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The Newsletter of Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives

Dear Friend of CNI,

At Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives we end this year with a great amount of thanks and hope. Thanks for the support, partnership, friendship and perseverance that has allowed us to accomplish so much over the past years despite the uncertainties around us. Hope that things will continue to improve and grow.

In Pullman/Roseland, where for thirty years there were no restaurants or convenient fresh food venues, today the choices are plenty and the locally grown entrepreneurs behind them are building health and wealth in our communities. We can also celebrate the new jobs that sustained families and our communities during the shaky economic days and institutions like the Pullman Community Center and the Pullman National Park which has provided new attention and enrichment for people across the area. And as you'll see in the pages ahead, the past is prologue, as now on our plate in Roseland/Pullman are a hotel, a grocery store, and much more.

But CNI's story begins, not ends in Pullman and we are using what we've learned in other places eager to replicate the multi-pronged strategy that is necessary for real change. Here you'll read about new community centers in Grand Crossing, Washington Park and Austin as well as exciting health ventures and a new plan for a Roseland Medical District.

The places may vary but our perspective is the same. A strong, understood asset base, a plan that has the input and agreement of stakeholders, strong partners in community and government leadership and committed organizations willing to dig in for the long-haul are critical for the sustained growth and development that so many communities need and deserve. The good news is that it's possible. So spread the word; come and visit; and remember cities were built because they have the essentials we need – and they do endure.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Doig', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

David Doig  
President, CNI

PS We are welcoming Nicholette Cameron who joins comes to CNI from MIT to become a Project Manager in Real Estate. And in that vein, let me congratulate Kim as she celebrates her one-year anniversary at CNI.