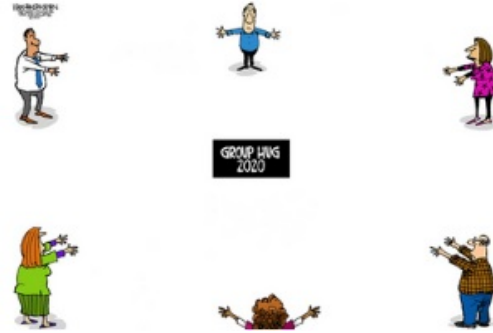


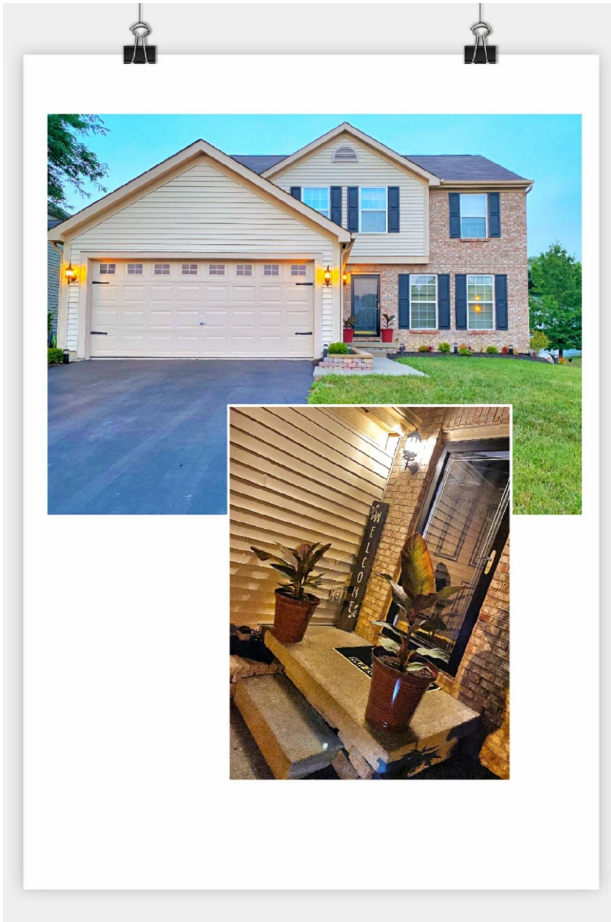
# CAN WE JUST FAST-FORWARD TO 2021?



## CRC News & Updates

### President's Message

2020 President: Erica Burton



Hello CRC,

We did it! We made it to Q3!

It has been a heck of a year, and I commend our membership for pivoting and working hard from home during this pandemic. I have been so inspired to watch so many of you on social media, and see you working on both your careers and homes, and tackling those projects that might otherwise never get done.

I was so inspired, that I have been doing the same.

I used those hours that I would otherwise be on an airplane or at a conference to focus on home and I re-decorated, landscaped, updated retaining wall, new shutters adding a new roof.

Take a look. I think I did a pretty bang up job.

CRC has also been hard at work self-improving. Our Board is looking ahead to a busy 2021, and using this down time now to continue to improve and enhance the CRC website, lead virtual corporate roundtables, and increasing membership.

Please remember to vote tomorrow for Amendment – V2. We are seeking to extend our current Board terms an additional year to ensure continuity during this difficult time.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!  
Wishing you well and keep Dancing!

## Charitable Causes

2020 Chair: Jeanette Oakeshott

Thank you for all your support during our February meeting. We had the pleasure of sending out checks to our charities for the following amounts:

Chicago Furniture Bank  
\$3,500  
Chicago Pet Rescue  
\$1,750  
Lulu's Locker Rescue  
\$1,750



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Our newest charity, **Chicago Furniture Bank**, is keeping busy during these unusual times.

Many people are bored clearing out their house, and unfortunately, too many families have had to quarantine in empty spaces (sleeping on the ground). CFB is also involved in a pilot program in conjunction with All Chicago / City of Chicago partners, to keep their promise to keep everyone currently in temporary housing in hotels due to the pandemic off the streets for the future. They

have adapted their processes to include mainly virtual furniture selections, via the client's or caseworker's phones, and are still furnishing 8 homes per day. (Their target is to furnish 2000 homes in 2021 - whilst the estimated true need is for 5-6000 homes). As they grow to meet the demand for their furnishing service have some key needs - are you able to help?

CFB is looking for corporate partners to help with their extreme shortage of new or gently used, full/queen beds. Their inventory is very low, which will require CFB to purchase bed sets (pre-pandemic cost = \$80, current cost = \$140 each). Do you know of a hotel or mattress factory to help? Seeing that they provide every client with a bed (around 80 sets per week), this could be a huge unanticipated expense for the organization. They also need kitchen table sets with chairs and small dining tables (new homes are generally on small size).

Last, but not least, they still need all of the smaller items that make a house a home - pots, pans, plates, silverware, lamps etc.

In lieu of our scheduled collection of all of the above prior to our canceled Summer meeting, furniture/cash donations are gratefully accepted, too.

