

## **Interfaith Housing expands to meet growing need**

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The home foreclosure crisis has led to a boom in requests for help from the Interfaith Housing Center of the North Suburbs. In fact, it's been so overwhelming that the organization recently moved to a bigger space, the director said.

On July 10, the group moved from 620 Lincoln Ave. (where it had been for 18 years) to a space twice as big at 614 Lincoln Ave.

At its former location, Interfaith Housing had roughly 650 square feet, compared with its new 1,350 square feet.

Gail Schechter, executive director, said the housing crisis has given people more reason to seek the group's services. In addition to advocating for fair housing, Interfaith Housing helps home-owners negotiate loan modifications.

"We've needed to add staff just to deal with the complaints," she said.

In the midst of its expansion, Interfaith Housing this year also has expanded its advocacy work and the fair housing program because of funding it received in January.

Schechter encouraged residents struggling with home-owner issues to visit the group's Web site at [www.interfaithhousingcenter.org](http://www.interfaithhousingcenter.org).

She noted that the phone number, 847-501-5760, and fax number will stay the same.

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