



## CRC News & Updates

### President's Message

**2019 President: Jennifer Breen**

**2020 President: Erica Burton**

Thank you for the opportunity to lead CRC this past year! I learned so much about this incredible organization and its members, and I look forward to supporting our 2020 Board next year. It is important to note some major benchmarks we have achieved as a group, including a newly updated website, increased membership, a formalized CRC Connect that will provide regular outreach to our membership, and tremendous response to our open Board positions. CRC is an organization to be watched. As a group, we are doing great things, and I look forward to helping leadership continue this momentum. Thank you again for the chance to lead this organization I so love.

Forever Grateful, Jen  
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2019 was a tremendously successful year for CRC and our members, and we feel confident in 2020 matching that success.

With our new board in place and a long evening of thoughtful discussion and planning, I can speak for all of us in saying we have a lot in store for the new year....not to mention the new DECADE!

Congratulations again to Mickey Spaulding, our 2019 Sandra M. Welbourn Service Award winner! I'd also like to take this time to offer a final thank you to our retiring Board members Evan Miller, Elizabeth McGrath, Julie Sujack.

Mickey, Evan, Elizabeth, and Julie: Your contributions to this organization truly went above and beyond and are inspiring to all members! Thank you!

We are well into planning some great



meetings and sessions that will provide value to ALL of our members. We consider every bit of feedback and work on how we can incorporate your suggestions into each meeting, training, and roundtable!

Exciting times are ahead for 2020 and I am eager to lead CRC with the help of our awesome Board of Directors.

Thank you and Happy New Year!

Erica Burton

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## Membership Update

2019 Chair: Betsy Ortolano

2020 Chair: Deisy Garcia



CRC membership growth was strong in 2019. Thank you to all of you for helping to spread the word of CRC membership benefits.

Please Welcome Deisy Garcia, 2020 membership chair!

**2019 membership recap:**  
12 new corporate companies  
19 new corporate members



16 new service organizations  
5 non-active member companies that renewed membership  
329 active members

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## Planning Update

2019 Co-Chairs: Denise Mast and John D'Ambrogio

2020 Co-Chairs: Dori McBride and Denise Mast

### **Save the Dates!**

**February 13th**

CRC Charitable Causes Meeting – Wells Fargo Building Chicago

**March 22nd**

CRC Kickoff to MRC – Westin River North Chicago

**March 23rd–24th**

Midwest Relocation Conference (MRC) – Westin River North Chicago

**June 11th**

CRC Summer Meeting – Chicago Botanical Gardens

**September 16th**

CRC/WiERC Grand Networking Event – Lake Geneva, WI

Happy New Year!

Our Febuary Meeting registration opens today, January 7th don't miss out! Please start thinking about donations for our silent auction as well. A huge thank you to Wells Fargo for hosting our Febuary meeting!

As you can see above, we've brought back some familiar locations and we are trying a few new in 2020. Your feedback after each meeting is what helps us shape these plans for each year, so please continue to let us know how we're doing!

Thank you,  
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## Charitable Causes

**2019 Chair: Julie Sujack**

**2020 Chair: Jeanette Oakeshott**

First of all, thank you! I am rolling off the board this year after chairing the Charitable Causes Committee for the past 3 years. I have really enjoyed working with everyone and driving CRC's mission to serve our local community through charitable donations and support. Thank you to all the committee members who worked so hard on this committee! Through their efforts we raised \$30,000 over the past 3 years! Of course we couldn't have done it without our amazing members, whose support of our many diverse charities allowed us to make an impact across many areas in the Chicago community! Welcome and thanks to our newest board member, Jeanette Oakeshott, who will be chairing this committee going forward.



Two years have gone by so quickly and it is time for our charity partner, Kaleidoscope, to roll off. We have really enjoyed working with their team and urge our members to check out [their website](#) for opportunities to continue supporting their mission. Thanks to our members and families who came to Kaleidoscope's offices on a Sunday afternoon in December to help wrap holiday gifts for Kaleidoscope's kids. We wrapped a ton of gifts and celebrated with a CRC Connect event immediately after at Goose Island.

We are excited to welcome our newest charity partner, **Chicago Furniture Bank**. The mission of the Chicago Furniture Bank (CFB) is to provide dignity, stability, and comfort to Chicagoans moving into supportive housing by allowing them to hand-pick an entire home's worth of furnishings. Through the partnership with 290 social service agencies, the CFB has furnished 1,550 homes for 4,100 clients, distributing 28,000 pieces of furniture (750 tons), in just 16 months since first starting. Currently the CFB furnishes eight homes per day and employs a full-time staff of 20 with 75% being hired from nonprofit workforce development agencies. There is an endless need for their furnishing program and limitless supply of furniture looking to be donated. The CFB plans to continue to grow with the goal being to turn 2,000 more houses into homes in 2020. This is an amazing group of young men and we are so excited to partner with them.

