# Putting the CRA to Work in Your Community

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# Today's Moderator

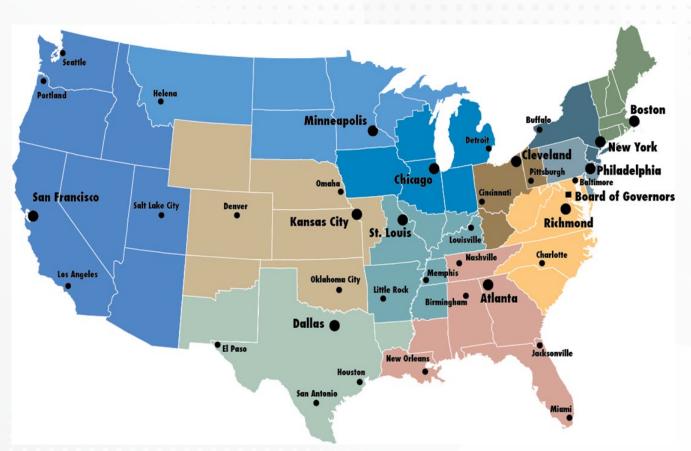


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# Community development in the Federal Reserve System

- The Federal Reserve System consists of
  - The Board of Governors, located in Washington DC
  - 12 Regional Reserve Banks, and Branch Offices, located across the US





### CRA and beyond

What is the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA)?

How do you interact with your banks?



### Potential areas of interest

- Financial Health/Asset Building
- Small Business and Economic Development
- Healthy Neighborhoods/Affordable Housing
- Workforce Development
- Digital Inclusion and Broadband
- Food Insecurity
- Weatherization/Disaster Preparation
- Youth-related programs
- Other areas



### Missouri Partnership



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### ST. LOUIS BUILDS CREDIT + FIRST BANK





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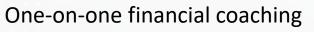
# Our mission is to promote economic success for everyone in the St. Louis region.



### What we do



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Financial education classes

Tailored financial education classes

Credit fairs

Credit reviews



### CRA in the community



Investment

Charitable Contribution



#### Lending

Retail Banking Products

- Credit Builder
  - Products
- Second Chance Checking Account
- Mortgage





#### Service

Volunteers for:

- Credit Reviews
- Personal
  - Finance
  - Classes



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### First Bank in the community

- Our Mission:
  - To be the bank of small business, particularly family-owned businesses





### How First Bank supports the community

- We use the framework of the CRA Exam
  - Lending Test
  - Investment Test
  - Service Test



### How we work with partners

- Thriving Partnerships
- Comprehensive Financial Literacy Programs
- Continued investment in partnerships
- Volunteering



### How partners work with us

- By understanding our areas of focus
- By clearly articulating what they are looking for from the partnership
- By being responsive and engaged



### Colorado Partnership



James Wareham-Morris SVP-Risk Management, Alpine Bank





#### Casey Sorensen CEO, PCs for People

### Colorado Partnership







### Alpine Bank





### About Alpine

- Founded in 1973
- Independent, employee-owned
- \$6.2 billion in assets
- Headquarters in Glenwood Springs
- Banking offices across Colorado's Western Slope, mountains and Front Range





### About Alpine

- 800 employees
- 170,000 customers
- Retail, business, wealth management\*, mortgage and electronic banking services.
- Alpine Bank Loyalty Debit Card



\*Alpine Bank Wealth Management services are not FDIC insured, may lose value and are not guaranteed by the bank.



### Alpine Bank



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### Using E-waste to Close the Digital Divide

Bringing Everyone Online





### PCs for People

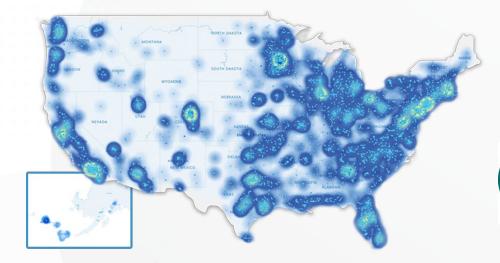


Locations in Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, Minnesota, Maryland, Missouri and Ohio



- Bridges the digital divide through affordable computers and internet, responsible e-waste recycling, and digital education
- Supports families with incomes below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines or 60% of area median income

### Sustainable & Scalable Social Enterprise



National distribution via e-commerce, serving all contiguous states.

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#### Our Core Model

- 1. Source
- 2. Refurbish
- 3. Distribute
- 4. Support





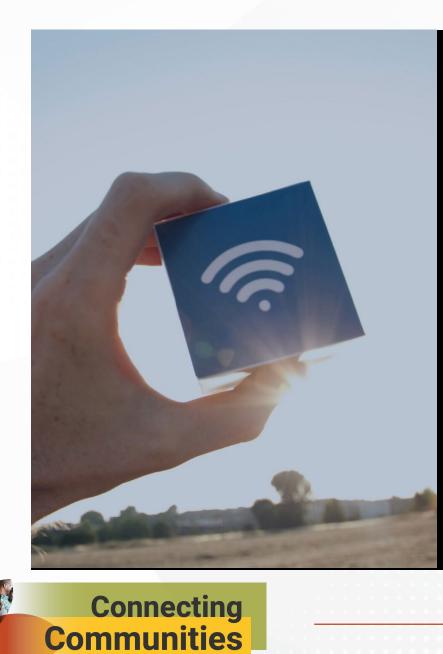
#### Address the Digital Divide

- Device Access
- Connectivity
- Skills



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### Impact: PCs for People and Alpine Bank

- E-waste recycling services for 475 Alpine Bank computer devices, 15,155 pounds of IT equipment
- Sponsored community events
  - 542 families with school-age children in southwest Colorado received computers
- Six additional recycling business partners
- Alpine Bank's Advisory Board membership



## Panel Discussion and Q & A



### Resources







### Closing Remarks and Asks

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- Follow Fed Communities on social media. We're on LinkedIn, Instagram, and Twitter
- Mark your calendars for February 9, 2023, and plan to join us for the next Connecting Communities webinar. Registration opens soon!



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