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News & Updates from the Chicago Rehab Network

UPDATES FROM CRN

Fall Meeting Recap

Thank you to all who joined us for our Fall Meeting! We are especially grateful for the participation of our featured guests: City Council Housing and Real Estate Chairman Byron Sigcho-Lopez, Illinois Office to Prevent & End Homelessness Chief Homelessness Officer Christine Haley, and DOH Director of Policy, Research and Legislative Affairs Daniel Hertz. Each of our guest speakers discussed the work being done by their offices and answered questions from housing supporters across the field who joined us for the meeting. Couldn't make it? Watch a recording below:



Celebrate the Holidays with CRN

CHICAGO REHAB NETWORK'S

Merriest HOLIDAY PARTY

Together, we've achieved remarkable milestones that have not only propelled our vision of community preservation forward but have also created a lasting impact on the lives of those we serve.

As the holiday season approaches, we find ourselves reflecting on the incredible journey we've shared throughout the year.

It is with heartfelt gratitude and a sense of collective achievement that we extend this invitation to join us for a joyous celebration.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

Open house 4-7pm
140 S Dearborn St., Suite 1420

Join us for:

Festive Tunes, Culinary Delights,
and Connect with Collaborators!



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Second Empowerment Series Cohort Beginning

We are excited to share that demand for the Community Development & Empowerment Series has been so high that for the first time we're launching a second series of workshops and will be facilitating two separate cohorts during the 2023-2024 class period. The second group will kick off with Community Building with Bickerdike Redevelopment Corporation CEO Joy Aruguete next week, while students who have already begun will continue learning in Sources of Development Financing with Yittayih Zelalem, Director of the Nathalie P. Voorhees Center at UIC. Interested in taking the Series? Keep an eye out for more information about our next session in 2024!



NEWS & RESOURCES

Habitat for Humanity Hiring New Director of Real Estate Development

The Director of Real Estate Development drives the design and execution of Habitat Chicago's strategic land acquisition, pre-development, construction and preservation, property management, and post-construction activities resulting in new homes, rehabbed homes for sale, owner occupied home repairs, and additional capital projects as identified in Habitat Chicago's plan. [Find out more.](#)

Community Partners for Affordable Housing Hiring Affordable Housing Development Associate

The Affordable Housing Development Associate will play a key role in supporting the planning and execution of affordable housing developments from concept through completion. The ideal candidate will be detail-oriented and have outstanding analytical, financial, and writing skills. [Find out more.](#)

Congratulations to Teresa Prim

Long-time friend of CRN and Community Development & Empowerment Series instructor Teresa Prim was recently honored at a fundraiser benefiting the [Chicago Torture Justice Memorials Foundation](#) and the [Chicago Torture Justice Center](#). The event brought together supporters of the fight for reparations and the continued work of the CTJC and CTJMF to help "create a new day" for Chicago's survivors of police violence and to memorialize survivors' strength and courage, as well as the history of the movement for reparations. Congratulations, Teresa!



Sign the Mortgage Access Initiative letter to FHFA

Woodstock Institute and Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago (NHS Chicago) co-convened the Mortgage Access Initiative to identify opportunities for policy and regulatory reforms that will make the mortgage lending process better serve borrowers of color. Phase 1 resulted in 3 policy recommendations - the first is to implement an equitable mortgage loan product with loan terms that will alleviate some unique barriers that borrowers of color face. These organizations are writing to FHFA to urge them to direct the government-sponsored enterprises (GSEs - Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac) to offer or agree to purchase on the secondary market this equitable loan product. [Learn more and sign on.](#)

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Celebrate MLK Day with the Community Renewal Society

Join the Community Renewal Society for their Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Faith in Action Assembly in 2024. This special programming will host a panel of diverse speakers among CRS staff. Centered on the wisdom of Dr. King and his prophetic language, speakers will directly connect to the [five key issue areas on CRS's Platform for Renewal](#). [Find out more and register.](#)



Want to be featured in our newsletter? If you have an event, announcement, or resource to share, [let us know!](#)

About CRN

For over 45 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 updates, best practice case studies, and demographic and economic analysis related to housing needs and markets.

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