

Urban Partnership Newsletter – February 2015

Urban Partnership Honors Black History Month



Organizations Promote Entrepreneurship Among the African American Community

Urban Partnership Bank's Jeff Wright, Senior Commercial Banker, was prominently featured in a recent local CBS evening news segment about the role organizations like the Business Leadership Council and the Urban League play in developing future business leaders from Chicago's urban neighborhoods. The segment talked about how these groups help shape and develop the skills and values necessary to succeed.

At the bank, Jeff, takes similar pride in making loans to help his clients succeed and grow. As small businesses develop new amenities and services, they contribute in major ways to a stronger, healthier community. For example, a recent loan he made to Ashley Quality Care, a home health care center, not only created good new jobs but is bringing quality, affordable health care services and housing to more seniors.

Jeff graduated from Georgetown and earned his MBA from Northwestern's Kellogg Business School. He is a member of a small group of emerging leaders chosen by the Business Leadership Council to hone their leadership skills. They also mentor other young people in the community, helping them explore new opportunities and achieve a brighter future.

Unitarian Universalist conference on Income Inequality

The Unitarian Universalist Church and Urban Partnership Bank teamed up to present a conference on Income Inequality in Evanston, IL. Speakers from both the church and the bank led a discussion on the ways that community banks like Urban Partnership Bank can work in tandem with the community and its customers to create economic development opportunities that can drive growth, build stronger communities and, in the process, reduce income inequality.



Ashley Quality Care

Lender: Jeff Wright

When Ashley's Quality Care, a home care service provider to the elderly and disabled, needed to renovate space to accommodate its clients, they turned to Jeffery Wright and Urban Partnership Bank for assistance. Now, thanks to a loan of more than \$2 million and a line of credit to help finance receivables, Ashley's operates a new 40,000 square-foot headquarters and training site for 1,000 additional caretakers. Additional bank financing is accelerating the delivery of much needed services and creating dozens of new jobs to meet the growing need of the community.



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