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CHA, Operation Warm prepare to hand out 10,000 free, new winter coats to help public housing residents brave winter *Families pre-registered online prior to fourth annual event*

WHAT: CHA Operation Warm Coat Distribution and Service Fair

WHERE: UIC Forum, 725 W. Roosevelt Road

WHEN: 8:30 a.m. -3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011

DETAILS: Program expected to start at 10:15 a.m.

CHICAGO –Some forecasters say this coming winter will be the most bitterly cold in Chicago’s history.

No one is taking that more seriously than Operation Warm and the Chicago Housing Authority, who have partnered for the fourth year in a row to make sure Chicago’s public housing residents are warm.

More than 5,000 CHA residents and Housing Choice Voucher participants are expected to pick up 10,000 free, new children’s winter coats at the **4th annual Operation Warm/CHA Coat Distribution and Service Fair from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011 at the UIC Forum, 725 W. Roosevelt Road.**

In order to receive coats, families had to pre-register online prior to the event.

The program is slated to start at 10:15 a.m.

A service fair with more than 40 vendors offering free resources and services will accompany the distribution.

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