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Marquette Bank Affordable Housing Foundation Names President

Chicago, IL (November 27, 2007) — The Marquette Bank Affordable Housing Foundation, a non-profit foundation formed to promote affordable home ownership, has appointed Thomas J. Bamford President of the newly-created organization. The foundation was launched in October by Marquette Bank and was funded with an initial endowment of \$2 million from Marquette Bank's parent company, Marquette National Corporation. The foundation will provide down payment assistance and/or closing cost grants to help make home ownership attainable for lower-income borrowers and 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.

Mr. Bamford, a current resident of Oak Brook and past resident of Clarendon Hills, has worked for Marquette Bank since 1998 as the Vice President responsible for Community Reinvestment & Economic Development. Thomas will continue in his current role at the Bank while also leading the Marquette Bank Affordable Housing Foundation. He has a strong background in community service with local development, economic revitalization and housing organizations.

“Throughout his years at Marquette Bank, Thomas has concentrated on housing, economic development and predatory lending issues. These are quality of life issues about which he has a genuine interest and deep concern.” says George Moncada, President of Marquette Bank, “He is well qualified to lead the new foundation and build upon myriad community partnerships cultivated through the years, with a goal of helping more families realize the dream of home ownership.”

Bamford served five terms as President of the Board of Directors for the Greater Southwest Development Corporation, a south side development organization, and currently serves as Board Secretary. Thomas was appointed Commissioner of Special Service Area No. 3 by the Chicago City Council. He also serves as a Board Member for the Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago addressing affordable housing, community renewal and low-cost lending initiatives with special involvement in Neighborhood Lending Services.

“I am extremely excited about Marquette Bank Affordable Housing Foundation and passionate about our mission to help make housing more affordable for those segments of the population that need it most,” says Thomas Bamford, in accepting his new role as Foundation President. “Drawing from my professional background, life experience and personal contacts, the position offers a unique opportunity to make a real difference through the Foundation,” he adds.

Mr. Bamford serves or has served previously on the many Advisory Boards including: Fannie Mae's Illinois Partnership Office, the City of Chicago Department of Housing's Anti-Predatory Lending Task Force, the National Training and Information Center's Anti-Predatory Lending Initiative, the Southwest Women Working Together's Ad Hoc Advisory, Southwest Home Equity Assurance Program's Bank Partners Committee, Local Initiatives Support Corporation's New Communities Program, the Roseland Redevelopment Planning Board, Simeon Vocational Academy Business Advisory, the Rebirth of West Englewood Community Development Corp., the Fifteenth Ward Community & Economic Development Task Force, the City of Chicago's Business Development Task Force, the Neighborhood & Family Investment Fund and the Marquette Bank Scholarship Program.

Beyond community development groups, Thomas works with faith-based organizations on Chicago's south side on financial literacy and housing related education. Mr. Bamford is part of an Ad Hoc Advisory Group of Youth for Christ – Juvenile Justice Ministry and is part of an Elder Council of Christ Church of Oakbrook. Mr. Bamford is a graduate of Wheaton College and previously held positions at First National Bank of Evergreen Park, Michael Reese Hospital, Elmhurst Memorial Hospital, PACE Institute and MAP International in various communications and outreach positions. For more information on the Marquette Bank Affordable Housing Foundation, call Thomas Bamford at 773-918-4507.

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