



Historic Columbus

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Historic Columbus Honors Its Founding Director and Launches Two Loan Programs In 2017

Historic Columbus is inviting the public and the media to a Press Conference on **Tuesday, January 10th at 11:45am at the Chattahoochee RiverClub (1100 Bay Avenue).**

As a part of its 50th Anniversary, Historic Columbus named its Revolving-Redevelopment Fund for founding executive director, Janice Biggers. To honor all that Janice Biggers has meant to this organization, the Board of Directors has established a new name for the fund that embodies how Historic Columbus does good in this community - the Janice Persons Biggers Revolving-Redevelopment Fund.

The Revolving-Redevelopment Fund was originally established in 1968 with a \$25,000 donation from the Junior League of Columbus. Since that time, the Fund has revolved over 80 properties and brought over \$14 million back to the Muscogee County Tax Roles.

Historic Columbus is also equally excited to announce two new loan programs. Thanks to funding through the SAVE ME A PLACE Capital Campaign and a Program Related Investment (PRI) with the Bradley-Turner Foundation, Historic Columbus has developed a larger Façade Loan program and a new Rehabilitation Loan program. This expansion of resources will allow Historic Columbus to make even more of a difference for families in older homes by being able to provide facade loans up to \$15,000 (increased from \$5,000) for exterior improvements and up to \$100,000 for more intensive rehabilitation work. These loans can help paint a house, install a new roof, repair windows, stabilize a foundation, or provide a complete restoration to give new life back to a property in danger of demolition.

Historic Columbus is also partnering with NeighborWorks Columbus, a Community Development Financial Institution to provide the necessary underwriting for the new loan programs.

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