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## TOM GOBBY COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD CEREMONY & RECEPTION



LaSalle Bank invites you to this special event honoring Kevin Jackson, executive director, Chicago Rehab Network.

## CELEBRATING OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Tom Gobby was a Chicago banking pioneer — a banker with vision to recognize the potential of the city's low income neighborhoods and the wherewithal to convince his colleagues to provide loans to rebuild them.

Tom possessed an easy charm and used his media access, considerable wit and negotiation skills to elevate Chicago's neighborhood development community into national prominence.



# CEREMONY & RECEPTION THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2005

4:30 pm — 7:30 pm Program begins at 6:00 pm

The Standard Club Ballroom, 5th Floor 320 South Plymouth Court Chicago, Illinois

Accessible parking is available at System Parking located across the street on Plymouth Court.

Please respond by emailing event.management13@abnamro.com.

### **KEVIN JACKSON**

### Executive Director of the Chicago Rehab Network

Kevin Jackson is executive director of the Chicago Rehab Network, a coalition of non-profit housing developers and advocates who create and preserve affordable housing in the Chicago area. Through research, publications, policy and advocacy, training and technical assistance, CRN helps secure affordable housing resources at the local, state and national levels.

Since 1996, Jackson's leadership has resulted in Housing Illinois, a public education initiative, the Valuing Affordability Campaign, the Campaign for Housing Justice and the City of Chicago's 1999 affordable housing commitment of \$1.3 billion over five years. Jackson also spearheaded CRN's Public Private Finance Initiative, which generated support for a series of innovative resource proposals, including the Donations Tax Credit, Section 8 Preservation Campaign, and Zoning and Property Tax reforms. Those reforms have resulted in four new programs and assisted over 25,000 households over the past several years. In addition, the Donations Tax Credit generates \$26 million annually in financing for new units. CRN is leading the effort to secure its renewal.

CRN is currently working to preserve rental housing through implementation of the Illinois Federally Assisted Housing Preservation Act which offers tenants a right to first refusal at the termination of affordability restrictions. Also important are policy, training and technical assistance efforts to help maintain affordability on expiring low-income housing tax credit projects.

Before joining the Chicago Rehab Network in February 1996, Jackson held a variety of positions involving community-based development, youth intervention and citizen empowerment. He was a director with the United Neighborhood Organization and a key organizer in education reform at both the state and local levels. His leadership has also benefited the Uplands Community Development movement in the Philippines and Rest Community Shelter in Chicago.