect of forcing these drivers to move from Skokie because most only have the one cab as their everyday vehicle and do not have a garage.

Schechter contacted HUD's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity and was encouraged by HUD's initial read of this amendment as having a "disparate fair housing impact" based on race, national origin, and religion, since virtually 100% of Skokie resident drivers are non-white and not native born, most being Pakistani Muslims and Sikhs.

Schechter met with the drivers who then voted unanimously to file complaints with HUD. Two dozen drivers completed the HUD complaints in the vestibule of the Skokie Village Hall prior to a Board meeting. Fortunately, several Skokie Village Trustees were equally concerned about a potential negative impact on

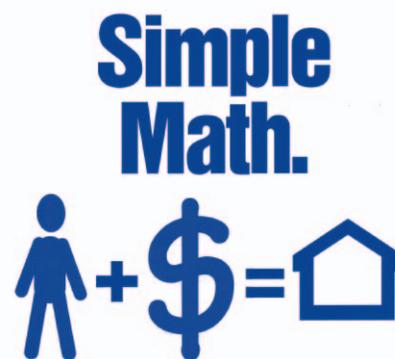


Skokie taxicab drivers discuss parking restrictions. Taxicab leader Ilyas Sayed is second from right.

Skokie's diversity that this ban could prompt. At that night's meeting, Trustee Randall Roberts made an impassioned speech about the importance of continuing to treat taxicab drivers differently from other commercial vehicle owners because they have a difficult job and provide a public service in transporting the elderly and special needs children in the community.

As a result, Skokie rescinded an aspect of the ban which would have prohibited parking on uncovered "parking pads" behind houses or apartment buildings, and will allow for "hardship permits" where no parking other than street parking is possible. The new ordinance takes effect in March. These changes should accommodate all drivers.

Interfaith and the drivers applauded the Village's willingness to compromise. Skokie is one of the most ethnically and racially diverse communities in the Chicago region.



This is the only equation that matters, when it comes to owning a home. Making decisions based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability or family status adds up to discrimination. You can fight back.

If you suspect unfair housing practices, contact HUD or your local Fair Housing Center. Everyone deserves a fair chance.



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Call for Nominations: Rayna Miller Housing Justice Award

DEADLINE: JUNE 30, 2008

In celebration of the 35th Anniversary of the Interfaith Housing Center of the Northern Suburbs, Interfaith is calling for nominations for its first annual **Rayna Miller Housing Justice Award**. This new annual award will recognize the outstanding achievements of north suburban individuals to bring about diverse, inclusive, and integrated housing in their own north suburban Chicago backyards. The winner of the award will be honored at Interfaith's 35th Anniversary event in September 2008.

To be eligible, the nominee must be a resident of Deerfield, Evanston, Glencoe, Glenview, Highland Park, Highwood, Kenilworth, Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Niles, Northbrook, Northfield, Park Ridge, Skokie, Wilmette, or Winnetka; and must be an

individual or group of individuals.

Interfaith welcomes nominations of individuals whose creative and courageous actions advance the cause of fair housing and equal opportunity or affordable housing.

A nomination form is posted on our web site, www.interfaithhousingcenter.org. You may also send an e-mail to ihcns@interfaithhousingcenter.org.

Rayna Miller was a champion for fairness in housing throughout her life. She was among a group of Wilmette women who started the North Shore Summer Project in 1961, a grassroots mobilization of residents to fight institutional racism and anti-Semitism in the housing market, and in 1973 became executive director of the North Shore Interfaith Housing Council, Interfaith's original incarna-

tion. A courageous woman, Rayna was heckled for her leadership in assisting African Americans of all incomes to move to the North Shore and for advocating for affordable senior, family, and group housing throughout the area. Her strong character, commitment and charisma drew hundreds of supporters and congregations to Interfaith and its open housing mission. Her community activism extended to the League of Voters of Wilmette, where she served as president; the New Trier Township Health and Human Services Committee; and the Wilmette Housing Commission.

Interfaith Awarded HUD Fair Housing Grant

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded the Interfaith Housing Center a \$275,000 grant award to fight housing discrimination in the northern suburbs. Interfaith's is one of 88 grants totaling \$17.1 million to recipients in 37 states and the District of Columbia. Pictured here is HUD Midwest Secretary Joseph Galvan (center) and HUD Midwest Fair Housing Director Barbara Knox (right) with members of the Interfaith Board and staff at a ceremony at HUD in December 2007.



