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Zion Green Development Model

Not only are Rockford's Lantow Lofts beautiful with all the things urban dwellers want (good views, secure parking, fine amenities and building security) but the seven for-sale, market-rate condos constructed, by the Zion Development Corporation, are probably the greenest in the northern Illinois – southern Wisconsin region.

Each condo boasts 12 foot ceilings, solid brick exteriors, expansive 8-foot tall windows and high quality doors and wood trim. Many of the condos have fireplaces, exposed brick walls, beamed ceilings and lots and lots of natural light. All the units are fully

sprinkled, alarmed and wired for home theatre systems. A 5000 square foot garden deck is available to all residents as is the 13-car attached brick and block garage.



Solar Hot Water Heating

For the environmentally minded, the Lantow Lofts are cutting edge. Most noticeable are the 10 solar thermal panels on the 3-story building's roof. These fixed-angle panels heat an antifreeze containing solution that in turn circulates between the roof panels and three 120-gallon water storage tanks in the basement. On a sunny day in the spring, summer or fall, the solar panels can heat the circulating fluid to temperatures of 140°F to 180°F. This hot fluid will then heat the 360 gallons of water in the storage tanks to

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Housing Action Illinois 2009 Convention

October 22 & 23, 2009, in Chicago

Join your peers and other affordable housing professionals at Housing Action Illinois' 2009 Convention, October 22 & 23, 2009, in Chicago. Workshops and plenary sessions include HPRP Implementation, Piecing Together Funding for Operating Expenses for Homeless Service

Providers, and Attorney General Lisa Madigan speaking about her office's foreclosure mitigation and neighborhood stabilization efforts. Discounted registration fee deadline: Oct. 12, 2009. Details and registration form at: <http://housingactionil.org/organizing/pages1-5/index02.html>. ■

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NAEH Guide for Transitioning to Housing-First

The National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) has released a new guide that is intended to assist organizations considering adopting a Housing First strategy, including and especially aimed at those groups that will be receiving Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program funds. The guide, titled *Organizational Change: Adopting a Housing First Approach*, includes background information on the Housing First approach, followed by a step-by-step guide to making the transformation from shelter and transitional housing strategies to prevention and rapid re-housing strategies.

The guide stresses the fact that this transformation will not just be a change in service delivery methods, but will also require major organizational changes. The authors discuss the

importance of examining a number of factors before making this decision and ensuring that it is in the best interest of the organization and the community the organization serves. The guide splits the transition into two phases: assessment and planning for transformation and managing change. In phase one, major steps include establishing a cross-functional team to spearhead the change, developing a shared vision and clarify the scope of the change, undertaking an agency self-assessment to determine readiness for change, and developing a plan and time line for implementation. Phase two focuses on determining who will manage the change and the creation of ways to monitor and evaluate the impact of the new Housing First strategy and revise the strategy if necessary.

The guide includes useful tools such as a logic model template, a sample program design matrix and an organizational transition plan template. It is available at: www.endhomelessness.org/content/article/detail/2489

Role for Disabilities in Measuring Poverty

Measures of poverty that fail to take disability into account likely underestimate the level of income that people with disabilities need in order to meet basic needs such as food and housing, a report released by the Center for Economic and Policy Research (CEPR) in September has found.

The paper, which focuses on the connection between disability and what the authors call income poverty (i.e. poverty related to a person's earnings), concludes that current

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Webinar on HPRP in Rural Areas

On Friday, November 13 from 3:00 to 4:00 pm ET, the National Alliance to End Homelessness Center for Capacity Building (the Center) will host a webinar on the implementation of the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) in rural areas.

Rural areas face unique challenges in ending homelessness, including lack of transportation, emergency shelter, and employment options. Because of these constraints, many rural communities have developed unique ways of designing programs to still provide clients with stable, permanent housing. This webinar will feature a

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2008 American Community Survey Data

U.S. Census Bureau



The American Community Survey (ACS) provides a picture of the nation's population and housing units, and estimates from the most recent survey, released by the Census Bureau on September 22, allow for the comparison of how this picture has changed since 2006, the last year of the housing bubble. The new estimates confirm that it continues to be the lowest income renters who are most affected by the shortage of quality affordable housing units in the United States.

Among all income groups, the share of households spending 30 percent or more of their incomes on rent and

utilities, a situation defined by HUD as being cost burdened, increased from 2006 to 2008. However, the lowest income renters continue to be most affected, with 87.6 percent of those earning \$20,000 or less facing cost burdens, compared to 15.3 percent of those earning \$50,000 or more. Adding to the problems faced by low income renters is the fact that median gross rents increased from \$763 in 2006 to \$824 in 2008, and that the share of units renting for under \$500 fell while the share renting for \$1000 or more rose.

The data also show that the share of all occupied housing units that are renter-occupied has increased from 32.7

percent to 33.4 percent, indicating that the housing crisis has pushed some households from owning to renting, as people lost their homes to foreclosure or put off buying in the current market. The data also indicate that rental units have become more crowded since 2006, with the average household size of renter-occupied units increasing from 2.41 to 2.44 and the percentage of occupied rental units with 1.51 or more occupants per room increasing from 1.52 percent to 2.25 percent. This movement is likely a result of families doubling up in units or taking in

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Making the Connection

Electronic Banking Cards and Public Benefits

Contributor: DuPage Federation on Human Services Reform



The authors of this column welcome your comments and questions. See contact information at the end of the article.

Issuing public benefits through an electronic benefit transfers (EBT) or debit card is increasingly become the wave of the future. Most of us are familiar with the LINK card which is an electronic benefit transfer. There are other agencies and payments that utilize these electronic/debit cards when individuals do not have a checking account.

The LINK card permits you to access monthly Food Stamp (SNAP) benefits and state cash benefits (if you are approved for TANF or AABD cash assistance). The LINK card can be used at area stores to purchase food, at some local farmer's markets, or to obtain cash at local ATMs. Up until June 2008 if you moved out of state, you were able to request any Food Stamp balance remaining in your LINK account be issued as a food stamp coupon. These paper coupons stopped being used throughout the nation, so the LINK card should now be able to be used anywhere in the nation that accepts Food Stamps. If there is a problem with the card, users are able to call 1-800-678-LINK(5465).

The Illinois Department of Employment Security also has an electronic banking card called Secure Choice. If Unemployment benefits are not direct

deposited into your own banking account, then the Secure Choice debit card is issued. IDES automatically mails the debit card, even if you have applied for direct deposit to your checking account. If the Secure Choice card is received IDES recommends that you should activate and use it until the direct deposit is started. If there are problems or questions about the Secure Choice card call 1-800-627-2069.

Social Security offers their clients who do not have checking accounts an electronic banking card called Direct Express®. With the Direct Express® card program, federal benefit payments are deposited each month onto your card. The nice part is monthly benefits are available on the payment day – on time. You can use the card to make purchases, pay bills or get cash at area

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temperatures of 120°F to 150°F. The solar panels and storage tanks, then, serve as a pre-heat system for each condo's 'tankless' water heater. These tankless – or on-demand water heaters sense the temperature of the incoming water and only turn on (they are electric) if the incoming water temperature is less than 120°F. One condo owner reports that he has not needed his tankless water heater since the end of May except for 6 cloudy and cool days.

Furthermore, this solar thermal system is quite affordable. The entire system cost \$40,000 which translates to \$5,000 per each of the eight users. Also, each condo owner is eligible for a \$1,500 solar tax credit which brings the net per condo cost to only \$3,500. With the sun able to provide about half of all one's hot water needs per year, the payback period is currently estimated at about 3-5 years.

Geothermal Heating and Cooling

The Lantow Lofts also houses one of the largest geothermal heating and cooling systems in Winnebago County. The 25-ton system heats and cools the entire first floor and portions of the lower level. The first floor is home to Katie's Cup Coffee Bar and Bookstore – a new growing business in Rockford's Mid Town District – that has as its mission to bring people together over excellent coffee to have conversations about relevant issues of the day and to build a stronger community.



Above the commercial space on the ground floor, Lantow Lofts brings seven market-rate condos with numerous amenities to downtown Rockford.



Katie's Cup Coffee Bar and Bookstore occupies the ground floor of the Lantow Lofts building.



Drilling for the geo-thermal ground loops - 14 borings each at 300 feet deep.



Solar panels on roof send heated fluid to heat water in basement tanks.

Since the geothermal system has only been in operation for 8 months, cost effectiveness data is still being collected. However, the system installer, Rockford Geothermal, projects

that cooling costs will be about 50 percent less than a comparable central air conditioning system would be and that heating costs will run 30 percent to 40 percent of what costs would be for a comparable natural gas heating system.

Because there are considerable up-front costs for geothermal systems, payback periods can run as long as 12-15 years. But here's a key qualifier to that projection: it assumes that the rate at which natural gas and electricity rates increase at the same rate as they have over recent years.



Kitchen in one of the condo units.

There are some, however, who believe that natural gas and electricity rates will increase much faster in coming years. The earth contains only a limited supply of petroleum and natural gas and, as M. King Hubbert, a Shell Oil geologist, predicted in the 1950s, we have reached peak oil production and in the coming few decades we will likely see natural gas and oil production



Three of the seven ground-source heat pumps. Black insulated lines go to the ground loops in the 14 borings

fall dramatically. Based on all the known oil fields on the planet, Hubbert predicted that by 2050 oil production would be at less than 50 percent of what it is now. As the laws of supply and demand kick in, we should see natural gas costs rise dramatically even before 2050.

Another factor that is likely to affect natural gas and electricity rates is the drive to attach to these utility costs not only their cost of production but costs associated with mitigating the impact of their use. That is, both natural gas and *(Continued on page 5)*

Electronic Banking

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ATMs. Because the Social Security data system reflects the benefits are deposited into a bank account, be prepared to have state workers ask for verification of a checking account. If you are asked to provide proof of your bank account and you are enrolled in Direct Express, and don't have a checking or other type of bank account, contact your local Social Security office and ask for proof that you are enrolled in Direct Express. To sign up for the Direct Express call 1-877-212-9991 or online at www.USDirectExpress.com.

Beginning in October, IDHS will begin to offer an electronic payment card that will be used to receive state payments for services that are provided by Family Home Child Care Providers and Home Services Program (HSP) Personal Assistants. Information about the cards including how to enroll will be provided to Family Home Child Care Providers via mail. Individuals who

choose to enroll in this program will have payments for services deposited to an Illinois Debit MasterCard® account. Naturally if the person has a checking account, payments can be directly deposited to the bank where the checking account is located. There are no overdraft fees for these debit cards because only the amount that was loaded into the account can be spent. This card can be also used the same as a any banking debit card: to shop and make purchases, or obtain cash at an ATM, bank or credit union. Statements are mailed monthly as to purchases or transactions made.

There are fees attached for some transactions with all of these cards. This can be a disadvantage to clients not used to working with this type of banking card. In addition, clients may have problems with keeping track of expenses. The advantages of enrolling in electronic payment cards I believe outweigh the disadvantages. Using a debit card results in fewer lost checks, and no longer having to pay costly fees

at a currency exchange. Users of some of the cards may even be able to do electronic bill payments for other bills that they have. Most agencies provide enrollees with education on how and where to use the electronic banking card, an explanation of any possible fees, and how to avoid stolen pins, phishing, and fraud.

These are just a few of the agencies that use these types of cards, but be prepared for this process to expand to other programs.

The DuPage Federation on Human Services Reform, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization focused on advocacy and planning in DuPage County, Illinois and designer and trainer of [Making the Connection: A Guide to Accessing Public Benefits](#). The DuPage Federation is affiliated with Northern Illinois University, Regional Development Institute. Questions can be directed to knelson@dupagefederation.org or cking@dupagefedertion.org. ■

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electricity produced by natural gas and coal-fired power plants produce carbon dioxide and other green house gases. As we become increasingly aware of the devastating effects of climate change driven primarily by the sharp increase in the production of green house gases, governmentally regulations are sure to demand that the impact cost be passed on to consumers.

The down side of such price increases could be nearly unbearable cost burdens on the poorest in the world. The up side will be that these price revisions are sure to spur even further the production and installation of alternative energy production facilities and consumer purchases of homes and businesses that utilize geothermal, solar and other alternative energy systems. Those on the front end of that curve of change will reap the greatest benefits.

Other Energy-Saving Design Features

There are many other earth-friendly elements at the Lantow Lofts such as bamboo flooring, recycled content ceramic tiles and carpets, motion-sensored lighting, high levels of thermal insulation, careful choice of energy efficient windows, etc. Perhaps even more significant is the reuse of this 110-year old building in the first place. All cities have huge investments in the buildings, streets, utility systems and social networks of their older cores. However, until recently, urban sprawl has been seen as one more step to the good life. Now, in light of our growing realization that climate change is one of the disastrous effects of unlimited growth, we are reassessing our strategies to spread out and abandon our urban centers. Socially, we have also learned that urban sprawl has resulted in growing socio-economic gaps which, in turn, are producing

many negative, albeit unintended consequences.

The good news is that buildings like the Lantow Lofts clearly demonstrate that it is possible to create highly attractive urban living spaces that reduce our impact on the environment without reducing one's quality of life. In fact, one Lantow Loft condo owner has calculated that he has cut his carbon footprint nearly in half by moving in to the Lofts, even though his previous home was a modest, well-kept bungalow. Even more good news is that most of the construction principles and materials used at the Lantow Lofts can be utilized in home construction for occupants at any income level.

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ACS Data

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tenants, and of larger families moving into smaller, more affordable units due to the economic recession.

The estimates also indicate that the quality of housing is declining, as the percentage of rental units lacking complete plumbing facilities and the percentage of rental units lacking complete kitchen facilities both increased.

The Census Bureau released a series of briefs based on the 2008 ACS Data that highlight certain economic characteristics of the country. These economic briefs cover topics including housing costs, property values; household incomes, and men's and women's earnings, and can be found at: <http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Products/2008/prodchanges.html#New>

The 2008 ACS one-year estimates are based on an annual, nationwide sample of roughly 3 million households. Data are available for all standard census areas with a population of at least 65,000, including metropolitan areas and counties, as well as congressional and school districts. Three-year estimates based on data collected from 2006 to 2008 will be released for all areas with a population of 20,000 or more on October 27. The Public Use Microdata (PUMS) is not yet available for download, but should be made available soon.

More information on the ACS is available at www.census.gov/acs/www and local data can be accessed by clicking on the Access Data – American FactFinder (AFF) link on this webpage.

For further information, contact the National Low Income Housing Coalition at the address in *Headlines Directory*. ■

Disabilities

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policy underestimates the role disabilities play in poverty, and that any serious state- or national-level agenda to reduce income poverty needs to take disability into account as both a cause and a consequence of poverty (for example, for those without access to health care).

The study found that those who have one or more disabilities are more likely to suffer job loss, reduced earnings, and barriers to education and skills development, as well as a number of other challenges that can lead to economic deprivation and hardship. Because of these challenges, the income poverty rate for those with disabilities is between two to three times the rate for those without disabilities. Almost half of working-age adults whose incomes fall below 200% of the federal poverty line have a work disability.

Aside from income poverty, those with disabilities also suffer from material hardship, including food insecurity and trouble paying rent, mortgage, and utility bills. Further, these hardships are long-term, especially for those with chronic or severe disabilities. They find that not only do earnings drop substantially in the year of a disability's onset and over the long term, but so do food and housing consumption. In fact, those with a chronic or severe disability are shown to have reduced their food and housing consumption by 22% 10 years after diagnosis.

Additionally, the paper briefly discusses those who are homeless or living in group quarters, such as prisons, nursing homes and treatment facilities. In 2006, 49% of those living in group quarters had a disability. And in 2008, HUD reported that 43% of people in the sheltered homeless population suffered from a disability.

The paper concludes that in order to accurately gauge the ways in which poverty and disability interact, a more comprehensive framework for understanding disabilities and poverty should be adopted. The author suggests the current official poverty measure should be refined to take into account extra costs associated with disability and should view poverty as multi-dimensional rather than limited to income.

The full report, *Half in Ten: Why Taking Disability into Account is Essential to Reducing Income Poverty and Expanding Economic Inclusion*, can be found at: www.cepr.net/documents/publications/poverty-disability-2009-09.pdf ■

Webinar

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conversation with communities and programs that have overcome some challenges and are continuing to work on others. The Center is looking for stories from communities dealing with challenges specific to rural areas while implementing HPRP. To contribute such a story, please contact Samantha Batko at sbatko@naeh.org (mailto: sbatko@naeh.org) with your community's story.

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Funding Resources

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Type of Grantmaker: Company-sponsored foundation

Geographic Focus: Includes Illinois

Limitations: Giving primarily in areas of company operations, including Chicago, Illinois; giving also to national organizations. No support for discriminatory organizations or veterans', labor, religious, fraternal, or athletic organizations. No grants to individuals, or for advertising, fundraising, or disease-specific general operating support; no capital campaigns, annual fund drives, or endowments.

Financial Data: (yr. ended 12/31/07)

Total giving: \$24,303,612

Giving activities include: \$17,348,178 for 934 grants (high: \$535,000; low: \$250); \$6,955,434 for 11,843 employee matching gifts; \$4,261,337 for loans/program-related investments

Number of Staff: 5 full-time professional, 4 full-time support

Fields of Interest: Children/youth, services; Community/economic development; Education; Employment, training; Food services; **Homeless**, human services; **Housing/shelter**; Human services; Leadership development; Recreation, parks/playgrounds; Youth development

Types of Support: Emergency funds, Employee-related scholarships, Employee matching gifts, General/operating support, Program-related investments/loans, Program

development, Seed money, Technical assistance **Application Information:** Proposals should be no longer than 3 pages. Additional information may be requested at a later date. Video submissions are not encouraged. Application form required. Initial approach: Letter of Intent. Board meeting date(s): February, June, and October. Deadline(s): None. Final notification: Within 60 days

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Financial Data (Year ended 1/31/08):

Total giving: \$110,895,707

Giving activities include: \$66,896,338 for 25,529 grants (high: \$7,059,000; low: \$100); \$43,999,369 for 41,732 employee matching gifts

Number of Staff: 8 full-time professional, 14 full-time support

Fields of Interest: Children/youth, services; Disasters, preparedness/services; Education; Employment, job counseling, services, training; Food banks; Food services; Health care; **Homeless**; Human services; Human services, financial counseling; Medicine/medical care, public education; Public health **Population Groups:** Disabilities, people with; Economically disadvantaged **Types of Support:** Conferences/seminars, Donated products, Emergency funds, Employee-related scholarships, Employee matching gifts, Employee volunteer services, General/operating support, Grants to individuals, In-kind gifts, Matching/challenge support, Program development, Scholarship funds, Scholarships—to individuals, Sponsorships **Application Information:** Letters of inquiry for National Giving Program should be no longer than 3 pages. Additional information may be requested for State Giving Program. Recipients of State Giving Program grants are asked submit an impact assessment detailing fund use and outcomes achieved through the funded program. Initial approach: Contact nearest company store for application for Wal-Mart Store and Sam's Club Giving Program; letter of inquiry for National Giving Program; complete online application for Sam Walton Community Scholarships and State Giving Program. Board meeting date(s): March, May, August, and November. Deadline(s): None for Wal-Mart Store and Sam's Club Giving Program and National Giving Program; November 1 to January 14 for Sam Walton Community Scholarships; April 17 and September 18 for State Giving Program. Final notification: May 1 for Sam Walton Community Scholarships; June 3 and November 4 for State Giving Program. Additional information: Visit Web site for detailed application guidelines. ■



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