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News & Updates from the Chicago Rehab Network

UPDATES FROM CRN



Empowerment Series Continues in October with Finance Skills for Real Estate

The Community Development & Empowerment Series is off to a fantastic start! We kicked off the Series earlier this week with a Community Building class led by Bickerdike CEO Joy Aruguete. Students went on a guided tour in several Chicago communities and got to learn about affordable developments built by CRN partners.

The Empowerment Series is underway, but it's not too late to register for the remaining workshops! Next up is Finance Skills for Real Estate taught by Maurice Williams. Technology can enhance your organization's ability to operate efficiently in today's challenging market. Learn housing finance concepts, how to compute financial calculations on the HP-12c, and how to use spreadsheets to create development proformas. Click below to register for Finance Skills for Real Estate or any of the other remaining comprehensive workshops.

[REGISTER](#)

Executive Director Kevin Jackson is First Janet L. Smith Practitioner in Residence

We are excited to announce that CRN Executive Director Kevin Jackson has been chosen as the first Practitioner in Residence

at UIC's College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs as part of a new program honoring longtime housing champion Janet L. Smith, who passed away in January of this year. Janet was a professor at UIC since 1997, the Co-Director of UIC's Nathalie P. Voorhees Center for Neighborhood and Community Improvement since 2004, and served as President of the UIC United Faculty union until early this year. She embodied the principles of "community-engaged research and teaching," and her commitment to community development and tireless work for the wellbeing of underserved neighborhood residents is unparalleled.



Practitioner in residence awards are granted to experienced professionals who work or have worked in non-profits, academia, and government in the areas of community development and housing policy. Kevin, a longtime colleague and friend of Janet, will spend time on campus at the Voorhees Center participating in research, technical assistance, and related programming, as well as interacting with students as professional mentors, guest speakers, and instructors for courses taught in the Urban Planning and Policy Department.

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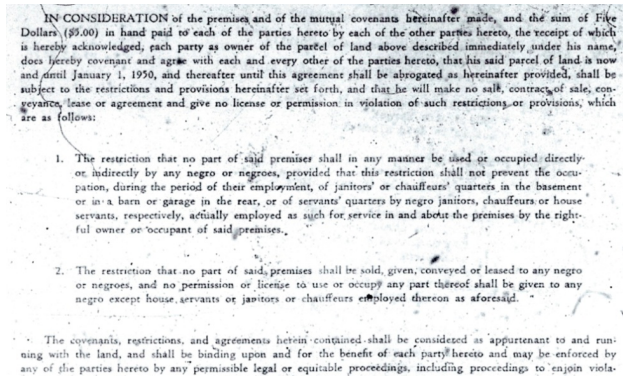
Be Part of the Grounding Values National Study

The Urban Institute has emailed survey invitations to thousands of community-based development organizations across the country. Commissioned by NACEDA, this is the first national survey of community-based development organizations since 2005. It is a critical component in the [Grounding Values Study](#). The results will be used to increase the flow of resources to community development nonprofits. If you are a nonprofit community developer, check your inbox for a survey invitation. It includes your organization's custom survey link. The subject line is "Request to Participate: National Survey of Nonprofit Community Developers." The survey takes about 30 minutes to complete, with questions about your production, programs, leadership, and needs. If you have not received a survey invitation from the Urban Institute, check your spam and ask if anyone at your organization got it. If not, complete this [survey request form](#). The survey closes on October 21.

Volunteer to Help with the Chicago Covenants Project

Racially restrictive covenants and deed restrictions were at one point so widely used in Chicago that it was estimated that 80% of the city's homes were covered by racial covenants. It was a system that was intentionally created, house by house, block by block, and subdivision by subdivision, across the city and across the country.

These records have been buried in the files of Cook County, but a new collaboration is unearthing the documents to illustrate how racial segregation in Northern cities such as Chicago was not accidental.



The Chicago Covenants Project is working to bring this legacy of racist housing practices to light by bringing together volunteers every two weeks to look through property records and identify racial covenants. Learn more about the work being done on the project by leader LaDale Winling and former CRN VISTA Maura Fennelly in an [article covering the Covenants Project in Crain's Chicago Business](#) and [register to attend research training](#) to get involved in the project.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Angela Hurlock and Earl Chase Named as Part of "Impactful 40"

Angela Hurlock and Earl Chase, directors of CRN member organizations Claretian Associates and Heartland Housing, respectively, have been named as part of Enterprise's "Impactful 40," honoring 40

individuals who've helped break boundaries and strengthen communities over the past 40 years. [Read more about Angela's and Earl's work as well as the other Impactful 40 honorees.](#)



Celebrating The Resurrection Project's 32nd Anniversary

The Resurrection Project will celebrate 32 years of its mission of creating community ownership, building community wealth, and serving as stewards of community assets in Chicago's southwest neighborhoods on October 20. [Find out more and purchase tickets to the gala.](#)



Celebrating The Renaissance Collaborative's 30th Anniversary

On October 20, join The Renaissance Collaborative as they celebrate their 30th anniversary. The benefit and awards ceremony, "Putting People First," will honor three decades of work for supportive housing, community development, workforce development, Black history preservation, and environmental sustainability in Bronzeville. [Find out more and RSVP.](#)



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About CRN

For 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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