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## Clutter taking over?

Win a free organization plan from Organize Your World, Inc.

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ROCHESTER — Is getting more organized one of your New Year's resolutions? You're not the only one.

According to Donna Lindley, a professional organizer, organization is right on the top of the list with losing weight and getting out of debt each January.

For one *Rochester Post* reader, that goal may become a whole lot easier through a contest sponsored by Lindley's business, Organize Your World Inc., a professional organizing service.

In conjunction with a nationwide event sponsored by the National Association of Professional Organizers, Get Organized — or GO Month — one contestant will win a free organizing plan to bring simplicity, reduce stress and increase productivity, Lindley said.

"Honestly, I think the biggest reason people are so busy these days is that we're trying to do so much," Lindley added. "We've got a lot more going on. People just don't have time to catch up or put a system in place. It's a lot easier for them to maintain it once we put a system in place, than it would to take the time and come up with it on their own."

With offices in Rochester Hills and Sterling Heights, Lindley and her associate, Liz Timmer-

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man, will tackle anything that needs an overhaul, but in the home, basements, garages and home offices are the most popular, she said. She also works on kitchens, closets and laundry rooms.

During a consultation, Lindley finds out where each client needs the most help and prepares a solution. The process is completely personalized.

"It's a lot of talking to figure out what's going on," Organize Your World Inc. business consultant Shelleen McHale said. "Then we go through the process of 'This is what you're currently doing and this is what you need to do.' We don't just come in and organize. It's a work together process."

Some of Lindley's favorite tools include brightly colored, plastic storage bins, which can easily be stored and stacked. Sometimes she finds that people have plenty of containers that are simply

not being put to use. Other times, there are things they stumble upon that the client hasn't used in years and can give away, donate or sell.

"Some people look in the pan drawer and they've got nine pans and say 'OK, I only use three,'" McHale said. "You have all this stuff in your linen closet that you haven't used in three years. It may be time to get rid of that."

Lindley also helps organize corporate settings.

"We've done everything and do everything," McHale added. "We can go into a corporation and just help them organize so when someone leaves at night, their desk is clean. I would say eight times out of 10, our business comes from doing an executive (project). They're like, 'Hey, if they can do this at our office, just think what they can do at home.'"

Lindley can work with existing storage space, or help her client plan and purchase storage containers or units. She tries to work within each client's budget.

Once the sorting, cleaning and arranging are done, she often gives

tips, so the homeowner or worker can stay on top of the organization, helping them maintain what was already set in place.

For others, she comes in once a week or once a month, depending on each client's specific needs.

"We've been in business for a little over three years now, and it's something I very much enjoy," Lindley said. "It gives me a chance to help people find more time to spend with their families or do what they enjoy most."

Those who think they need a professional organizer can prove it by explaining their situation in 500 words or less and mailing it to Organize Your World Inc. no later than Jan. 22.

Entrants must include their name, address, phone number and a picture of the space to be organized to: Organize Your World Inc., P.O. Box 82396, Rochester, MI 48309. E-mail the entry to [info@organizeyourworld.net](mailto:info@organizeyourworld.net).

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