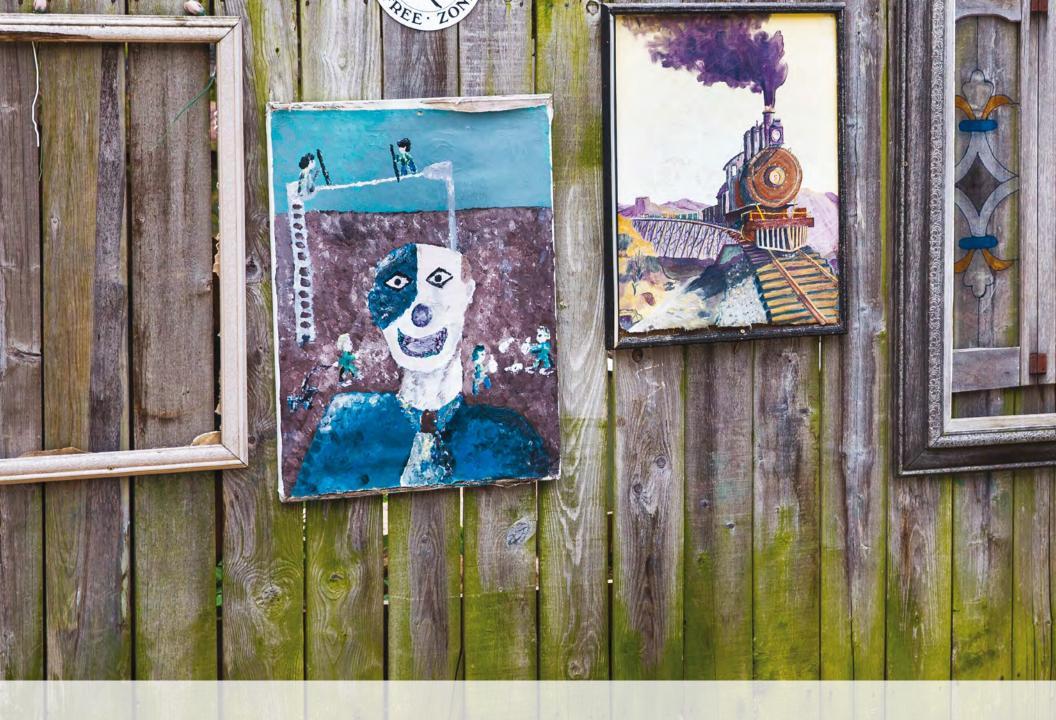


# FROM THE GROUND UP

2018 ANNUAL REPORT





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## **EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES TO REVITALIZE FROM THE GROUND UP**

Chicagoland is a dynamic region of great opportunity—and great complexity. Far too many of our communities must combat destabilizing conditions, such as elevated levels of crime, limited access to healthy food and isolation from the labor market. These are mere symptoms of decades of racial inequity, disenfranchisement and disinvestment, resulting in the slow but steady depopulation of our neighborhoods.

Many see these complexities as too deeply rooted, too thorny to approach, communities too blighted to repair. At Chicago Community Loan Fund, we take on these challenges, from the ground up.

We understand that transformative ideas don't always come from downtown boardrooms—they also come from the blocks where statistics and headlines are lived. That's why for 28 years, CCLF has been providing low-cost, flexible and patient capital, as well as technical assistance for community-based developers, whose well-being is tied to their ability to stabilize and grow the places they call home.

We finance ideas that come from the community—be it through block clubs, community organizers, neighborhood developers, social entrepreneurs and church groups—that reflect innovative thinking; are informed by the provision of direct service; and are backed not just by data points but real, lived experience. We know that leaders on the frontline wouldn't succeed if we focused on limitations, and we believe there are no gaps in experience or information that we can't work to overcome. This approach allows us to help rebuild neighborhoods with solutions driven by the community.

## In 2018 alone, we closed **32 loans**, totaling **\$21.5** million in financing.

This leveraged another \$52.1 million in investments for projects and initiatives across our diverse region, many of which were conceived by our customers and partners on the ground.

