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Wheaton Office Building Sets the Stage for Organizations



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It's not a new office building at 213 S. Wheaton Avenue, but it does have a new name and a new purpose. In April 2011, Dick and Florence Nogaj formed the Two Thirteen Building LLC to provide a stable, affordable base of operation for small not-for-profit organizations. Utilizing a cost-sharing plan for operating expenses will result in affordable office space for not-for-profits.

Dedicated people who work for small not-for-profits often work out of their own homes and the public learns about a wonderful event they sponsored yesterday rather than something they are going to do tomorrow. In addition to increasing public visibility, organizations will have the opportunity to share information and inspiration which could result in dramatic and impactful actions far beyond any original vision.

Office space in the Two Thirteen Building is available in several different configurations; 1) as a single dedicated office; 2) as a shared office with one other organization; and, 3) as a desk two days per week in a shared office. This is an opportunity to maintain low-cost administrative office space in a convenient location freeing-up vital resources to provide program services.

Pioneering organizations that have already accepted this opportunity include the National Neurofibromatosis Network, Inc., Immigrant Solidarity DuPage, the DuPage Green Party, JUST of DuPage, Peace Desk, and Mano a Mano International. And the Nogaj's will continue to manage their two not-for-profit organizations, the RJN Foundation and Harvest for Humanity.

The newly formed DuPage Coffeehouse will also meet at the Two Thirteen Building on the first Wednesday of every month beginning June 1, 2011. The DuPage Coffeehouse is open to the public and is a place where activists of every description will meet fairly regularly to discuss their visions of a better world. The objective is to become more empowered, more creative, and more effective in bringing about change. Civil discourse is an old idea with a new home. Get more information at www.dupagecoffeehouse.org.

In addition to affordable office space, the Two Thirteen Building has conference space available for evening meetings for non-tenant organizations complete with PowerPoint presentation capabilities.

For more information please contact Dick Nogaj at 239-503-5039 or Florence Nogaj at 630-853-8003. Feel free to stop by and visit us between 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at 213 S. Wheaton Avenue in Wheaton, Illinois.