If you may have any questions or comments please reach out to:

[griffin@chicagofurniturebank.org](mailto:griffin@chicagofurniturebank.org) and/or  
[www.chicagofurniturebank.org](http://www.chicagofurniturebank.org)

Please continue to support our charities during these unprecedented times:

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

[www.chicagopetrescue.org/how-you-can-help.html](http://www.chicagopetrescue.org/how-you-can-help.html)

[luluslockerrescue.org](http://luluslockerrescue.org)



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## Corporate Membership and Engagement

**2020 Chair: Hiroko Teshikawara**

On July 16<sup>th</sup>, approximately 25 corporate members for another virtual round table. Week before the round table, Karrie DeBlauw of Medline asked the CRC corporate member community a question: "What are you doing about the remote worker inquiries due to COVID-19?" and we were quick to put a virtual session on "Remote Worker Discussion," facilitated by Beth Baker of Baxter International. We wanted to make sure to be inclusive in this time of unprecedented challenges our colleagues are facing, and extended invitation to all corporate mobility professionals through LinkedIn, etc. As a result, we had participants well beyond the Chicagoland and our friends from other Midwest cities. Thank you all for those who participated and contributed during the session.

Special thanks to Karrie and Beth for preparation and facilitation, and Ray Kirby of Nordstrom (yes, from Seattle, WA!) mentions a special round of applause for sharing so much from his recent journey to create the Nordstrom's very first remote worker program.

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## Education

**2020 Chair: Tracy Toth**

### Annual Scholarship Award

CRC is proud to announce this year's Annual CRC Scholarship Winner, Joseph Hawkes of McHenry Illinois. Joe attended McHenry East High School and relocated many times during his life. In his application essay he shared that he was perpetually "the new kid" as his many moves took him from Ohio to Texas to California to Colorado, then back to California to Utah to Illinois to Michigan and finally back to Illinois.

The annual scholarship is awarded to a High School senior who relocates during their high school career. As we all know well, moving is one of the most difficult and stressful life events that one can experience, and this is especially true during high school years for both the student and their parents. In his own words, "Moving has taught me to be outgoing,

funny, friendly, hard-working, and adaptable. No matter where I have lived, I have always been involved in my community and an outstanding student". Joe moved most recently during the middle of his Junior year of High School. He is so deserving of this honor and we are excited to present this to him.

Traditionally, CRC provides the winner and their family with the award and an opportunity to present their winning essay at our annual June meeting. Due to COVID limitations, CRC will present the \$1000 scholarship award to Joe and his family at his home in McHenry, Illinois on July 30<sup>th</sup>, treating them to a social distanced "parade" and ceremony. CRC will also present on behalf of Worldwide ERC a generous scholarship match of an additional \$1000. Joe plans to attend Illinois Wesleyan University next month as a Freshman. Our sincere congratulations go out to Joe and his family on this well-deserved award.

### CRP Review Class and New CRP Designees

CRC Congratulates all new 2020 CRP designees and especially those who attended the CRC Annual CRP Review Class. CRC hosted a 2-day virtual review class led by Pam Jacknick, Sue Carey, Craig Anderson, Rob Johnson, and Chip Wagner. New CRP designees include:

Enzo Borzaro – Weichert Workforce Mobility  
Karin Burkey – Realty Executives Relocation  
Jewelila Crete – Better Homes & Gardens Real Estate Native American Group  
Ashley Fontenot – All Relocation  
Debra Imhoff – First Weber

Laurence Kenne – Marx-Bensdorf  
Edward Krez – Stark Company Realtors  
Katie LaFortune – TRC Global Mobility  
Kelly Sachwitz – Morreale Real Estate Services, Inc.  
Erin Scammell – TRC Global Mobility  
Sarah Seitz – TRC Global Mobility  
Michelle Somoles (Carr) – TRC Global Mobility  
Elissa Stewart – TRC Global Mobility  
Carmen Vendinha – TRC Global Mobility  
Mark Woelfel – Cap Relocation  
Sarah Zaja – TRC Global Mobility  
Mary Madison – Alexanders Mobility Services  
Julie Capps – Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate  
Liz Martin – D'Aprile Properties

**Congratulations and thank you to everyone who contributed to their success!**

**CRP Exam being offered again in 2020!**

If you did not have a chance to take the exam in May, or you want to retake the exam, Worldwide ERC is offering the exam again this year in November. See below for brief details or visit their site.

You still have an opportunity to earn your CRP® in 2020! The exam will be offered at hundreds of designated testing centers worldwide AND via live, online proctoring (you can take the exam at home!) from Monday 2 November 2020 - Tuesday 24 November 2020 (the specific site, date, and time will be chosen by each registered candidate closer to the exam start date). Early registration is available until 9 September 2020 -- \$325 for registration (special rate for retakes) and \$550 for materials. Review your **eligibility** and register today!

**[WERC's Webpage with full details.](#)**

Note: The CRC Education Committee is considering hosting another "CRP Prep Class" in 2020 as well, depending upon CRC member interest and participation. Please contact Tracy Toth if you are sitting for the CRP exam in November and are interested in attending the "Prep Class".

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