We're pleased to highlight two catalytic projects that have opened their doors: together with our partners, we financed a state-of-the-art, full-service grocery store in Woodlawn and an innovative community center in Pullman. We also highlight Activate Retail®, our commercial real estate development initiative, which gained momentum with a \$10 million commitment in long-term, low-cost debt from JPMorgan Chase as part of their larger \$40 million commitment to expand access to economic opportunity on Chicago's South and West Sides. These funds will help us to improve and create new spaces for local business owners to increase community wealth, create jobs for residents, make amenities available within walking distance and provide a higher quality of goods and services.

Our vision, creative problem-solving and expertise help us realize the reward beyond the risk. By combining our approach with the courage, grit and determination of our borrowers, as well as best practices from community partners, we arrive at the right mix of actions to combat issues previously thought insurmountable, like racial inequity and community disinvestment.

At CCLF, we strive to move these projects and initiatives forward with passion and urgency. But we are only able to do so with the support from our funders, investors and partners. Thank you for making 2018 a remarkable year at CCLF, and for seeing the possibility and promise of our work.

Together, we are funding and finding the solutions we need to develop, build and grow, *from the ground up*.



Calvin L. Holmes President

Matthew R. Reilein Chair



## A foundation for stronger neighborhoods

What makes a viable, vibrant community? *People do.* That's why we're committed to providing accessible financing, strategic partnership and support to visionary local developers and social entrepreneurs with a desire to build thriving neighborhoods.



What makes us different

## **PUTTING PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES FIRST**

CCLF helps people in emerging neighborhoods bring their ideas to life. Since 1991, we have aligned capital with equitable social and economic outcomes. By moving challenging projects and initiatives forward, we have empowered residents and communities to build better futures.

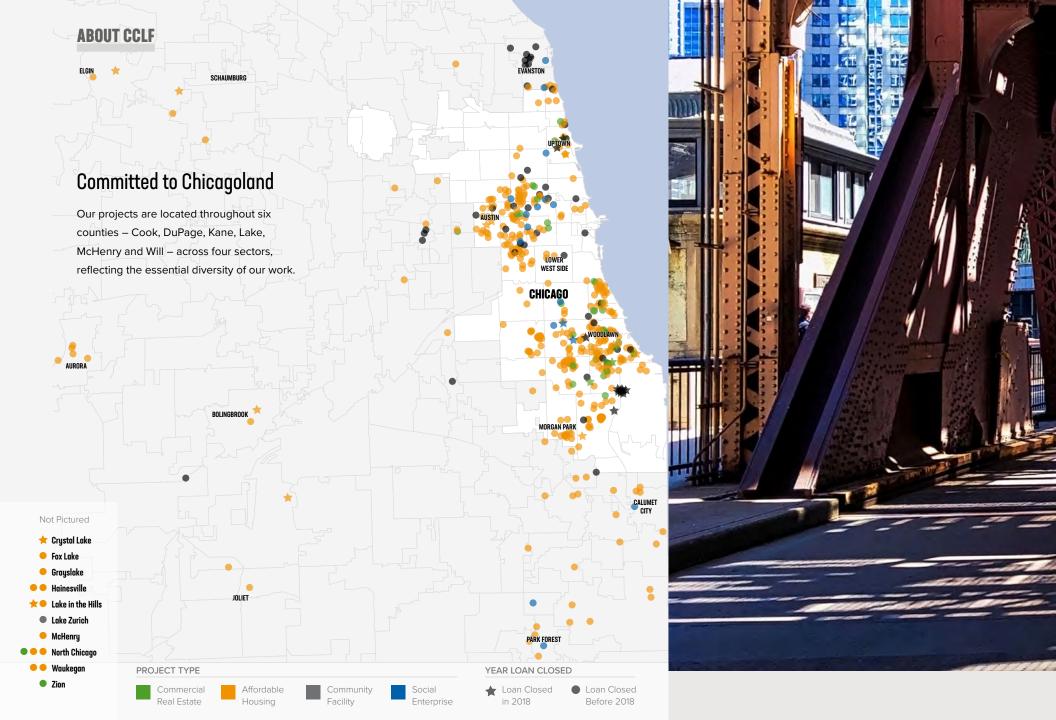
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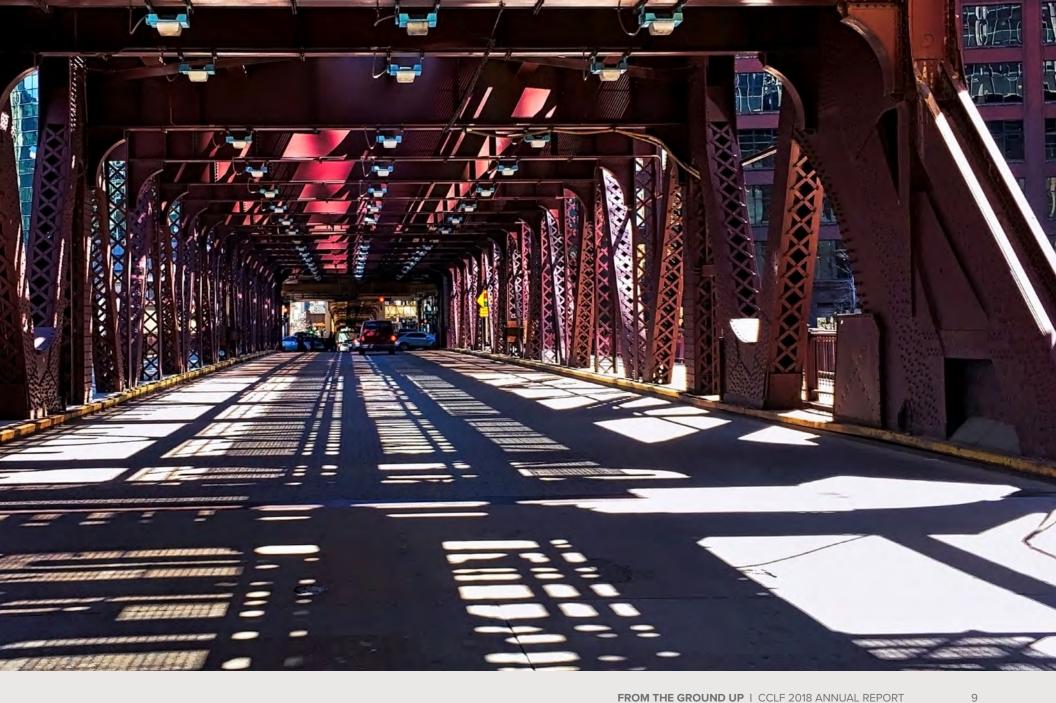
We are committed to providing flexible, affordable and responsible financing and technical assistance for community stabilization and development efforts and initiatives that benefit low- to moderate-income neighborhoods, families and individuals throughout the Chicagoland area.





