

PENSIONS MATTER

YOUR PENSION MATTERS

A CTPF pension provides financial stability in retirement and helps drive the economy in Chicago and the State of Illinois. Do your elected representatives understand how much your pension matters to you, your family, and our city and state?

It's time to share the message.

A lack of State and Employer funding has drained resources from our fund. We're asking our members to speak up and reach out to help Illinois legislators understand that pension funding is **vital** not optional.



CTPF Pension Fund Ambassadors

We've developed the CTPF Pension Fund Ambassador program to encourage our members to educate lawmakers and decision makers about the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund, its legislative priorities, and our members. We want legislators to understand the people behind the pensions, and to hear the facts about the fund straight from our members.

What to Expect if You Volunteer

CTPF Fund Ambassadors will:

1. Attend Pension Fund Ambassador educational seminars and webinars.
These meetings will prepare you to meet with your representatives so you can effectively share information about CTPF and our legislative priorities.
2. Share your voice with your elected representatives in person, in writing, and through e-mail. We'll show you how and help with customized mailings and educational materials. Do as much or as little as you're comfortable with.
3. Use your skills to educate your colleagues, family, and friends about CTPF. Ambassadors share information about the vital role pensions play in providing retirement security for Chicago's educators, and the positive impact pensions have on our economy in the State of Illinois.

How to Join

You can register for the ambassador program by clicking goo.gl/QtrMVV (the address is case sensitive).

Your pension matters – tell your legislators. Find more information on the education and advocacy page at www.ctpf.org.

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PROTECT YOUR PENSION FUND

There are concrete steps you can take today to protect CTPF and your pension for tomorrow:

- 1. Become a CTPF Pension Fund Ambassador.** Our Pension Fund Ambassadors receive special training and materials designed to help you share your story and reach out to local legislators. You can fill out a card and drop it off with us, sign up at our legislative action center at www.ctpf.org, or just e-mail your contact information to ambassadors@ctpf.org.
- 2. Stay informed.** Make sure you register your e-mail address with CTPF, “Like Us” on Facebook, and follow us on Twitter. We want to quickly inform you of legislation or issues that may impact your pension. Our Facebook page now has “Action Alerts” where you can send e-mail directly to your legislators.
- 3. Educate yourself about CTPF and our legislative priorities.** Visit our Education and Advocacy page at www.ctpf.org and read the member education documents. Share this information with family and colleagues.
- 4. Reach out to your elected officials.** CTPF is governed by laws set by the State of Illinois and Illinois legislators have the power to change our fund. Get to know your lawmakers personally to let them know that your pension matters. A personal meeting is best, but you can also call, write, e-mail, or fax. You’ll find information to help you get started on our Education and Advocacy web page at www.ctpf.org.
- 5. Visit our new Legislative Action Center at www.ctpf.org.** This new web page can help you locate and e-mail your elected representatives quickly and easily. You’ll be able to send an e-mail, find updates on current legislation, and stay up-to-date.

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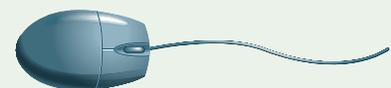
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