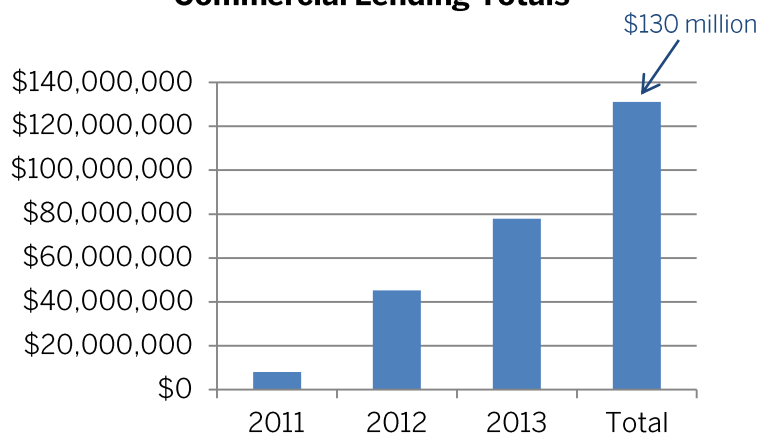


Urban Partnership Community Partners Newsletter – January 2014

HOLIDAY EDITION

Welcome to the first edition of Urban Partnership Bank’s Community Partners newsletter! This publication is designed to share some of the ways we are helping people in our communities build more secure lives, and how we are partnering with others to make a difference every day.

Commercial Lending Totals



Values are as of 12/31/13.

We take great pride in our lending because it grows businesses, creates jobs, transforms abandoned properties into affordable housing and drives economic growth in our communities.

Since our inception in Aug. 2010, we have extended just over **\$130 million** in new loans and credit to empower small businesses and real estate investors. We are especially proud that our lending amount has grown each year.

Throughout the holiday season, we participated in a wide variety of community events, ranging from adopting families to helping young students prepare for college to packing dinners for families in need. Through events like these, Urban Partnership Bank is working to build a brighter future for the urban communities we serve.

Urban Partnership Bank Offers 10 Steps for Preparing for College at Young Women’s Leadership Charter School, Bronzeville

On December 9th, a small panel of Urban Partnership Bank employee volunteers returned to YWLCS’s Financial Aid Night to help educate parents and students on the process of applying for and completing college. Many of the students will be first generation college students, so this session was indispensable for their future. A variety of topics were discussed, including knowing the value of a college education, the importance in having a college preparation timeline, sticking to a family budget, putting college savings into action, and being a successful college student. A representative from the Department of Education also attended to show students how to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Financial Aid Night with YWLCS continues to be a rewarding event for the Bank, and we look forward to participating in 2014.

Boxes of Love® Food Pantry, Chicago



On November 23rd several Urban Partnership Bank staff members created new memories of giving by volunteering to help pack 2,250 Boxes of Love®. These boxes made it possible for needy families throughout Chicago to celebrate Thanksgiving with their loved ones.

Chicago Sky Visits Young Women’s Leadership Charter School, *Bronzeville*

In mid-November, the Urban Partnership Bank team arranged for WNBA’s Chicago Sky General Manager and Head Coach Pokey Chatman and Rookie of the Year Elena Delle Donne Young to visit the Women’s Leadership Charter School in Bronzeville. The Sky’s visit to the charter school inspired 40 7th and 8th grade students and helped them build confidence. The event included a lively discussion, a powerful question-and-answer session, and an autograph signing session with Elena Delle Donne.



Community leadership and self-confidence were the key motivating messages delivered during the visit. As Chatman and Delle Donne shared their personal experiences with the young women, topics included the importance of persistence, goal-setting, planning, as well as the dangers of bullying, and using good judgment when choosing friends. The event ended with picture taking and autographs for the students.

Adoption of Three Families, *Austin/Pullman-Roseland*

As an organization, we helped spread some holiday cheer to three families in the Austin and Pullman/Roseland communities. We worked with the Salvation Army and the Heartland Alliance to identify three needy families, and more than 20 employees volunteered to adopt them. They collected and distributed gifts for each family member, making the holidays extra special for 4 adults and 17 children.

To learn more about how Urban Partnership Bank works with organizations to help build stronger, healthier communities, please visit www.upbnk.com or by email to communitypartners@upbnk.com or call **773.420.5050**, or toll free **800.905.7725**.

Scarf, Hat and Glove Drive for Teens, *Austin*

For two weeks in mid-December, the bank collected winter items from employees to donate to the “By the Hand for Kids Club” in the Austin community. “By the Hand” is a Chicago-based, free after-school program that emphasizes academic excellence to children who live in high-risk, inner-city neighborhoods. Items collected were distributed to program participants ages 14-19 at the Club in mid-December. Collection boxes were located at each branch location to make it convenient for employees to contribute.