# Support to ensure projects succeed





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### Areas of Impact

## **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

We help borrowers buy and rehab single-family, multi-family and cooperative housing in disinvested areas with the purpose of providing homes where people can flourish and grow.

## **COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

We finance the purchase and rehabilitation of properties that provide social services, jumpstart the local economy and bring arts and culture, education and jobs to Chicagoland neighborhoods.

## SOCIAL ENTERPRISES

We help visionary for- and not-for-profit organizations acquire the working capital and equipment necessary that, in turn, creates jobs for neighborhood residents and incubates community businesses that increase community wealth.

#### **2018 FEATURE**

Tudor Gables Corporation was founded in 1950 as a minority housing cooperative. The vintage, three-story brick building in the Kenwood neighborhood offers sustainable, affordable housing with ownership benefits for its co-op members.

housing

\$3.4M LOAN for rehab and refinance

**114 UNITS 31 JOBS** of affordable created

#### 2018 FEATURE

Founded in 1970. Rimland Services is the oldest agency in Illinois dedicated to the educational, vocational and residential needs of people with autism. CCLF has become a preferred partner to Rimland through our 15 years of working together, providing a total of \$2.4 million in financing over nine different loans.

**\$250K LOAN** to rehab home in Maywood

18 HOMES providing independent living opportunities to residents

89% occupancy rate

**\$266K LOAN** to acquire housing **3 PROPERTIES** to house fellows

#### **2018 FEATURE**

NeighborScapes is a not-for-profit social enterprise with a mission to strengthen the physical and social fabric of neighborhoods for young people. By providing their fellows with low-cost housing, they seek to transform zones of concentrated distress by participating in community change efforts.

