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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement CHEMICAL FINANCIAL CORP [(CHFC)] A Rathbun Robert (Month/Day/Year) 01/22/2013 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 235 E MAIN STREET (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Officer __X__ Other Person (give title below) (specify below) MIDLAND. MIÂ 48640 Form filed by More than One Officer of Principal Bus. Unit Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock 1,335 Common Stock 100,464 **I** (1) By son Common Stock 100.464 I (1) By daughter Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	Ownership

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			(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Options	12/31/2005	12/12/2013	Common Stock	1,575	\$ 35.6667	D	Â
Stock Options	12/31/2005	12/13/2014	Common Stock	3,150	\$ 39.6857	D	Â
Stock Options	12/20/2005	12/20/2015	Common Stock	3,250	\$ 32.28	D	Â
Stock Options	(2)	07/20/2017	Common Stock	2,714	\$ 24.78	D	Â
Stock Options	(3)	02/25/2018	Common Stock	1,014	\$ 24.52	D	Â
Stock Options	(4)	04/29/2019	Common Stock	1,275	\$ 21.1	D	Â
Stock Options	(5)	03/26/2020	Common Stock	1,096	\$ 24.56	D	Â
Stock Options	(6)	04/20/2021	Common Stock	1,384	\$ 19.97	D	Â
Stock Options	(7)	02/22/2022	Common Stock	2,900	\$ 23.78	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	(8)	(8)	Common Stock	470	\$ (8)	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	(9)	(9)	Common Stock	593	\$ <u>(9)</u>	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	(10)	(10)	Common Stock	518	\$ (10)	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	(11)	(11)	Common Stock	345	\$ (11)	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Rathbun Robert 235 E MAIN STREET	Â	Â	Â	Officer of Principal Bus. Unit	
MIDLAND, MI 48640					

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/s/ Lori A. Gwizdala, His Attorney-In-Fact

01/28/2013

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- The reporting person disclaims any beneficial ownership of all shares owned by his children. The filing of this statement shall not be construed as an admission that the reporting person is, for purposes of Section 16 of the Exchange Act of 1934 or for any other purpose, the beneficial owner of the securities owned by his children.
- (2) Vests in three equal annual installments beginning on July 20, 2008.
- (3) Vests in three equal annual installments beginning on February 25, 2009.
- (4) Vests in three equal annual installments beginning on April 28, 2010.
- (5) Vests in three equal annual installments beginning on March 25, 2011.
- (6) Vests in three equal annual installments beginning on April 19, 2012.
- (7) Vests in three equal annual installments beginning on February 21, 2013.
 - Award of restricted stock performance units pursuant to the Chemical Financial Corporation Stock Incentive Plan of 2006. Restricted stock performance units are convertible into shares of common stock based on the attainment by the Company of certain financial performance criteria upon completion of the year ending December 31, 2012 and the reporting person's attainment of the restricted period. Restricted stock performance units are reported assuming shares of common stock will be issuable on a 1-for-1 basis, but restricted stock performance units may be convertible on a basis ranging from 0.5-for-1 to 1.5-for-1 depending on the actual
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- on the attainment by the Company of certain financial performance criteria in the years ending December 31, 2011 and 2013 and the reporting person's attainment of the restricted period. Restricted stock performance units are reported assuming shares of common stock will be issuable on a 1-for-1 basis, but restricted stock performance units may be convertible on a basis ranging from 0.5-for-1 to 1.5-for-1 depending on the actual performance of the Company.
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- (11) Award of restricted stock service-based units convertible into shares of common stock on a 1-for-1 basis at the end of a 3-year vesting period. Dividend equivalents will accrue under this award.

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