Fair Housing Briefs

Park Ridge Attend a fair housing “teach-in”, Saturday, April 5, 2 pm, Park Ridge Public Library. Learn about housing discrimination and fair housing laws. The accompanying exhibit, A History of Equal Housing in the Northern Suburbs, is at the library throughout April. (More on page 8)

Skokie Interfaith staff intervened on behalf of an 88-year-old wheelchair bound woman whose condominium association adopted a rule restricting parking by caregivers in owners’ spaces. This created a hardship for the owner because it would mean the caregiver would have to leave her charge to repark her car on the street, a dangerous situation since the woman often falls when unsupervised. Staff wrote letter to the condominium board and the

management company requesting a reasonable parking accommodation. The accommodation was granted.

Ninth Annual Dr. King Day Ad Fourteen real estate and financial institutions serving Chicago’s northern suburbs participated in this year’s King Day advertisement, an expression of commitment to the Fair Housing Act and inclusive, diverse, and open communities published in twenty-six Pioneer Press papers. (See ad below.)

Facing Foreclosure This year marks the 40th Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act. We pause to consider how far we’ve come and the challenges still before us. Join us on Wednesday, April 30, 2008, 6:30-8:30 pm for “Facing Foreclosure...in Our

Own Backyard,” at the Wilmette Public Library, a seminar on the foreclosure crisis in Chicago’s northern suburbs and its disparate impact on the elderly, disabled, and people of color. We especially encourage Human /Community Relations Commissions and “graduates” of our fair housing advocate trainings to join us and share the work they’ve been doing over the last year to work on issues of fair housing and diversity. We will be joined by Geoff Smith of the Woodstock Institute an organization that studies foreclosures and predatory lending, and from Michael Roche, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Fair Housing Division. Come hear from the experts on an issue at the heart of the current economic crisis!

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We pledge our commitment to FAIR HOUSING



IN 1965, founders of the Interfaith Housing Center of the Northern Suburbs invited Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to the North Shore. Addressing 10,000 people on the Winnetka Village Green, he said, “We must go all out to end segregation in housing... History has presented us with a cosmic challenge. We must now learn to live together as brothers, or we will perish together as fools. The shape of the world today does not permit our nation the luxury of an anemic democracy.”

The federal Fair Housing Act passed 40 years ago this year to assure equal housing rights for all. “We are pledged to the letter and spirit of U.S. policy for the achievement of equal housing opportunity throughout the nation. We encourage and support an affirmative advertising and marketing program in which there are no barriers to obtaining housing because of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin.” HUD Equal Housing Opportunity Statement.

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The Interfaith Housing Center is a not-for-profit membership organization established in 1972 to promote fair and affordable housing, fostering integrated, just, and welcoming communities in the northern suburbs of Chicago, Illinois.

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Greater than Sum of the Parts

Eight months. Five suburban communities. 72 trained advocates. Thanks to all who joined us at a fair housing workshop in **Park Ridge, Skokie, Glenview, Evanston and Highwood**. These free 3-part workshops taught participants about the laws that protect all of us from housing discrimination as renters, buyers and borrowers; provided insights into the benefits of living in a stable, integrated community; and reviewed the housing tools communities use to create and preserve affordable housing. Special thanks to all our hosts: the Glenview Community Church, the Skokie Public Library, and Highwood's Oak Terrace School; and to our many participants who included members of Human Relations Commissions, clergy and lay leaders from local congregations, lawyers, social workers, and Village Trustees. Consider hosting such a fair housing workshop for your colleagues, neighborhood circle, congregation, or community. Contact Margaret at 847-501-3278 or margaret@interfaithhousingcenter.org.

Got Housing Rights? Yes, You Do!

You can now download from www.interfaithhousingcenter.org any of four **Fair Housing Fact Sheets** that teach *Older Adults*, *Residents of Mobile/Manufactured Home Communities*, *Homeowners' & Condo Associations*, and *Victims of Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault* how to protect against housing discrimination. Each fact sheet is now available in English, Spanish, Polish and Russian – thanks to the veritable team of translators and board members who helped us get this project across the finish line: Susan Connor, Andrew Wachtel, Mark Gutin, Joanna Marszalek, Anna Januszewski.



Glenview Advocates,
Glenview
Community Church,
September 2007



Skokie Advocates,
Skokie Public Library,
October 2007



Highwood Advocates,
Oak Terrace School,
November 2007

Dr. King Would Be Proud

Young people from all over the northern suburbs gathered on Dr. Martin Luther King Day, January 21, 2008, for a day of service and education, making blankets and scarves for the homeless and taking in a performance by the Glencoe-based Writers' Theatre, *The MLK Project: The Fight for Civil Rights*.

This event which Interfaith co-sponsored with the Volunteer Center of New Trier Township, brought youth together to make blankets for Project Linus, which supports hospitalized children, and for The Night Ministry, an agency that helps the homeless.

