

GLCU Foundation's Housing and Financial Counselor Saves Home for Single Mom



When GLCU Foundation's housing and financial counselor Jessie Flores realized her client, Christine V. was in danger of foreclosure, she pulled out all the stops to save Christine and her children from becoming homeless. Check out our [blog](#) to learn more about Christine's story.

Providing Much-Needed Financial Services in Chicago's Austin Neighborhood



The Leaders Network Financial branch of GLCU recently held a [grand opening celebration](#), including a ribbon-cutting with local officials. Discover how the new branch is paving the way for financial empowerment in Chicago's Austin neighborhood, including providing [free HUD-certified housing and financial counseling](#) to both members and non-members in the community.

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Seven Students Receive a \$2,500 Scholarship from GLCU Foundation for Financial Empowerment



This year, the GLCU Foundation for Financial Empowerment received a record number of member scholarship applications! In June, we hosted a celebratory reception at our corporate headquarters for the recipients. Seven exceptional students each received a \$2,500 scholarship to continue their education at an accredited technical school, trade school, or four-year college or university.

GLCU is proud to support our members' financial wellness and invest in these students' promising futures.

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Boys and Girls Club of Lake County Helps Children Save, Share, and Spend Smart



The GLCU Foundation for Financial Empowerment is proud to partner with the [Boys and Girls Club of Lake County](#) to offer a 7-week [Money Mammals@Saving Money Is Fun Club™](#) for kindergarten-3rd grade campers. More than 100 campers will learn how to *Save, Share, and Spend Smart* with their money while enjoying activities to practice their skills. If your organization is interested in bringing our Money Mammals Saving Money Is Fun Club to your group, reach out to us at communitydevelopment@glcu.org.

By the Numbers - Our Community Impact



Common Pantry - Our Newest Volunteer Partner



Common Pantry has a deeply rooted mission to "meet the emergency needs of our local community by providing healthy food, kinship, and support to help overcome poverty-related challenges." The GLCU Foundation for Financial Empowerment is proud to volunteer with them on a regular basis. Volunteers help stock shelves, bag groceries, and assist clients as they shop for their favorite items. Visit the organization [here](#) if you or someone you know may need its services.

Foundation Employee Spotlight



John Borthwick, Senior Housing and Financial Counselor

GLCU Foundation for Financial Empowerment

After growing up on the East Coast around the Washington, D.C. area, John Borthwick moved to Chicago in 2009 after a good friend suggested giving the city a shot. John had experience in construction and quickly got a job as a carpenter doing rough framing. After a few years in the trades, he got the bug to go back to school, and earned a master's degree in public policy from DePaul University.

He primarily focused on social inequalities within housing, so when he landed a job in [HUD housing counseling](#), he was incredibly excited to start a career in something he was passionate and intellectually curious about.

For the past six years, John has been working in GLCU's Uptown Chicago branch as a HUD-certified Senior Housing and Financial Counselor at the [GLCU Foundation for Financial Empowerment](#). He started out doing only foreclosure cases and found the work and situations people had to be challenging but incredibly rewarding to solve.

He eventually began counseling in all areas of finance and loved being able to be the one providing guidance that helped people grow generational wealth, fix their credit, and avoid serious issues such as foreclosure, eviction, and homelessness. He's incredibly grateful for a job that allows him to interact so personally with people needing help and hopes he can help the agency continue the great work it does.



Making Homeownership in Chicago Affordable

The GLCU Foundation works with local resources to help our clients with a variety of housing needs. One such partner, Chicago Housing Trust, provides opportunities and resources for people wanting to make homeownership a reality. It expands housing access, establishes stable residential communities, and ensures long-term affordability in Chicago.

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Q1 Partnership Recipient Announced



The GLCU Foundation for Financial Empowerment is pleased to announce [North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic \(NSLAC\)](#) as our first quarter partnership recipient. North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic's mission is to provide accessible, quality, equitable, and free legal services in the areas of domestic violence, housing, and immigration to give low-income, at-risk community members access to justice and the opportunity to live productive and secure lives. The GLCU Foundation is looking forward to continuing to partner with NSLAC to help low-income tenants build financial literacy and avoid future housing issues.

If you are interested in submitting a proposal request, please click the button below to learn more about our partnership guidelines and to submit a proposal. Donations will be awarded on a quarterly basis. Third quarter applications will be accepted from July 1, 2024, through September 30, 2024, and will be awarded by October 31, 2024.

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Give the Gift of Financial Empowerment

By donating to the GLCU Foundation for Financial Empowerment, you become a critical part of a powerful mission to promote economic stability and financial literacy. Your generous contribution directly helps us provide invaluable resources, education, and tools for individuals striving to secure their financial future. By supporting our foundation, you can truly make a difference, enabling people to transform their lives through improved financial awareness and independence.

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