13

fellows



## **COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE** BUILDING OPPORTUNITY THROUGH BRICK AND MORTAR

When it comes to developing Chicagoland's communities, resources provided by stable commercial real estate are essential. The presence of commerce brings opportunity and attention to an otherwise ignored neighborhood, enriching lives with new jobs and much-needed economic activity. These commercial developments build local wealth, provide easily accessible goods and services, and inspire growth.

## **Woodlawn Station**

#### Woodlawn Station is a transit-oriented retail and housing development, located at the 63rd and Cottage Grove CTA Green Line Station.

provide mixed-income housing options as well as six retail spaces, including community dating back to 1892. CCLF partially funded the project, which combined efforts from the Preservation of Affordable Housing, the Chicago Department of Planning and Development, Chicago TREND, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, JPMorgan Chase, BMO Harris Bank, Local Initiatives Support Corporation and the Illinois Housing Development Authority.

#### 15,000 SQ. FEET of commercial space

#### **70 UNITS** of mixed-income housing

**ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE** design







## Great things in store

#### Activate Retail®, CCLF's commercial real estate initiative, is our primary effort to stabilize and activate retail corridors and businesses, and in turn, strengthen local economies.

We know retail developments are an anchor for emerging communities. That's why Activate Retail® works diligently with community partners to attract new businesses and retail outlets to low- to moderate-income neighborhoods. We provide predevelopment, construction, permanent, subordinate and equity-like financing, along with technical assistance and policy advocacy.

#### MADE POSSIBLE BY PARTNERS

Our retail efforts are financed, in part, by partners like Citi, Communities at Work Fund, The Chicago Community Trust, State Farm, Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago, the CDFI Fund, Benefit Chicago, City of Chicago Treasurer and JPMorgan Chase. At the end of 2018, JPMorgan Chase committed \$10 million in long-term, low-cost debt to be used exclusively for commercial retail development on Chicago's South and West Sides.







## YEAR IN REVIEW

## Progress happens on the ground

2018 was a year of powerful ideas and collaboration from all corners—from community activists, to cultural visionaries, to wealth-builders. By financing overlooked and underserved neighborhoods, as well as community developers and social entrepreneurs, we're building a better Chicagoland with our partners.

MWW WELL

**32** loans totaling \$21.5 million

\$52.1 million of investments

\$33.3 million in lending commitments

**RECEIVED A** 00,000 financial assistance grant

## PROVIDED **300** real estate practitioners

technical assistance

So that we could...

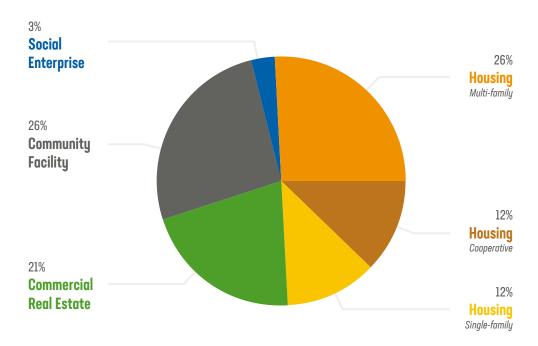




5 of commercial retailand community facility space

Portfolio

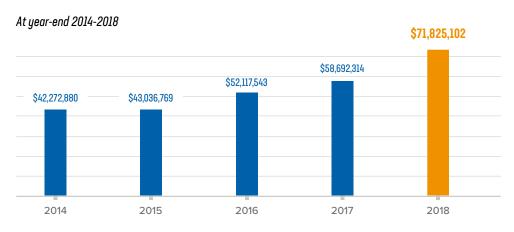
By sector at year-end 2018



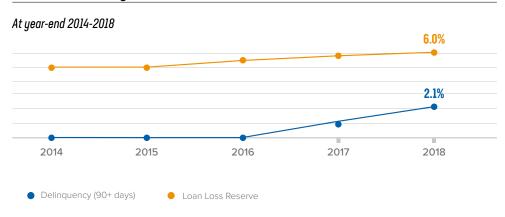


By product at year-end 2018 **Mini-permanent** Construction 46% 26% 14% 1% 11% Equipment & Predevelopment Permanent **Working Capital** 

