



Special Edition Member News

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Extra! Extra!

**A Home for the DuPage
Homeownership Center!**

What a concept!



DHOC Office Space

For those of you have been at our offices, you know how tight the space is and how difficult it can be to have a meeting of more than a few people. For several years we've talked about the possibility of owning our own space, but somehow the concept always found its way to the bottom of the list of strategic initiatives. There always seemed to be someone else who needed a home first.

At the urging of our board of directors, we recently began exploring the possibilities again. As part of this effort, we have been in conversation with DuPage Habitat for Humanity about acquiring shared office space. If we were to proceed with this concept, we would still remain separate and distinct entities. This is not a merger, rather an idea for sharing office space. There are several reasons that make this idea attractive.

- We have similar missions.
- We already are collaborating. DHOC provides education and counseling services for Habitat clients. DHOC clients may qualify for the affordable homes that Habitat builds.
- We have compatible space and location needs and may be able to create some economies of scale (shared conference rooms, for example).

We're estimating our joint space needs at 5,000 to 6,000 square feet. We hope that you may know of properties located in the central part of the County that we might acquire at a reduced, or even no cost.

As valued partners with the Center, we encourage any feedback and/or suggestions you might have.

Welcome Our New Executive Assistant

Jennie Pemenko joined our staff this week as DHOC's new Executive Assistant. Jennie's solid administrative experience and computer knowledge is a great asset. We're delighted to have her on board. As many of you know, Dave Willard has been filling in this summer for us and he's agreed to rejoin DHOC as our Client Services Assistant on a part time basis. Please welcome Jennie when you call the Center.