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**Midwest Nonprofit Lender IFF Reaches \$50 Million in Loans in St. Louis**  
*IFF Celebrates Milestone with Open House for Customers, Community Members*

**St. Louis, MO**—Midwest nonprofit lender IFF has surpassed providing \$50 million in loans to nonprofits, housing developers, and grocery store operators in St. Louis since bringing its financial and real estate services to the city in 2006. To celebrate this milestone, IFF will hold an open house from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, September 3, at Downtown T-REX in the Lammert Building, 911 Washington Ave., 5<sup>th</sup> floor, St. Louis, MO 63101.

“IFF has been an involved member of the St. Louis community since making its first loan in the fall of 2006 to Good Shepherd School for Children,” said David Desai-Ramirez, executive director of IFF’s Missouri, Kansas, and southern Illinois region. “Our \$50 million lending milestone in St. Louis shows our commitment to transforming neighborhoods in this city. We’re proud of the work we’ve done there and throughout the area.”

In the city, IFF has made loans to 42 organizations including Boys and Girls Club of Greater St. Louis, City Garden Montessori School, Grace Hill Settlement House, Neighborhood Houses, Paraquad, and South City Preparatory Academy. With a senior loan officer and now a Real Estate Services senior project manager in the St. Louis office, IFF continues to grow and enhance the expertise and resources for nonprofits in such sectors as affordable housing, arts and culture, charter schools, child care, community development, and youth services.

IFF, which opened its St. Louis office in 2008, recently financed the following projects:

- **Hawthorn Leadership School Foundation** - \$1.5 million loan to buy and renovate a building for the new school
- **Provident** - \$1.2 million in loans for refinancing and facility renovations
- **St. Louis Artworks** - \$315,000 loan for leasehold improvements
- **Technology Entrepreneur Center** - \$103,500 loan to replace the building’s cooling tower

“Since coming to St. Louis nearly 10 years ago, IFF has improved the quality of life in our communities,” said Otis Williams, executive director of the St. Louis Development Corporation. “IFF has invested \$50 million in our neighborhoods — an investment that has led to better schools, improved health and human services, and more jobs. We’re happy to celebrate this milestone with our friends at IFF, and we look forward to our continued work together.”

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**About IFF**

IFF is a mission-driven lender, real estate consultant, and developer that helps communities thrive by creating opportunities for low-income populations and individuals with disabilities. From child care to senior housing, IFF works closely with clients from every sector, offering affordable, flexible financing; full-scale real estate consulting; and community development services. Since 1988, we have made over \$536 million in loans, leveraged \$1.9 billion in community investments, and grown our total managed assets to \$371 million.