## **Outstanding Principal Balance**

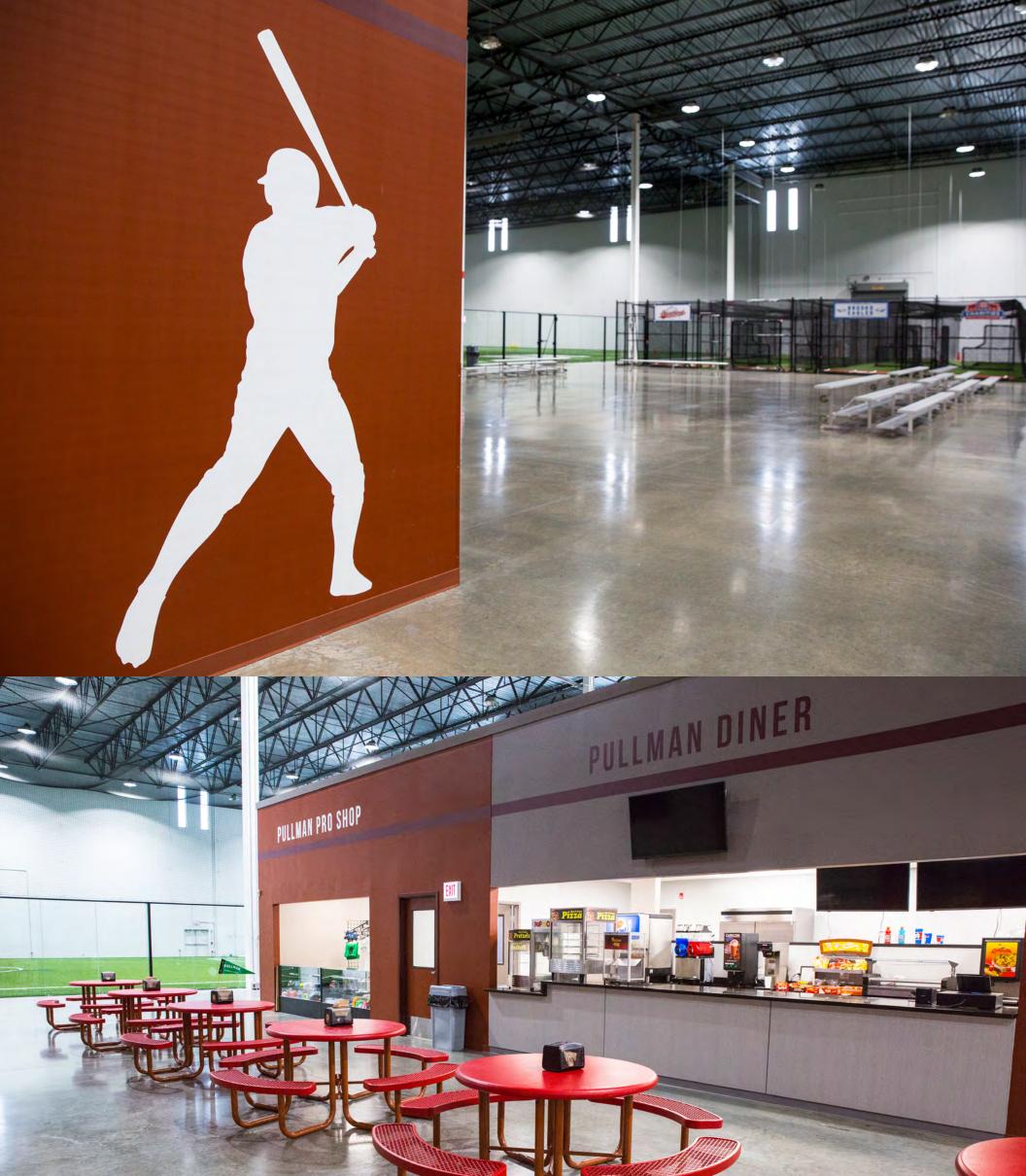


## Portfolio Quality



\*Non-accruals are not counted in delinquency.

\*\*2.1% delinquency equates to \$1.5 million of \$71.8 million being delinquent across three delinquent loans.







#### 2018 Highlight

## A PLACE TO PLAY, GATHER AND GROW ENVISIONING THE U.S. BANK PULLMAN COMMUNITY CENTER

Chicago's historic Pullman neighborhood, once a model of industrial achievement, has struggled to thrive due to years of neglect and disinvestment. Pullman needed a focal point in the community for learning, meeting and recreation.

