



**Media Advisory**  
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## **Housing Advocates to Mark Relocation After Being Displaced By Gentrification**

***The Women's Community Revitalization Project hosts housewarming after being forced to move after 17 years in Northern Liberties***

**WHAT:** A non-profit organization that builds affordable homes for families in Philadelphia has itself been forced to move from its home in a gentrifying neighborhood to one with lower rents. The Women's Revitalization Project (WCRP) will host an event to highlight both its displacement and the need to create more housing for low wage earners and others.

WCRP has fought to provide homes for low-income Philadelphians for almost three decades. But with rents skyrocketing in Northern Liberties, the non-profit recently lost its own home of 17 years, at 407 Fairmount Ave, as the price became unaffordable and the building was sold. The organization was thus forced to leave the neighborhood.

On Thursday, October 16, the WCRP will host an event at their new home – 100 West Oxford Street at Oxford Mills in Kensington – to celebrate and usher in the new era. Attendees will learn the rich history of the building and neighborhood, once a lamp factory in the center of the world's manufacturing hub. Brief presentations will also be made by stakeholders and supporters, including David Hunt – a community organizer who was forced from his neighborhood because of gentrification.

The WCRP has been very active on the issue of equitable development, recently helping to organize the Philadelphia Coalition for Affordable Communities (PCAC), a group of the city's leading community, disability, faith, labor, and urban agriculture organizations. Together, they have launched *Development without Displacement*, a campaign to expand and protect affordability in neighborhoods undergoing gentrification.

**WHO:** The Women's Community Revitalization Project  
Members of the Philadelphia Coalition for Affordable Communities  
eConsult (sponsor)  
David Hunt, Community Organizer

**WHERE:** The Women's Community Revitalization Project  
100 West Oxford Street, Philadelphia, PA 19122

**WHEN:** Thursday, October 16, 2014 from 3-7:00pm  
\*Welcoming remarks will begin promptly at 5:30pm

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