

May 2018 News and Updates from the Chicago Rehab Network

Updates from CRN



CHICAGO REHAB NETWORK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT + EMPOWERMENT SERIES 2018

Property taxes, high nousing cost burden, gentrification, vacancy, abandonment, nomelessness-all issues community developers work to overcome. Using a value-based approach to learning development fundamentals, you can be a leader in improving the quality of life in your community.

The Community Development & Empowerment Series Begins This Week!

CRN's Empowerment Series will resume May 3 and 4. Taught by Joy Aruguete of Bickerdike, the workshop will present the community assets perspective as a model for community planning. Through looking at strategies employed by communitybased development organizations, we will discuss the elements beyond bricks and mortar that community building requires. Day two includes a tour of affordable housing developed and operated by CRN members. It's not too late to sign up. <u>Register</u> for Community Building and other workshops today! Class descriptions on CRN's <u>website</u>.

Support CRN With #ILGive this Thursday!

#ILGive is holding another giving day in Illinois on Thursday, May 3rd. CRN will join non-profits around the state in raising money to support our work for local communities. By supporting CRN, your donations go toward:

Bringing together a diverse coalition of affordable



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

Support our Mission: With your help, we can build strong neighborhoods, strengthen capacity, and create powerful leaders. **housing developers and advocates** to share resources and work toward a common goal of empowerment and development so people have a place to call home

- Our **Community Development & Empowerment Series**, which teaches technical development skills and strategies for reinvestment
- Advocating for policies that create and preserve affordable housing, such as the Affordable Requirements Ordinance, the State of Illinois Housing Trust Fund, and the Illinois Affordable Housing Tax Credit, as well as producing quarterly reports analyzing affordable housing production in Chicago



Help Us Celebrate 40 Years of Development Without Displacement!

Join CRN and our members in kicking off our 40th year of advocacy and development at Revolution Brewing with beer and wine, networking, and conversation about our vision for affordable housing.



\$40 registration <u>online</u> or at the door Thursday, May 31, 6-8 p.m. 2323 N Milwaukee Ave



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Save the Date

Housing and Racism in the Age of Trump and Grenfell On May 15, panelists from the National Public Housing Museum, the University of Chicago, and UIC will participate in a roundtable discussion about housing policy, race, and racism in the age of Trump. More information <u>here</u>.

In the News

Heartland Alliance Releases Illinois Poverty Update A new report from Heartland Alliance looks at poverty levels in Chicago and across the state. *Illinois Poverty Update* finds that almost one-third of Illinoisans are poor or low-income, while poverty remains higher than its pre-recession levels. Read more here.

Lottery Opens for Lathrop Homes



New HUD Bill Aims to Raise Rents and Implement Work Requirements

A new bill backed by HUD would raise rent for families who receive assistance from 30 to 35 percent of their monthly income and would set work requirements. The Making Affordable Housing Work Act of 2018, which also seeks to establish a minimum rent for those who are exempt from paying 30 percent now, has not yet been introduced by a member of Congress. Learn more <u>here</u>.

Near North Side Sees SRO Renovation

Elected officials and housing advocates came together to celebrate the reopening of the 155-unit Carling Hotel on April 23. The renovation follows the city's 2014 SRO preservation ordinance; however, some SRO advocates fear that without more funding for additional projects, other



Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Ald. Walter Burnett, Jr., and housing advocates at the ribbon-cutting for the Carling Hotel.

SRO buildings will be swept up by market-rate developers. Read

the Sun-Times article here.

Veterans' Housing Rehabilitation and Modification Pilot Program

HUD's Veterans' Housing and Rehabilitation and Modification Pilot Program seeks to improve housing for veterans by providing funding for renovation and accessibility modifications. Learn more and apply <u>here</u>.

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