CCLF provided a \$2.3 million mini-permanent loan for the development of the U.S. Bank Pullman Community Center, a project spearheaded by Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives with a host of additional investors including: the Chicago Bears, Chicago Cubs Charities, Chicago's Environmental Fund, Chicago Housing Authority, the Chicago Park District, Citi, the City of Chicago, ESPN, Exelon, Ford Motor Co., Local Initiatives Support Corporation, National Community Investment Fund, NFL Grassroots, State of Illinois DCEO, U.S. Bank and Wintrust Financial Corporation.

Constructed on a long-vacant 12-acre lot, the Center is the largest sports multiplex in Illinois, housing three full-sized indoor sports fields, basketball courts, rooms for mentoring, tutoring and computer-based learning, as well as ample common space for community gatherings and commercial retail. The state-of-the-art, climatecontrolled facility has the capacity to welcome 50,000 visitors, and employ 145 full- and part-time residents from the Pullman and nearby Roseland communities.

 <sup>66</sup> THIS IS WHAT BUILDS A COMMUNITY, BUILDS A NEIGHBORHOOD AND GIVES YOU VISION FOR THE FUTURE.
 **Dick Durbin**, U.S. Senator

The Center offers a safe space from crime for youth and families and builds healthy lifestyles through sports and recreation.

"This is a classic case of a field of dreams," said former Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel of the Center. "If you build it, they will come."



145

jobs created

\$18M

#### Impact

**135,000** sq.-foot facility **50,000** visitor capacity

**\$2.3M** loan provided

additional financing leveraged

#### **YEAR IN REVIEW**





2018 Highlight

## AN OASIS IN A FOOD DESERT JEWEL-OSCO COMES TO WOODLAWN

Woodlawn, a historic community on Chicago's South Side, was once a mecca for culture and commerce. Following decades of decline, the neighborhood recently began to experience gradual investment and growth. However, one dubious distinction remained: Woodlawn was still deemed a federally recognized food desert.

To put an end to the more than forty-year food drought, Activate Retail® began working with DL3 Realty and Terraco Real Estate. CCLF provided DL3 Realty with an \$850,000 predevelopment loan, with Fifth Third Bank as the principal lender for this project along with the Chicago Development Fund. Shortly after this partnership began, Jewel-Osco entered into a ground lease with DL3 Realty for the property.

Ground broke on March 7, 2018, with the grand opening of a spacious new Jewel-Osco occurring in early 2019.

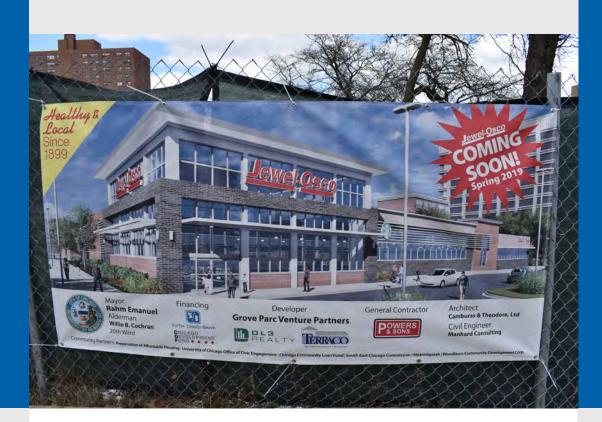
<sup>66</sup> THIS STORE MAKES THE WHOLE
 NEIGHBORHOOD LOOK BRIGHTER...
 I'LL BE COMING HERE EVERY DAY NOW. ??
 Woodlawn resident

The positive impact of working to eliminate a food desert and renew life in Woodlawn goes well beyond providing convenient access to better food choices, fresh produce, a deli counter and a variety of services for customers. The addition of a state-of-the-art Jewel-Osco housing a full-service pharmacy in the Woodlawn community brings more economic vitality, jobs and self-sustainability to area residents, while exemplifying our mission to build Chicagoland's communities. PICTURED ABOVE The Woodlawn Jewel-Osco, which opened in spring 2019.

## Nourishing a community, physically and economically.

#### It had been 47 years since the last full-service grocery store closed its doors in Woodlawn, making the area a federally recognized food desert.