One young woman during the feedback session that followed the performance articulated her incredulity in seeing the photos of the numerous African Americans who died in the violence of the Civil Rights era, "how could anyone be so mean, when people are just trying to be themselves." This was an excellent



Writers' Theatre production of *The MLK Project* at the Winnetka Woman's Club on January 21, 2008.

opportunity for Interfaith to participate in a "good will" effort that taught about the value of diversity. Interfaith and the Volunteer Center thank Harris N.A. for its generous underwriting of the event.



Housing Saved *Continued from page 1*

overjoyed when the LCHA reversed their original decision and granted her appeal. She and her daughter will be able to stay in her unit with her benefits, although she will have to pay \$4,300 to the LCHA, one-third of the unreported income. She needed \$1,429 as an initial deposit by February 29th.

Schechter appealed to Rev. Chris Coon, pastor of Christ United Methodist Church in Deerfield and leader with the Southeast Lake County Clergy Association, to help raise these funds. Rev. Coon issued a plea and thanks to four congregations – Christ United Methodist, First Church of Christ Scientist, the Deerfield

Baha'i Assembly, and St. Gregory's Episcopal Church – Ms. Kelly was able to provide a \$2,000 deposit. The contributions were channeled through Interfaith where they were pooled and submitted by Ms. Kelly to the LCHA.

In addition, Ms. Kelly has found new personal support through the faith community. A church staff member who also has an autistic child invited Ms. Kelly to be part of a support group for parents of children with special needs at the church.

Ms. Kelly's is precisely the kind of housing situation that the federal Section 8/Housing Choice Voucher program, founded in 1974, is supposed

to address – allowing a low-income person and person of color to make an "affirmative move" to a low-poverty, low-minority area, where she can benefit from economic opportunities and rental housing that is decent, safe and sanitary.

Interfaith thanks Mr. Jeffrey and the LCHA for continuing to work with Ms. Kelly. Interfaith also thanks each Deerfield congregation for its generous contribution. It is through the advocacy of Interfaith and generous donations that an African American and low-income family is able to continue to live in Deerfield.

Foreclosure Prevention *Continued from page 1.*

Interfaith's Executive Director Gail Schechter. "Interfaith's new certification gives us additional capabilities to broaden our outreach and our services as we seek to foster an open, stable, and healthy housing market during this difficult economic environment."

HUD's certification of Interfaith as a Housing Counseling Agency means that Interfaith is placed on an approved HUD referral list, and is qualified for additional HUD funding for its foreclosure prevention work.

Interfaith is one of only two HUD-certified housing agencies in north suburban Cook County, and the only one to specialize in foreclosures caused by predatory lending.

Interfaith's expertise in foreclosures is particularly necessary in today's market. Although housing prices in this traditionally affluent sub-region have consistently risen beyond the inflation rate and certainly most incomes, with average sales price increases of 160% since 1994 to well over \$700,000, a substantial number of homeowners are increasingly over their heads in debt.

Typically, households in danger of foreclosure have been lower income older adults, people of color, and people with blemished credit. Given the national and local projections, the number of foreclosure filings in the northern suburbs is expected to continue to climb – and this against a backdrop of rental stock gone-condo and more affordable, smaller homes being demolished in favor of housing stock that is increasingly unaffordable for fiscally-strapped households.

Interfaith's free foreclosure prevention service includes:

- one-on-one mortgage counseling
- re-negotiating loan terms
- referral where necessary for legal assistance or low-cost government home improvement programs
- help deferring payments for

financial or medical reasons.

Interfaith also works in collaboration with other housing counseling, government, and public policy advocates in the Chicago area, a role positively recognized by HUD.

Homeowners can contact Interfaith directly (847-501-5760 ext. 404) and speak to Jasmine S. Brewer, or write to jasmine@interfaithhousingcenter.org.

Homes Saved!

Loss of a full-time job caused one homeowner to fall three months behind on her mortgage payments. Upon receiving pre-foreclosure notices, this woman contacted Interfaith. In part because this single woman is the sole caretaker for a brother with disabilities who resides with her, Interfaith was able to assist her in filing a "hardship request." As a result of Interfaith's intervention, the lender approved a "loan modification" allowing this 5-year homeowner to bring her loan payments up-to-date by paying \$1,700 instead of the full past due of \$8,505.60.

A married mother with one child, faced losing her home after filing bankruptcy and failing to keep pace with the agreed monthly mortgage payments. This 5-year homeowner contacted Interfaith staff who walked her through the process of requesting a "loan modification" that renegotiated the interest rate. After several phone calls and negotiating sessions with the lender, the loan was modified from an interest rate of 10.335% to 8.75%, decreasing the overall monthly payments by \$325.

