



Updates from CRN

December 16, 2019

Happy
Holidays

It's the last NetworkNews of the year (and the decade)! Here at CRN, we're looking forward to taking time off to enjoy the holiday season--and to coming back to some exciting things in 2020. Keep an eye out for our analysis of [DOH's newly-released 2019 third quarter report](#) and information about the 25th anniversary of our Community Development and Empowerment Series!

Thank you for joining us during another year of promoting development without displacement. Whether you brainstormed with us at membership meetings, learned new skills during the Empowerment Series, or kept up-to-date with our newsletters, your commitment to a more equitable Chicago was an important part of our vibrant network.

[This holiday season, we ask that you consider making a tax-deductible contribution to CRN.](#) Your support is invaluable to helping us further housing affordability through research, capacity-building programs, and advocacy.

Whatever and however you celebrate, we hope you have the opportunity this holiday season to relax and spend time with loved ones. Happy holidays!

Wrapping Up Another Year of Community Development Education

December 6th marked the end of the 24th annual Community Development and Empowerment Series! Joining us from community development corporations, government offices, and advocacy organizations, students learned skills ranging from construction management to real estate finance to community building and more. We can't wait to see what they'll do next!



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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

We will hold a graduation celebration in the beginning of 2020. All are welcome--we will send out a time and date and in the coming months.

Check out some highlights from the year:



Students tour the newly-rehabbed Lathrop Homes during the Community Building class



Sources of Development Financing instructor Yittayih Zelalem helps students during an in-class activity

housing needs and markets.

Support our Mission:

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

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CRN thanks our generous supporters:



The Elizabeth Morse Charitable Trust



Multifamily Housing students with instructors Teresa Prim and Linda Greene



Students tour Altgeld-Murray housing construction site during Project & Construction Management with instructor Angela Hurlock

Save the Date

INVEST South/West Kick-Off Events

The City of Chicago has scheduled four kick-off events as a part of [INVEST South/West](#), the community improvement initiative launched by Mayor Lightfoot this fall.

The family-friendly events, organized by the Department of Planning and Development and the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, will provide community stakeholders with an overview of the initiative and give the public an initial opportunity to offer feedback on investment priorities.

Englewood, Auburn Gresham and New City
11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019
Kennedy-King College, 740 W. 63rd St.

Humboldt Park, Austin and North Lawndale
11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 18, 2020
Kehrein Center for the Arts, 5628 W. Washington Blvd.

Quad Communities, South Shore and South Chicago
11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020
Gary Comer Couth Center, 7200 S. Ingleside Ave.

Roseland
5 to 8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 31, 2020
Pullman Community Center, 10355 S. Woodlawn Ave.

[Find out more and RSVP here.](#)

In the News

Woodlawn Apartments to be Renamed for Mattie Butler



Two properties currently owned by POAH will be renamed after longtime community development leader and CRN board member Mattie Butler in spring 2020 in honor of her ongoing commitment to quality housing for Woodlawn's residents. In addition to leading Woodlawn East Community and Neighbors (WECAN), Mattie recently led the University of Chicago's Harris School of Public Policy in creating a parcel-by-parcel survey of all land publicly or privately owned in Woodlawn, resulting in the [Woodlawn Housing Data Project](#). You can read the full

announcement from POAH Senior Vice President Bill Eager [here](#).

Pilsen Gentrification Leading to Lower School Enrollment

A recent report from the Sun-Times finds that public elementary schools in Pilsen enrolled 40% fewer students this school year than they did in 2005. Carlos Ballesteros writes:

"Not too long ago, public elementary schools in Pilsen were overcrowded and underperforming. Today, it's the opposite:

Despite consistent academic gains over the last decade, Pilsen's public elementary schools are losing hundreds of students a year as working-class families leave the gentrifying neighborhood in droves."

[Read the full report here.](#)

Joy Aruguete and Bickerdike Featured in Sun-Times

A new Sun-Times feature highlights the work of Bickerdike Redevelopment Corporation, led by CEO Joy Aruguete, who is also a CRN board member and Empowerment Series instructor. The article touches on the new Emmett Street 100% affordable housing project, the redevelopment of Lathrop Homes, and more. [You can read it here.](#)



Rendering of new Emmett Street project

HUD Job Openings

Two Account Executive positions are currently available in Chicago with HUD. The positions, which can be found [here](#) and [here](#), both close on December 23rd.



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