

Be ENGAGED

RENEW COMMUNITIES
NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 1, 2024 - AUGUST 1, 2024



President's Note

As we go through July, we are thrilled to announce that **FIVE** families have already received the keys to their new homes this year. We are on track to make 2024 our biggest year yet in helping families achieve the dream of homeownership. This incredible milestone is a testament to our collective efforts. Every act of volunteering, sharing your skills and talents, and your generosity has contributed to this success. Most importantly, we've built strong relationships along the way.

-David Weil



CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS

AT A GLANCE

NOV 09

2ND ANNUAL GLITTER GALA
EXMOOR COUNTRY CLUB
6:00PM | SATURDAY

You do not want to miss our **Glitter Gala, our annual fundraiser!**

The Glitter Gala is an evening of delicious dining and networking with some of the elite business owners of the North Shore. Hear inspiring stories from Matthew Homeowners and Team 300 members. The highlight of the night is building homes on site!

RSVP

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GIVING TUESDAY
SAVE THE DATE!
ALL DAY EVENT!



Look for information about our Giving Tuesday Team 300 Thank You Campaign in our next newsletter.

Ways to donate.

1. One time donation
2. Reoccurring Giver
3. Payroll Deductions
4. Securities Donation

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TOGETHER WE ARE *Team 300* & WE ARE GROWING!

ReNew Communities is committed to small business development, community engagement, and revitalizing the City of North Chicago through a homeownership program named Matthew Homes. Team 300 is the clarion call to join this strategic movement of partnering with 300 Matthew Homeowners to catalyze a tipping point toward community revitalization. We need your help to encourage and resource families in North Chicago.

- **Volunteer your carpentry, professional expertise, and mentor skills**
- **Volunteer, no experience needed. Learn a new skill**
- **Elect to become a recurring giver**
- **Contribute as an In-Kind Donor**
- **Become a Corporate Partner!**

corporatepartnerships@renewcommunities.org

- **Adopt a Home**

jdennison@renewcommunities.org or
jrevenaugh@renewcommunities.org

- **Sign up for our weekly volunteer opportunities.**

Do not see a way you can contribute to Team 300, no problem! Would you like to schedule a tour of Matthew Homes in progress? Interested in setting up a meeting with a ReNew team member?

Call our office at (847)457-7247
or send us an email at
info@renewcommunities.org

Team 300 awaits you!





Ways To Get Involved

We are looking to partner with individuals, distributors, and manufacturers!

In-kind Needs:

- Bathroom supplies, including fans, mirrors, and commodes.
- Cabinets
- Concrete
- Doors, including sliding doors.
- Electrical Supplies
- Fixtures
- Flooring
- Insulation
- Lighting
- Local storage facility
- Lumber
- Paint
- Pipe and Pipe Fitting Supplies
- Roofing
- Spoils Disposal
- Windows

Contact:

John Revenaugh

Volunteer Needs

- Administrative
- Corporate Partnerships
- Financial Mentor
- In-kind Fundraiser
- Marketing
- Microsoft Training
- Podcast Producer
- Project Management
- Public Relations
- Skilled Carpenters
- Skilled Carpenters with mentoring skills
- Volunteer Hosts
- Weekday Volunteers
- Weekend Volunteers

Contact:

Joyce Dennison

GET IN TOUCH WITH US!

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Volunteer hours recorded for June alone!

A Few Of Our Local Heroes

These Weekday Warriors have shown exceptional diligence and dedication. We deeply appreciate everything you do, day in and day out.

- Tom Corning
- Jim and Kathie Warfield
- Howard Adamski
- Tom & Sheri Donovan
- The Habaholics
- Kim Gates
- Chris Hartrich
- Linda Arnold



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Meet Our New Team Members

Meet **Kalen Simmons, JaDon Simmons,** and **La'Quon Robinson**, our new construction team members.

If you see them out working, say hello!

FUN FACT: They are graduates from the YouthBuild Program and have been friends since grade school and they are planning to start their own carpentry businesses.



We have a new General Manager! **John Revenaugh.**

FUN FACTS: John lives with his wonderful wife, three hounds, and a turtle. He has been blessed with eight wonderful grown children, six grandkids (soon to be seven), and six grand pups. He tries to live his life according to Micah 6:8 and Matthew 25:40.



Our Media Feature with wttw

How a Nonprofit is Helping People Purchase Homes, Cultivate Community in North Chicago

ReNew Communities was featured on an episode of Chicago Tonight! This episode gives you an inside peak and some of the amazing people committed to Team 300!

