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**CHA completes All Accessible Rehabs in Senior
Portfolio three years earlier than scheduled**
*Assistant HUD Secretary Recognizes CHA's Commitment
to Low-Income Seniors and People with Disabilities*

CHICAGO – On Thursday, Dec. 9, the Chicago Housing Authority marked the end of rehabilitation for 700 senior apartments with upgrades for people with disabilities – three years ahead of schedule. With the delivery of these accessible units, CHA inches closer to the completion of all 9,300 units of senior-designated housing committed under the Plan for Transformation.

CHA began to modernize and create accessible units in May 2006, when the agency entered into a Voluntary Compliance Agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. With an additional 704 ADA-certified units in its family portfolio, CHA is on track to becoming the nation's leader in accessible public housing – a worthwhile undertaking for low-income people with disabilities.

Figures show that although 35 million American families have at least one person with a disability, nearly two out of five of those households cannot afford the housing they need.

“With the completion of these upgrades in our senior portfolio, CHA has set a new standard in accommodating senior and disabled Chicagoans across the city” said Lewis Jordan, CEO of the Chicago Housing Authority.

HUD Assistant Secretary of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity John Trasviña visited Chicago to commemorate the occasion and recognize CHA for its commitment to the Plan for Transformation. Alderman Walter Burnett and officials from the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities, Access Living and the city Department of Community Development also attended.

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