

## Urban Partnership Newsletter – May 2015

### COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE UPDATE

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#### **Bank helps finance affordable housing in Englewood**

*Lender: Jeff Allen*

Thanks to a \$3.6 million term loan Urban Partnership Bank made to Steve and Deona Thomas, two apartment buildings consisting of 30 affordable residences will be renovated and vastly improved for families in Chicago's Englewood neighborhood. The bank loan lowered the owners' cost of capital and is providing operating capital for improvements in an underserved, low-to-moderate income community. The Thomases were selected by the U.S. Department of Housing & Development to gut-renovate these buildings at 6848 S. Throop and 6849 S. Ada in 2011.

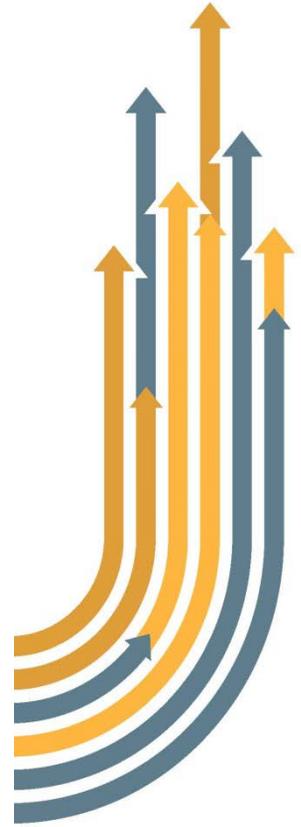


## Maintaining Our Commitment and Resolve: 2014 Progress Report

Since Urban Partnership Bank was established nearly five years ago, we have worked hard to build a strong and sustainable institution that makes a difference in the communities we serve. Last year, we continued making steady progress towards that goal, which you can read about in the Urban Partnership Bank's 2014 Progress Report, which is available at our financial centers or via online <https://www.upbnk.com/about/mission/progress-report-2014>.

It details how we continued to build our commercial lending program, streamlined our retail banking operations, and increased our impact in communities – all while continuing to deal with the considerable challenges of managing the portfolio of troubled loans we acquired from the FDIC.

The progress we have made is the product of the exceptional dedication of our staff and stakeholders. Urban Partnership Bank would like to thank you for your commitment to our mission and to the communities we serve. All of us at the bank are grateful for your continued support as we work together to achieve even greater things in 2015 and beyond.




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## URBAN PARTNERSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY

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### Pioneers of Progress and Urban Partnership Bank Financial Literacy Workshop

Urban Partnership Bank teamed up with Pioneers of Progress, a Chicago nonprofit that mentors young people to help enhance their academic performance, career options and community connections, offering a free financial literacy workshop at Ada S. McKinley Lakeside Academy. The bank's financial center manager Joyce Tucker-Ware, from the Greater Grand Crossing location, presented two 45-minute workshops about savings, budgeting and investing to junior and senior high school students.

## The Endless Summer is Coming Soon

What's not to love about summertime Chicago? There are so many fun and interesting things to do around town – from the Renaissance Fair to the V-103 Block Party. Make sure you take advantage of any of the community events and cultural programs planned for this summer. And while you're there, please take a minute to stop by and see us at the following events:

### V-103 Block Party

Saturday July 11, 2015  
First Merit Bank Pavilion  
Doors open at 5pm

### Bud Billikin Parade

Saturday, August 8, 2015  
Start time: 10:00 AM  
Start point: King Drive at Oakwood Blvd.



### African Festival of the Arts

September 4, 2015 - September 7, 2015  
Washington Park  
5100 S. Cottage Grove Ave  
Daily: 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

### 10th annual 79th Renaissance Festival

Saturday, September 12, 2015  
10:00am to 7:00pm  
On 79th Street between Racine and Loomis.



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