Check out this video that was aired on WTTW from early 2019:  
[Video Link Click Here!](#)

### Pet Charities

Thanks to everyone for your generous support donating cat food and supplies at our November meeting for our pet rescue charities, Lulu's Locker Rescue and Chicago Pet Rescue. Both rescues were very appreciative and the cats tell us that the donations were purr-fect! We were pleased to present Dawn Eisenhart from Lulu's with a check for \$2,500 representing our donation from the proceeds from the February Charitable Causes meeting. We also sent a check to Chicago Pet Rescue for \$2,500. We will be supporting both rescues in the upcoming year and look forward to working with them. Please be sure to check out their websites for additional information:



[Chicago Pet Rescue](#)



### February Charitable Causes Meeting

Finally, our February fund raising meeting will be here soon! It is scheduled for Thursday, February 13 at Wells Fargo in Chicago. Please begin thinking about donations you can make for the auction or contact Jeanette if you would like to be on the committee. You will be hearing from committee members soon! We are so proud we raised \$10,000 last year and hope we can do the same in 2020!

Thank you and happy 2020!

Julie

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Jeanette

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## Corporate Membership and Engagement

2019/2020 Chair: Hiroko Teshikawara

Thank you for a great year in 2019. I am looking forward to building an even stronger corporate community within CRC, energize and increase corporate involvement! We are planning on at least one 'off cycle' round table - and I would love to get someone to host in the suburbs! Please contact me if your company has a space that may work.

Also, I truly appreciate all the feedback in 2019 - and I am trying to incorporate each piece of feedback into 2020 events in close partnership with my fellow board leadership and planning chairs. Let me know what works for you and what you would benefit from in 2020 and CRC will do its best to make these wishes a reality.



Thank you,

Hiroko

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## Education

2019/2020 Chair: Tracy Toth

CRC is again sponsoring a scholarship program for current **high school seniors who relocated into the Chicagoland area at some point between grades 9 and 12** due to a parent's job relocation. CRC will submit one essay to The Foundation for Workforce Mobility for a matching scholarship. We will announce the winner June 11 at the CRC Summer Meeting.

CRC's CRP class will be held in **April**. Date and location to be announced soon. Due to the overwhelming attention and success of the 2019 session, we want to ensure a facility and date that works best for you!

Reminder:ERC's CRP test will be offered **Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> - Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> 2020**.

Thank you,  
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## Sponsorship

2019/2020 Chair: Bridget Ritchie

A new decade is upon us! As you know, the sponsors for each meeting and our website really enable this great organization to have the impact it has.

Now is a great time to sign up for the 2020 Website Sponsorship. We



# Sponsorship is Open! for 2020 opportunities



Website- \$550  
~3 Meetings~  
Platinum- \$950  
Gold- \$450  
Silver- \$250

have 11 so far already! These sponsors are mentioned in 4 newsletters a year and promoted on the website.

We also have all our meeting sponsorships open. The graphic above will take you to our website where your company can designate now which meetings you want to help with. Keep in mind that the joint meeting in September is handled separately and those sponsorships will be announced closer to summer.

<https://crchicago.org/sponsorship>

Happy New Year and thank you for your continued support and generosity,  
Bridget  
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## Midwest Relocation Conference

MRC will be right in the heart of Chicago this year! Don't miss out on opportunities to market your company at one of the greatest mobility events of the year!

Sponsorship open now for Midwest Relocation Conference

[www.midwestrelocation.org](http://www.midwestrelocation.org)

Westin River North, Chicago  
March 23-24, 2020  
Registration opens January 14

## Communications

2019 Chair: Kayla Kozak  
2020 Chair: Jennifer Rodriguez

Updates from our membership:

Greta Pearl Update From: Madeline Pearl  
(Greta's Mom)

We honestly can't thank CRC enough for supporting Greta and our family during this time. Things are going very well with her recovery and it looks like she may be able to return to Lane Tech on a part-time basis after winter break. While we are beyond grateful for the speed and extent of how well her recovery





Greta (middle) surrounded by her younger sisters.

has gone, we don't forget that nobody, not even her doctors, thought she would be this far, let alone this fast. It truly is every parents nightmare, but I thank God everyday.



Do you have any job postings or news you want to share? If so, we want to know! CRC loves promoting their members. Please send any communications for membership to Jennifer for inclusion in the newsletter. Job postings will also be shared on our website!

Thanks!  
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A final "Thank you" to our 2019 CRC Website Sponsors!







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