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### **Chicago Bulls' Luol Deng Sponsors Holiday Party for 400 CHA Children**

*CHA Youth Enjoy an Afternoon of Holiday Fun, Food and Exhibits*

CHICAGO – Chicago Bulls Forward Luol Deng made the holiday season special for 400 children living in CHA housing on Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, as he sponsored a Kids Holiday Party at The John G. Shedd Aquarium.

Marking his fifth year of participation in the Kids Holiday Party, Deng joined children ages six to 12 as they spent the afternoon celebrating the holidays and taking in the Aquarium's exciting exhibits, including *Fantasea* - the Shedd's newest aquatic show in the Oceanarium amphitheater.

Team mascot Benny the Bull was on hand to entertain the children as they ate a lunch provided by Vienna Beef, Hinckley Spring Water and Edy's Ice Cream, while Deng signed autographs and handed out toys. In addition, each child received a \$100 gift card to the Gap

"I would like to thank Mr. Deng for his generosity in providing CHA children with such a wonderful opportunity this holiday season," CHA CEO Lewis A. Jordan said. "We are very fortunate to have partners like Mr. Deng."

This event was made possible by a generous donation from Luol Deng. Gift cards to the Gap were provided courtesy of Discover Card.

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**Note for Editors: Photos of the Kids Holiday Party are available at the following web addresses:**

**Photo #1:** [http://www.mkepr.com/filebin/CHAYouthPartyA\\_Benny.JPG](http://www.mkepr.com/filebin/CHAYouthPartyA_Benny.JPG)

**Suggested Caption:** Team mascot Benny the Bull greeted and entertained children as they ate a lunch provided by Vienna Beef, Hinckley Spring Water and Edy's Ice Cream.

**Photo #2:** [http://www.mkepr.com/filebin/CHAYouthPartyB\\_turtle.JPG](http://www.mkepr.com/filebin/CHAYouthPartyB_turtle.JPG)

**Suggested Caption:** Kids were able to tour the Shedd Aquarium before viewing the evening aquatic show *Fantasea*.

**Photo #3:** [http://www.mkepr.com/filebin/CHAYouthPartyC\\_Deng.JPG](http://www.mkepr.com/filebin/CHAYouthPartyC_Deng.JPG)

**Suggested Caption:** Luol Deng signed autographs and provided toys to the children. This year marks Deng's fifth year of participation in the annual holiday party.

**Photo #4:** [http://www.mkepr.com/filebin/CHAYouthPartyD\\_children.JPG](http://www.mkepr.com/filebin/CHAYouthPartyD_children.JPG)

**Suggested Caption:** Nearly 400 children received a toy, a \$100 gift card to the Gap and a memorable evening at the Shedd Aquarium. Gift cards to the Gap were provided courtesy of Discover Card.

Photos Courtesy of the Chicago Housing Authority