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## **John Eck of First Chicago Bank & Trust, First Chicago Bancorp Joins Teen Living Programs' Board of Directors**

CHICAGO — John Eck, president of First Chicago Bank & Trust and First Chicago Bancorp, has joined the board of directors of Teen Living Programs (TLP), the only Chicago agency whose sole focus is youth who are homeless.

“We are very excited and honored to have John onboard,” says David L. Myers, TLP executive director. “His leadership in Chicago’s financial sector, combined with his clear and distinct commitment to our mission, broadens and deepens our ability to create resources for the city’s homeless youth.”

Mr. Eck also sits on the board of directors at First Chicago Bank & Trust. He joined the company in January 2005 as senior vice president and chief lending officer. Before that, Mr. Eck was the president of Community Bank of Lawndale, where he oversaw the bank’s restructuring and ultimate sale. Prior to that, he worked for more than 20 years at LaSalle Bank and its parent company, ABN AMRO NV.

Mr. Eck earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of Illinois and a master’s degree in business administration from the University of Chicago.

“I am honored to join Teen Living Programs’ leadership team,” Eck said. “I look forward to working with this dedicated group that truly makes a difference in the lives of Chicago’s most vulnerable young people.”

### **About Teen Living Programs**

*Teen Living Programs' mission is to create hope and opportunity for youth who are homeless by assisting them to permanently leave the streets, secure stable housing, and build self-sufficient, satisfying lives. Teen Living Programs (TLP) has successfully served Chicago's at-risk youth for more than 30 years. We began in 1976 as a specialized house care program for wards of the state and started serving youth who are homeless in 1981. Since 2001, we have focused **solely** on youth who are homeless — and we are the only Chicago agency to do so.*

*Teen Living Programs annually serves 500 youth through a continuum of services: a street and community outreach program, a school-based prevention program, and three residential programs — an eight-bed emergency shelter, an 18-bed group transitional living program, and a 10-apartment independent living program — with wraparound supportive services in education, vocation, recreation; a health and nutrition program; and aftercare.*