Homeowners are often unaware of the options available when they cannot make mortgage payments. Often one missed payment becomes two – and with high interest rates and late fees – a snowball effect takes place. The sooner individuals anticipate they need intervention, the better. Given the current foreclosure crisis, lenders are more agreeable to work

with borrowers to prevent foreclosure.

When homeowners face foreclosure and abusive lending practices, everyone suffers. Foreclosures not only pose an enormous obstacle for individuals to overcome, neighborhoods riddled with boarded up homes lose their vitality. Cities suffer lost tax revenue and increased crime.

If you are concerned about your loan, call Interfaith immediately 847-501-5760 ext. 404. Learn more about Interfaith's free foreclosure prevention services: www.interfaithhousingcenter.org.

A History of Housing Justice in Motion

A video, a traveling exhibit, and a housing resource guide all help to tell the story of *A History of Equal Housing in the Northern Suburbs of Chicago*. To date, this exhibit has traveled to seven north suburban communities thanks to a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Fair Housing Initiatives Program. The exhibit's timeline spans four decades and tells the struggle of north suburban residents to confront discriminatory housing practices and create open and welcoming neighborhoods. Exhibit viewers have the option of offering their own comments and remembrances on a community bulletin board, and picking up brochures and a new 6-page Resource Guide for learners of all ages on the topic of fair housing and diversity. All three of these educational tools are an excellent opportunity for history buffs and older children studying the civil rights movement.

Help us to keep justice in motion: Schedule a showing for a deserving public venue in your community today. For more information about this exhibit or to register for an upcoming fair housing workshop, please contact Margaret 847-501-3278 margaret@interfaithhousingcenter.org.

SPRING EVENTS AT A GLANCE

APRIL

Saturday, April 5, 2008, 2pm

Fair Housing "Teach-In" and History of Equal Housing exhibit, Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect.
All are welcome.

Tuesday, April 8, 2008, 1pm

Where Will We Live?

Presentation to Skokie North Shore Community Bank, Platinum Adventures Club on Affordable Housing/Homesharing

April 8 -11

HUD National Policy Council Conference, Atlanta, Georgia. Interfaith staff attends 40th Anniversary Celebration of the Fair Housing Act.

April 15, Noon

Solomon Schechter Middle School Students visit
Interfaith to learn about housing justice and social change.

April 27, 9am

Interfaith Housing Center visits **Wilmette Lutheran Church**, Sunday Adult Forum

April 30, Wednesday, 6:30 pm

Facing Foreclosure...in Our Own Backyard: a panel of experts offer a snapshot of the foreclosure crisis in Chicago's northern suburbs, Wilmette Public Library. All are welcome.

MAY

May 1 & 2

Northern Illinois University, Naperville

Housing Action Illinois 2008 Annual Convention

"The Changing Landscape of Affordable Housing: Finding Our Way Together" See www.housingactionil.org to join us.

May 18, Sunday

Interfaith visits **Wilmette Community Church**

SEPTEMBER

September 18, 2008 (tentative)

Interfaith Housing Center's 35th Anniversary Celebration

Thank You to Our Funders

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- The Chicago Community Trust
- Grand Victoria Foundation
- Harris Family Foundation
- root2fruit, a project of the Evanston Community Foundation
- Winnetka Rotary Charitable Foundation

We are also a member of Community Shares of Illinois, a workplace giving program that provides vital support to scores of grassroots, community-based organizations.

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- Niles Township
- Northfield Township
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- West Deerfield Township

Donations always needed and welcome!

For further information, go to www.interfaithhousingcenter.org, or call us at 847-501-5760.

Affordable Housing Briefs

Evanston

Interfaith was one of 200 individual and collective sponsors to encourage the **Evanston City Council** to consider a resolution upholding the diversity of her citizens and affirming fair and humane treatment of immigrants. A less potent, amended version of the resolution passed, encouraging the U.S. Congress to move toward comprehensive immigration reform and affirming the City's good will toward the Evanston immigrant community.

