

New Rental Assistance Program Coming to Kane County



More low-income households in Kane County will be given the opportunity to live independently thanks to a new \$662,000 grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority awarded to a partnership of four non-profit agencies in Kane County. A total of 22 apartment units (9 in Southern Kane, 4 in Central Kane and 9 in Northern Kane County) have been earmarked for participation in the three-year program

To qualify for the program, households must fall within extremely or severely low income limits as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. These annual income limits range from \$15,840 for a household of 1 person to \$29,850 for a household of 8. Households must have a stable income to pay a portion of the rent, satisfactorily complete the application process and abide by lease rules and riders. Other conditions apply. More detail may be found in the brochure, "Rental Support Program for Kane County," posted on the following websites: www.lazarushouseonline.com, www.hesedhouse.org, www.eckercenter.org, www.the-association.org.

People wishing to apply for a unit, should contact the agency in your area for an application to be picked up beginning Wednesday, October 8.

- **Northern Kane County:** Association for Individual Development, 847 931-6283 or Ecker Center for Mental Health, 847-695-0484;
- **Central Kane County:** Lazarus House, 630-587-5872;
- **Southern Kane County:** Association for Individual Development, 630 966-4449 or Public Action to Deliver Shelter, 630-897-2165.

"We are delighted to have yet one more way to help households that struggle to survive in our county," said Liz Eakins, manager of the Outreach program at Lazarus House. "This program will provide a way for people who are unable to earn a higher income have a place of their own to call home. We, along with our partnering agencies, are thankful to the Illinois Housing Development Authority for allocating the funds to make this program possible."

"The Rental Housing Support Program highlights Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich's commitment to providing affordable housing to families and individuals in communities throughout Illinois. IHDA has awarded more than \$12 million in grants during the first year to 14 local administering agencies such as Lazarus House around the state. The Program is the largest state rental assistance program in the nation and further demonstrates Illinois as a national leader in affordable housing," said DeShana L. Forney, executive director of the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA).