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**HOPE Fair Housing Center Receives \$12,000
Community Impact Grant from DuPage Foundation**

Press release – July 8, 2025 – Wheaton, Illinois—HOPE Fair Housing Center received a \$12,000 grant through DuPage Foundation’s *Community Impact* grant program to help support a brand-new rental counseling project. DuPage Foundation awarded nearly \$1 million to 57 DuPage County nonprofit organizations. Thanks to additional donations from DuPage Foundation’s donors and donor-advisors, the Foundation was able to grant \$500,000 above its regular *Community Impact* grant budget.

HOPE Fair Housing Center’s mission is to create greater housing opportunities for all. We work so that everyone has the opportunity to live where they choose, free from illegal discrimination.

Michael Chavarria, Executive Director of HOPE celebrates this news: “HOPE recognized that we could do more to help prevent housing discrimination in DuPage County. Thanks to the generosity of the DuPage Foundation and their donors we are going to create new programming to do just that. By assisting people with their rental search from start to finish we can confront housing discrimination on the spot, rather than waiting for victims to come to us to report discrimination they are already having to bear the consequences of. This will create a new channel to deliver rapid response assistance. We are excited to finally have the resources to build and launch this new initiative.”

“It was a joy to celebrate our Community Impact grantees at our Open House, said Betsy Goltermann, DuPage Foundation Trustee and Grant Committee Chair. She added, “This grant program continues to be the backbone of the Foundation’s work. It was inspiring to meet so many grantees and experience their gratitude, determination, and passion.”

During DuPage Foundation’s Spring grant cycle each year, local nonprofits like us, serving DuPage County in the areas of health & human services, are awarded funding that supports programs and projects that improve and enrich the quality of life for DuPage County residents. *Arts DuPage* grant applications and *Community Impact* grant applications in the areas of youth education, workforce development, environment, and animal welfare are due Friday, September 5, 2025. The 2025 grant guidelines are posted at dupagefoundation.org/grants/community-impact.html.



For further information regarding HOPE Fair Housing Center, contact us at (630) 690-6500 or visit our website at hopefair.org.

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HOPE Fair Housing Center

HOPE Fair Housing Center works to create greater housing opportunities for all. We want to ensure everyone has the chance to live where they choose, free from discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, familial status, or any other characteristics protected under law. HOPE accomplishes this through education, outreach, enforcement, training, and advocacy. For more information, visit hopefair.org or call (630) 690-6500.