 [WATCH NOW](#)

Your Home
Is Your Choice,
and so is Your
Engagement in
Your Community



Matthew Home Key Ceremony

Matthew Homes are rehabs and brand-new builds. In June of this year, a wonderful family received the keys to the 23rd Matthew Home. This beautiful, rehabbed home exemplifies the craftsmanship of ReNew's staff and volunteers! On August 23rd, the 24th family received the keys to their Matthew Home! The Ceremony is a joyous occasion for the family, community, volunteers, and ReNew employees!



Before



After





TRANSFORM

— CAPITAL —

INVESTORS IN HUMAN FLOURISHING

Transform Capital is an integral Team 300 partner. Learn more about this outstanding organization's mission and vision.

WEBSITE





Meet Our Partner

- **How did Transform Capital get started?**

Transform Capital ("TC") was born out of the remnants of the George Floyd tragedy, with 4 co-founders Paul, Mark, Fred and Stephen asking a few hard questions ..."what would it look like to tangibly love our neighbors, and to invest in Human Flourishing?" While "Flourishing" is far more than an economic construct, we were compelled by the power of igniting generational wealth for sisters and brothers so often marginalized by traditional financial systems. In early conversations with David Weil, we learned of the increasing difficulty of mortgage access for many wonderful Matthew Home families in North Chicago, and we launched TC in response. We did so on faith, and God has been leading us on a wonderful journey.

- **How many lives have been changed by Transform Capital?**

Today, we are approaching \$2.5 million in donated capital dedicated to North Chicago, which is redeployed into attractive loans for families referred by ReNew and other mission partners (~20 loans, with an average mortgage rate at 3.6%). We operate as an innovative, volunteer led organization, so our operating costs are very low. In fact, our recurring loan income covers 100% of our costs, so every \$1 raised recycles for future impact. Importantly, as clients pay back a loan, the funding Recycles to serve another neighbor! And, lending is simply a reason to be in relationship as we walk alongside clients for decades, encouraging the journey of asset ownership, and learning from each other along the way. Transformation is a mutual process as we break down the lines that so often separate communities.

What's your "why"?



Our "why" is to Ignite the power of generational wealth for neighbors, and to Invest in Human Flourishing. We call ourselves a "Lending movement that makes no Cents", pun fully intended. Our vision is to Transform "Capital" itself, from something that so often divides us into a redemptive tool to serve. Our prayer is to reach a minimum of \$4 million in funded loans, and to use the resulting profits to hire a full staff from the community itself, creating a mission model that is "by, of, and for" the great community of North Chicago.

-Paul A. Hawkinson

Executive Director & Co-Founder
Transform Capital | Invest in Human Flourishing





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BLOCK

PARTY

We Rocked the Block in July! Our Matthew Home community made a big impact on Seymour. It was an amazing day filled with beautiful weather, great people, and lots of fun.

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A special thank you to all our incredible volunteers, the City of North Chicago and our sponsors: Transform Capital, ReNew Communities, Seymour Neighbors, Matthew Home Families, Holy Smokers, Christ Church Local Missions, and Randal Entertainment.





Glitter Gala

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Your'e Invited!



This fundraising gala is an exciting night out for a great cause at the beautiful Exmoor Country Club, November 9th. Enjoy great food and drinks, hear inspiring stories, and participate in silent auctions and raffles to exotic vacation destinations and prizes. We will also build a virtual house together – always a high-energy experience. Please Join us! Together, we create a tipping point towards community revitalization.

Saturday, November 9th, 2024
Exmoor Country Club
700 Vine Ave, Highland Park, IL 60035
Cocktail Hours Start at 6 pm
Formal attire (No Jeans)



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR
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Let's transform the world through radical generosity.

Giving Tuesday is a global generosity movement that unleashes the power of radical generosity to transform communities and the world.

Picture 300 new homeowners joining hands throughout the North Chicago community. Your investment will provide families with a home, safer streets, improved academics, and thriving neighborhoods.

[> READ MORE](#)

Join the GivingTuesday movement and reimagine a world built upon shared humanity and generosity.

You don't have to wait you can give now!

[DONATE](#) 



Coffee

Did you know that ReNew Communities has a coffee line? Enjoy Coffee and make a difference simultaneously! Purchase our coffee for your home, business, or events! A portion of the proceeds are donated to ReNew Communities! Coffee lovers, please try our new coffee, **ReNew 2.0**, and be on the lookout for the release of **ReNew 3.0 in December, just in time for the holiday season!** It is an aromatic **"Southern" Italian Roast** delicately blended with espresso. ReNew 2.0 delicious black or with your favorite creamer. Purchase ReNew Coffee and ReNew 2.0 through a North Chicago business Coffee Fresh Inc.

 **ORDER NOW**



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Thank YOU

WE DO NOT TAKE
YOUR TIME FOR
GRANTED. THANK
YOU FOR READING
OUR INAUGURAL
NEWSLETTER! SEE
YOU IN

December!