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## Citywide Civic Education Initiative to be Launched at Chicago Architecture Foundation's 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Gala

*New graphic novel to be unveiled as centerpiece of signature program*

Chicago, IL (03.20.2017) — Chicago Architecture Foundation will host its [42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Benefit Gala: \*No Small Plans\*](#), Thursday, April 6, 2017 at 6pm at Morgan MFG, located 401 N. Morgan St. CAF's Gala, the organization's signature fundraising event, attracts more than 600 Chicago corporate and civic leaders for an annual celebration of two outstanding Chicago civic innovators.

At this year's event CAF will unveil *No Small Plans*, a new graphic novel that serves as the centerpiece of a new, three-year, citywide, civic education initiative. *No Small Plans* follows the neighborhood adventures of young people in Chicago's past, present and future. Inspired by the classic 1911 textbook that taught Chicago's young people about Burnham's 1909 Plan of Chicago, *No Small Plans* calls on young people to serve as stewards for the city they want, need and deserve. Gala guests will receive a preview excerpt from the novel and funds raised during the evening will enable CAF to give the novel to 30,000 Chicago teens, beginning in the Fall 2017 school year, and catalyze conversations in Chicago's schools and libraries about what makes a good neighborhood.

The Gala evening program recognizes two community innovators for their impact on civic inclusion and engagement in Chicago. Karen Case of The PrivateBank, and Golub and Company. Case will receive the CAF Catalyst Award. In her position as Executive Director and President of Commercial Real Estate at The PrivateBank, Case has energized Chicago's dynamic and growing real estate and development market. Golub & Company, represented by Michael Newman, Lee Golub and Paula Harris, will receive the CAF Corporate Award. Golub & Company has served as one of Chicago's most vibrant and successful family-run businesses for more than half a century. Recognized leaders in real estate development, Golub's pledge to

bettering the community through thoughtful development and careful urban planning serves as an exemplar.

The evening will close with a silent auction. The 42nd Annual Gala: No Small Plans is made possible by Principal Sponsors Allstate, ArcelorMittal, Associated Bank, CBRE, Golub & Company, The PrivateBank, and Walsh Construction.

Additional information about the Gala is available at [2017 No Small Plans Gala](#).

### **About the Honorees**

#### ***Karen Case, The PrivateBank Catalyst Award Recipient***

Karen Case joined The PrivateBank as Executive Managing Director and President of Commercial Real Estate in 2007. She is responsible for the business unit, which develops and manages banking relationships with commercial real estate developers, owners and operators. An active civic leader, Karen serves on the boards of Rush University Medical Center, The Chicago Network, International Council of Shopping Centers, Community Investment Corporation, Timeline Theatre and JDRF, Illinois Chapter. She is also a member of The Economic Club of Chicago and The Executives Club of Chicago and a fellow with Leadership Greater Chicago.

#### ***Golub & Company (Represented by Michael Newman, Paula Harris and Lee Golub) Corporate Award Recipient***

Since its founding more than 55 years ago, Chicago-based Golub & Company has built a strong reputation as a trusted developer and co-investor for many institutional and private capital partners. The company and its affiliates have owned, leased or managed more than 50 million square feet of commercial, mixed-use and multifamily real estate properties in the U.S. and around the world, valued in excess of \$10 billion.

### **About the Chicago Architecture Foundation**

The Chicago Architecture Foundation (CAF) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to inspiring people to discover why design matters. As an education leader in architecture and design, CAF offers tours, programs, exhibitions, field trips, curricula and online tools that are part of a dynamic learning journey for all ages. Proceeds from CAF's tours and store, as well as grants, sponsorships and donations, support its educational mission.

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