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Marquette Bank Announces New Foundation to Promote Affordable Housing

*New Marquette Bank Affordable Housing Foundation
will provide grants to lower income home buyers*

Chicago, IL (October 12, 2007) — Marquette Bank, a community-focused bank serving south and west Chicago and the surrounding suburbs, today announced the formation of a new non-profit foundation to promote affordable home ownership in the neighborhoods and communities the Bank serves. The new foundation will be funded with an initial endowment of \$2 million from Marquette Bank's parent company, Marquette National Corporation, and will be called the Marquette Bank Affordable Housing Foundation.

The purpose of the Marquette Bank Affordable Housing Foundation will be two-fold. First, it will provide resources, in the form of down payment and/or closing cost grants, to help make home ownership attainable for lower-income borrowers. Second, it will participate in affordable housing initiatives and partnerships with community-based affordable housing development organizations in low-or moderate-income neighborhoods and communities that are part of Marquette Bank's market area. The new foundation builds upon the Great Start Mortgage Program, an effort that began at the Bank more than four years ago, providing home buyer education classes, access to Federal Home Loan Bank grants and special mortgage programs for lower earning home buyers.

“We realized that, if we truly were intent on putting home ownership within the reach of more families, we needed to put our money where it mattered most,” says Thomas Bamford, the newly appointed President of the Foundation, “The Bank felt that one of the most powerful things it could do as a financial provider would be to help hardworking but lower earning households pursue the dream of home ownership.”

The Marquette Bank Affordable Housing Foundation will be based at the original Marquette Bank located at 6316 S. Western Avenue but will work with public, private and non-profit groups including real estate companies, housing organizations, community groups and development agencies across Chicagoland. For more information on the Marquette Bank Affordable Housing Foundation, call Thomas Bamford at 773-918-4507.

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Marquette National Corporation is a \$1.6 billion diversified financial holding company for Marquette Bank. Marquette Bank has been a locally-operated bank providing personalized banking service since 1945. Marquette Bank is a full-service, customer-focused community bank that serves the financial needs of Chicagoland communities, offering an extensive line of financial products including retail banking, mortgages, trust and business banking, free Online Bill Pay and free Automated Telephone Banking. Marquette Bank's retail branches are located in Chicago, Aurora, Bolingbrook, Bridgeview, Evergreen Park, Hickory Hills, Lemont, New Lenox, Oak Lawn, Oak Forest, Orland Park, Romeoville and Summit, Illinois.

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