



## NEWS RELEASE

### Central Bank Receives Top Honor from USDA

Central Bank Illinois has been presented a **Million Dollar Lender** plaque by the US Department of Agriculture Rural Development, recognizing them as one of the top guaranteed housing lenders in Illinois for 2010. The bank guaranteed \$2.4 Million to help 29 moderate income homebuyers purchase their first home or upgrade to a better one.

Central Bank, with offices in Geneseo, Princeton, and Fulton, has a history of being one of the state's top guaranteed housing lenders. They are one of the more than 300 lenders in Illinois who participate in Rural Development's home loan program.

"Central Bank has been an important asset to the area's homebuyers, especially during this difficult housing market," said Jeff DeSplinter from Rural Development's Princeton office. "Their commitment to making home ownership affordable and keeping the American Dream alive for families and individuals living in this area is commendable."



**L to R:** Jeff DeSplinter, USDA; Chris Isaacson, Assistant Vice President Geneseo; Betty Fisher, Assistant Vice President Princeton; Karrie Kenney, Assistant Vice President Fulton; Marlene Ashpole, Assistant Vice President Geneseo; and Carol Cerqua, USDA.

Homebuyers who used a guarantee for their home loan with Central Bank were not required to make a down payment on their homes. Eligible applicants who use the guarantee are able to finance up to 100 percent of the home's value at a competitive 30-year fixed rate.

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