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## CHICAGO PUBLIC MEDIA WELCOMES THE COMMUNITY TO ITS NEW SOUTH SIDE BUREAU LOCATION IN PARK MANOR MEET THE STAFF AT OPEN HOUSE, FRIDAY, JUNE 13

May 27, 2014 – **Chicago Public Media** invites the public to check out the new location of its **South Side Bureau**, 322 E. 75<sup>th</sup> Street (at Prairie), at an open house Friday, June 13, 4-8 p.m. Award-winning Chicago Public Media journalist and South Side Bureau reporter **Natalie Y. Moore** will be on hand, along with Vocalo DJ Ayana Contreras (Reclaimed Soul), to welcome folks to the Bureau, listen to some music and enjoy complimentary food and beverages.

The original South Side Bureau location opened in Englewood in 2007 and was named to honor the **Polk Bros. Foundation** for its significant support of Chicago Public Media's community news bureaus. That recognition remains with the bureau's move to Park Manor. The new location is centrally located among the bustling Prairie Avenue business district and has upgraded production facilities.

"I'm delighted with the opening of our new South Side Bureau. It will be an important workspace for WBEZ's South Side Bureau Reporter Natalie Moore and other staff members at WBEZ and Vocalo, as well as a place to foster greater community engagement," said Sally Eisele, WBEZ's managing editor.

Chicago Public Media currently operates four Community Bureaus: on Chicago's North Side (Rogers Park), West Side (Little Village), South Side (Park Manor) and Northwest Indiana (Crown Point, IN). First established in 2007, the Community Bureaus are located in neighborhoods and regions chosen specifically because they are often underrepresented in the mainstream media. Each Bureau is a storefront operation, strategically placed amidst local merchants, aldermanic offices, cultural centers and the community in general. The Bureaus aim to assist Chicago Public Media in providing its listeners with a deeper understanding of the community and the opportunity to become engaged in the important issues of each region.



Ellen Stone Belic

South Side Bureau reporter Natalie Moore has been on staff at WBEZ 91.5FM since May 2007; prior to that, she was a city hall reporter for the *Detroit News*. She has also been an education reporter for the *St. Paul Pioneer Press* and a reporter for the Associated Press in Jerusalem. Moore is co-author of two books: "The Almighty Black P Stone Nation: The Rise, Fall and Resurgence of an American Gang" (Lawrence Hill Press, 2011) and "Deconstructing Tyrone: A New Look at Black Masculinity in the Hip-Hop Generation" (Cleis Press, 2006). She is a 2009 fellow at Columbia College's Ellen Stone Belic Institute for the Study of Women and Gender in the Arts and Media, which

allowed her to take a reporting trip to Libya, and a 2010 recipient of the Studs Terkel Community Media Award. She has won several journalism awards, including a Casey Medal for Meritorious Journalism. She is a member of the Windy City Chapter of The Links, Inc.

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