The Evanston Citizens' Lighthouse Community Land Trust completed renovations of its first building and is looking for a deserving family to buy the property. Find details at www.citizenslighthouse.org

Evanston Housing 4 All – a coalition of housing activists, local officials, and concerned citizens meets monthly at the YWCA to discuss and strategize about increasing opportunities for affordability in Evanston. See www.ywca.org (under "Advocacy")

The Evanston Housing Commission under the direction of chairwoman, Susan Munro, hosted a roundtable discussion for the directors of Evanston's housing development agencies, or CHDOs, to foster an understanding of their mission, hopes, and the challenges they face in developing affordable housing and making it available to the public. Click "Get involved" to join this commission charged with recommending use of public funds for the preservation and maintenance of Evanston's housing stock at www.cityofevanston.org/government/boards

Wilmette

The Wilmette Village Board met as "Committee as a Whole" to discuss the Affordable Housing Plan (February 7, 2008). The issue of how affordability will be made manifest is still being fleshed out in committee. President Canning's opening comments noted that affordable housing is a goal stated clearly in the Village's 2000 Comprehensive Plan and the 2004 Affordable Housing Report. Access these documents and meeting minutes on the Village website www.wilmette.com.

Winnetka

The Village of Winnetka offered two workshops to foster an understanding and to solicit commentary about some of the possible tools on the drawing board for fostering affordability in Winnetka. Participants were invited to offer input about policy, program, and finance vehicles to foster housing affordable to people at a variety of income levels. Winnetka has contracted with the Voorhees Center of the University of Illinois at Chicago to develop an affordable housing action plan.

Making Your Voice Heard

...about critical housing issues facing our state is easy when you sign up as a member of HousingMatters.net. You'll receive alerts to keep you informed and be provided easy opportunities to let our local officials know about the importance of housing to the vibrancy of our communities. Learn more at www.housingmatters.net.

Interfaith tracks several pending legislative bills. Learn more on the Advocacy page of the Interfaith website: www.interfaithhousingcenter.org.



JustNews

We are pleased to welcome **Joe Dillon** and **Galya Ruffer** to the Board of Directors. Joe is a Winnetka resident, father of three, parishioner of Sacred Heart Church, and employee of Harris Bank for over twenty-five years. He is now a Senior VP for Harris in Glencoe. Galya, a mother of four, is a resident of Highland Park and is Associate Director of the International Studies Program and Director of the International Studies Honors Program at Northwestern University.

Jasmine S. Brewer, Interfaith's Fair Housing Coordinator, was elected Secretary of the Board of the Chicago Area Fair Housing Alliance.

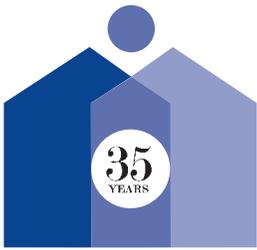
Interfaith welcomes **Hemenway United Methodist Church** (Evanston) and **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church** (Glenview) as new member congregations.

Our Wish List

Interfaith is seeking larger office space, at least 1,500 square feet. If you have leads on a fully handicap accessible office close to the Metra with a rent that is substantially below market, please contact Gail Schechter at 847-501-5762, ext. 406. Interfaith would also be grateful for donations of up-to-date:

- Scanner
- Color printer/Fax machine
- Digital camera
- Matching conference table and chairs

Thank you!



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Temple Jeremiah, Northfield
Temple Judea Mizpah, Skokie
Trinity United Church of Christ, Deerfield
Winnetka Congregational Church
Winnetka Presbyterian Church

Member Organizations

Deerfield Community Relations
Commission
Highland Park Housing Commission
Highland Park Illinois Community
Land Trust
Housing Opportunity Development
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Housing Options, Evanston
League of Women Voters of Deerfield
League of Women Voters of Glencoe
League of Women Voters of Wilmette
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North Shore Senior Center, Northfield
Reba Place Development Corp., Evanston
Skokie Human Relations Commission
WilPower, Inc., Northfield

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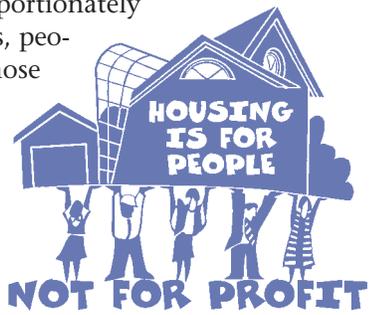
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**Facing Foreclosure...
In Our Own Backyard**

Wednesday, April 30, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Wilmette Public Library
RSVP 847-501-3278
This event is free
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Skyrocketing home foreclosures has emerged as one of the top housing issues in the nation. Come learn more about the growing foreclosure crisis in Chicago’s northern suburbs on April 30th. Learn which communities are most affected, how foreclosures disproportionately impact older adults, people of color, and those with disabilities, and how the problem is being addressed locally and state-wide.



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Interfaith Housing Center of the Northern Suburbs advocates for housing justice: educating about fair housing rights and affordable housing policies; assisting victims of foreclosure, predatory lending and housing discrimination; and matching persons seeking affordable housing with home owners who have an extra room in their home to rent through a free Homesharing service.