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Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis Announces Community Spirit Award Recipient

Indianapolis, IN...Recognizing excellence in community economic development, Milton J. Miller, President-CEO of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis (FHLBI), announced that Chris Aikens, CRA Officer at Flagstar Bank, Troy, Michigan, is the recipient of FHLBI's Affordable Housing Advisory Council's annual *Community Spirit Award*.

The FHLBI and its Affordable Housing Advisory Council presents its annual *Community Spirit Award* to honor an individual from one of its member financial institutions who has shown an outstanding dedication to affordable housing and community economic development. Judging is based on a nominee's dedication to community, spirit and action.

Chris has demonstrated outstanding dedication to affordable housing and community economic development while employed at both Flagstar Bank and at TCF Bank, where she worked for nine years prior to joining Flagstar Bank in 2007. Chris helps nonprofit, for profit, and government agencies to promote affordable housing and financial literacy in the areas where the bank has CRA responsibilities. She began planning for the FHLBI programs shortly after joining Flagstar and has worked tirelessly to make funds available to help first-time homebuyers realize their dream of homeownership and to assist existing homeowners with home repairs. She trained Flagstar associates to recognize customers who could benefit from FHLBI programs and developed materials and checklists to ensure that all required documents are included in the submission package. She also mobilized Flagstar associates to volunteer as teachers in the Junior Achievement and Banking on our Future programs. Chris has a passion for working in the community and assisting with efforts to provide clean, decent and affordable housing throughout Flagstar's market areas.

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