

How a New Widow Went from Eviction Court to Financial Stability



Read our [blog](#) to learn how Glory navigated her way from eviction court to being financially stable after working with GLCU Foundation for Financial Empowerment Senior Housing Counselor John Borthwick.

Up to \$10,000 in Rental Assistance Available



If you're a tenant or landlord currently in eviction court, grant applications are now being accepted from the Illinois Housing Department Authority. [Get up to \\$10,000](#) in funding to help cover up to 18 months of emergency rental payments, including up to two months of future rent payments to prevent eviction.

Loretto Hospital Feeds Those Facing Food Insecurity



As a not-for-profit, community-focused health care provider, Loretto Hospital is an essential resource in the Chicago-Austin area. The hospital recently launched [Community Cupboard](#), a food and wellness pantry providing daily essentials and non-perishable food options free of charge to community members in need.

In March, GLCU employees volunteered and packed more than 2,000 to-go meals for distribution in the area.

\$2,500 Student Scholarship



Applications are now open for eight \$2,500 scholarships that the GLCU Foundation for Financial Empowerment is awarding to students attending or bound for college.* Simply submit a brief online application, including your academic transcripts, work or volunteer history, and make a short video of yourself answering three provided questions.

*Six scholarships are available to members, and two to GLCU employees.

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By the Numbers - Our Community Impact



Read Across America



Read Across America is the nation's largest celebration of reading. The GLCU Foundation for Financial Empowerment is proud to elevate youth literacy efforts. In partnership with United Way of Lake County and other organizations, GLCU employees read to kindergarten classes at Pleviak School of Round Lake in honor of Read Across America.

Foundation Employee Spotlight

Wilane Boone - Senior Housing Counselor

In her role as senior HUD-certified housing counselor, Wilane conducts consumer education workshops and provides housing and financial counseling services. She helps clients navigate the pre-purchase or foreclosure intervention process.



With more than 14 years of experience helping clients meet their financial goals, Wilane sets her clients up for success by drawing upon her background in banking, branch management, team management, project management, consumer lending, entrepreneurship, property management, and financial empowerment coaching.

Before joining the Foundation in 2022, Wilane worked for the Chicago Urban League. She participated in the Cook and Kankakee County foreclosure mediation programs, assisting over 300 clients in financial distress and behind on their mortgages obtain workouts.

Now Seeking Requests for Proposals – Partner with Us



The GLCU Foundation for Financial Empowerment is looking for nonprofit partners that align with our mission of financial empowerment and are working to impact and empower local communities. Please click the button below to learn more about our partnership guidelines and to submit a proposal. Donations will be awarded on a quarterly basis. Second quarter applications will be accepted from April 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024, and will be awarded by July 31, 2024.

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Give the Gift of Financial Empowerment

By donating to the GLCU Foundation for Financial Empowerment, you become a critical part of a powerful mission to promote economic stability and financial literacy. Your generous contribution directly helps us provide invaluable resources, education, and tools for individuals striving to secure their financial future. By supporting our foundation, you can truly make a difference, enabling people to transform their lives through improved financial awareness and independence.

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