

DEOHAEKO

...refers to the name given to the Spirit-Supporters of life, paid homage to by aboriginal people who occupied this area since before the coming of the Europeans.

Deohaeko Support Network

At the heart of Deohaeko is the belief that people who have never been able to dream of having homes of their own, will live in those homes in a community with other people who will welcome them. In discovering and nurturing everyone's gifts, a strong community will evolve so that the dignity, uniqueness, freedom and participation of each individual will be honoured and facilitated in a natural, neighbourly fashion.

Like all members of the Rougemount community, each of the Deohaeko participants has unique gifts to be offered and fulfilled in community. Deohaeko is committed to inviting, encouraging, welcoming and sustaining a level of community inclusion, participation, and friendship within Rougemount that will make caring for one another a natural part of life in the co-operative.

Primarily Deohaeko will assist members of the Rougemount Housing Co-operative to foster a spirit of mutual neighbourhood support - the principle upon which this co-operative is established. All community members will find ways to welcome and enjoy the gifts and talents of their neighbours.

Secondly, on an individual basis, each participant will be supported by family, friends, new neighbours and personal staff, if needed, to establish a home and share in the co-operative community. Deohaeko sees the creation of a support network for each individual as a way to make possible the welcoming, the initial relationship building, the discovery of gifts and the nurturing of the community.

Deohaeko will respond, respect, endure and commit to the evolving community. It will be a communicator for the individuals it supports within the community.

Deohaeko joins with Rougemount in reaching for our dream of intentional community - a community where all members are welcomed, where all people share their gifts and find ways to support one another, and where lasting personal friendships grow.