



Updates from CRN

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CRN's 2019 Annual Report Out Now!
2019 was an eventful year for Chicago and for CRN. Our annual report provides an overview of our accomplishments last year, from launching the Center for Shared Ownership to training another cohort of students in our Community Development and Empowerment Series.

[Check it out! »](#)



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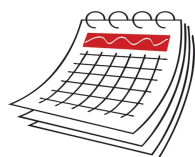
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CRN Winter Meeting in February

Save the date! CRN's winter meeting will be Thursday, February 13th at 9:00am. We will be joined by IHDA Executive Director Kristin Faust. More details to come.



Out Now: Empowerment Series Video

We are excited to share a [brand new video about the Community Development and Empowerment Series](#) created by our partners at IHDA, which showcases the work that we do and shares narratives from graduates and residents impacted by the Empowerment Series. Thank you to IHDA for their generous

About CRN

Who We Are:

For 40 years, the Chicago Rehab Network has worked to train, coordinate, and empower community-based organizations developing affordable housing across Chicago and the region. CRN's advocacy has resulted in policies and resources including the Affordable Requirements Ordinance, the Tax Reactivation Program, the State of Illinois Housing Trust Fund, and the Illinois Affordable Housing Tax Credit. In addition to advocacy and training, CRN provides industry-wide thought leadership through regular policy

support!

updates, best practice case studies, and demographic and economic analysis related to housing needs and markets.

Save the Date

Homebuyer Workshop

On Saturday, January 18, Genesis Housing Development Corporation will hold a free homebuyer educational training workshop. Covered topics include Financial planning and Money management; Understanding Credit; Steps to Homeownership; and Mortgage options. This program also focuses on home ownership opportunities and retention efforts (foreclosure prevention) as a means to creating a stable community and families. [RSVP and learn more.](#)

Online Study Group for HUD Exam

Housing Action Illinois is holding online study groups focusing on different areas of the HUD housing counselor exam between February 10 and February 14. The webinars will help participants gear up for the test in a supportive, peer-learning environment. [Register and learn more.](#)



Illinois Affordable Housing Forum
The 2020 Illinois Affordable Housing Forum, *Building a Better Future*, will be held March 2-3 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Chicago. Hosted by the Illinois Housing Council, the event will feature networking, education, and the latest ideas in affordable housing. [Learn more and register.](#)

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With your help, we can build strong neighborhoods, strengthen capacity, and foster community leadership.



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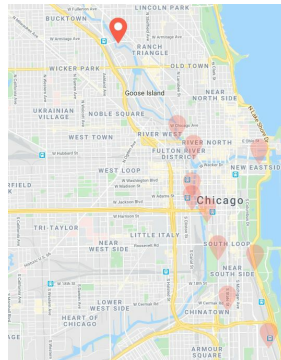
In the News

Claretian Associates a Finalist for \$10 Million Prize

CRN member Claretian Associates has been named one out of six finalists for the \$10 million Chicago Prize from the Pritzker Traubert Foundation. Claretian Associates will receive \$100,000 and technical assistance to advance their plans for reinvigorating South Chicago, while continuing to work toward the \$10 million Chicago Prize. Congratulations to Claretian Associates! [Read more.](#)

Megadevelopments Mapped Out

A recent article from Curbed maps out 13 different megadevelopments that will shape the social, physical, and economic landscape of Chicago--including Lincoln Yards and the 78. Some are already under completion, while others are still in the planning stages. [Read more here.](#)



Illinoisans Moving for Housing-Related Reasons

A recent study of Census data by WBEZ explores who left Illinois between 2009 and 2018 and why. Although those who left the state often did so because of job-related reasons, most people who moved within the state relocated because of housing-related reasons. [Read the article.](#)