



DHOC Update

April 14, 2011

Grand Opening Celebration and Dedication May 9th

In February, the DuPage Homeownership Center and DuPage Habitat for Humanity moved into our *new home together* – office space we were able to purchase thanks to a very generous grant from DuPage County's Community Development Block Grant program. We are now located at **1600 E. Roosevelt Rd., Wheaton** in a beautiful office space that allows us to hold our workshop sessions on site and provides much-needed space to serve our clients.

To celebrate and dedicate our new space, DHOC and DHFH are hosting a joint event from 4:00 – 6:00pm on Monday, May 9th. A brief program will begin at 4:15, and we invite you to join us for refreshments and a tour from 5:00-6:00pm.

Please let Debbie know if you will be able to attend – debra@dhoc.org or 260-2500 x2502.

Though our address has changed, DHOC's phone, fax, and emails remain the same.

Annual Celebration June 1st

We look forward to seeing all of our members and friends at DHOC's 20th Anniversary Annual Celebration on Wednesday, June 1st, from 5 pm to 7:30 pm at the lovely Danada House in Wheaton.

This will be a very special evening, as we present the 2011 Robert Christ Affordable Housing Award to our dear friend, DHOC founding board member and former DHOC Executive Director **Dru Bergman**. Please help us honor her for her hard work, and her many years of commitment to DHOC and affordable housing advocacy in DuPage County.

As always, we will enjoy great food, lively conversation and exciting auction items. This year, however, we will have a special program to celebrate our 20 years of service to families in DuPage. We hope you will join us for this exciting event.

Tickets are \$45 in advance and \$50 at the door. They can be purchased online at our website by clicking on the following link: <http://www.dhoc.org/how/donate>. For reservations or more information, please contact Jennie at (630) 260-2500, ext. 2501 or jennie@dhoc.org.

Interim Executive Director

We're very pleased to announce that the DHOC Board of Directors has appointed Debbie Olson as our Interim Executive Director. Debbie is a former DHOC Board member and President, and is excited to be serving in the Interim capacity.

We are truly grateful to Senior Housing Counselor Lynette Briggs for her leadership since Dru's departure. Our entire staff also stepped in and took on extra tasks in order to keep operations flowing smoothly and get us moved into our new location. DHOC is fortunate to have such dedicated employees!

The Board of Directors also named Paul Colgan the new Board President. Paul is a public affairs and housing development consultant, has been a leader in our Benchmark effort, and has been a Board member since 2008.

We hope you will take a moment to introduce yourself to Debbie and Paul at our Grand Opening and/or Annual Celebration.

Thank You Members!

Thank you to our members who have faithfully supported us throughout 2011! Your membership, donations, grants, workshop activities, and service on our Board of Directors and planning committees have been integral to our success. Please know how much we value you.

Our membership renewal packet for our Fiscal Year 2012 will be out shortly. Severe cuts in government funding at all levels will seriously impact our 2012 budget. DHOC continues to serve over 1000 families annually. While we have experienced an increase in attendance at our Homebuyer Education workshops, the high number of foreclosure clients continues unabated. Your renewed membership is more important than ever, and will allow us to continue the critical housing counseling work we do while giving you the benefits you desire.

We are always looking for ways we can build more benefits for you into our memberships. If you have a suggestion, please contact Debbie at debra@dhoc.org. We always welcome your input.

Thank you for taking the time to watch for your packet and get it back to us right away with your FY2012 membership!

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