CCLF made an \$850,000 predevelopment loan to DL3 Realty to develop a 48,000-square-foot Jewel-Osco, with Fifth Third Bank as the principal lender and the Chicago Development Fund supporting. This project provides access to healthy foods, jobs for local residents and increases sales of products from local entrepreneurs.



#### Impact

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Eliminated a food desert by developing a 48,000-sq.-foot grocery 

**Increased access** to medications through a 24/7 pharmacy







## Supported minority vendors by featuring 40 locally-crafted products

## Grounded in Partnership

CCLF has been invested in the Woodlawn community for 25 years, providing 27 loans for housing and commercial retail development, and supporting capital needs of nonprofits and social enterprises.

As we've seen time and again, collaboration is at the root of our success. By teaming up with visionary partners in Preservation for Affordable Housing, Chicago TREND, DL3 Realty, Terraco, Network of Woodlawn, WECAN, Greenline and others, CCLF's financing is working to keep long-time residents in place while elevating the economic potential of the neighborhood.

Trianon Lofts, a mixed-use housing development, Woodlawn Station, a housing and retail project, and the Woodlawn Jewel-Osco are all recent undertakings financed by CCLF in partnership with banks, the City of Chicago and peer community development financial institutions. This project is another prime example of CCLF working on the ground with our customers and community groups to understand and meet their needs.

**66** THIS NEW GROCERY STORE WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF A PROUD AND HISTORIC COMMUNITY. 🤊 Leon Walker, Managing Partner, DL3 Realty

## A Neighborhood Store





## FINANCIALS Year ended December 31, 2018

#### **Current Assets**

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 10,817,642
Funds Held for Others	\$ 280,705
Investments	\$ 9,573,913
FHLB Stock	\$ 47,200
Grants and Contributions Receivables	\$ 753,378
Interest Receivable	\$ 536,108
Other Receivables	\$ 1,369,419
Notes Receivable, Net of Allowance	\$ 18,002,385
Prepaids and Deposits	\$ 48,080
Total Current Assets	\$ 41,428,830

#### Long-term Assets

TOTAL ASSETS

Total Long-term Assets	\$ 49,713,893
Property, Held for Sale	\$ 110,000
Leasehold Improvements, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	\$ 54,009
Office Equipment, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	\$107,512
Investment in Limited Liability Companies	\$ 1,474
Notes Receivable, Net of Allowance	\$ 49,440,898

**Current Liabilities** 

Total Current Liabilities	\$ 18,166,508
Subordinated Loans Payable	\$ 3,000,000
Senior Loans Payable	\$ 10,144,005
Notes Payable	\$ 940,096
Interest Payable	\$ 40,691
Funds Held for Others	\$ 280,705
Refundable Advances	\$ 1,646,356
Accrued Liabilities	\$ 149,004
Accounts Payable	\$ 1,965,651

#### Long-term Liabilities

TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 62,548,107
Total Long-term Liabilities	\$ 44,381,599
Subordinated Loans Payable, Less Current Portion	\$ 8,600,000
Senior Loans Payable, Less Current Portion	\$ 17,130,837
Notes Payable, Less Current Portion	\$ 18,650,762

#### Net Assets

\$ 91,142,723

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 91,142,723
Total Net Assets	\$ 28,594,616
With Donor Restrictions	\$ 6,061,404
	\$ 22,533,212
Board Designated	<u>\$ 13,259,608</u>
Undesignated	\$ 9,273,604
Without Donor Restrictions	

#### Activity

Revenue	
Grants and Contributions	\$3,090,362
Donated Services	\$887,686
Earned Income	\$4,785,495
Miscellaneous	\$32,378
	\$8,795,921
Expenses	
Program	\$5,515,304
Administrative	\$1,296,875
Fundraising	\$210,036
	\$7,022,215

Recoveries on Pr	eviously Written-off Loans	\$38,896

Change In Net Assets	\$1,812,602
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	<u>\$26,782,014</u>
Net Assets, End of Year	\$28,594,616

## **INVESTORS**

#### Platinum

\$5 million or more





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## **PNC**

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## Gold

\$3 million to \$4.99 million

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**BMO** Harris Bank

Silver

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Medical Center Trinity Health Corporation

\$1 million to \$2.99 million

## Bronze

\$500.000 to \$999.999 Capital One

First Savings Bank of Hegewisch State Farm West Side United

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\$100,000 to \$499,999

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