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### **CHA conducts Education Campaign in Advance of First Family Housing Wait List Opening in Over a Decade**

*Historic, Four-Week Family Opportunity to Register for Attractive, Affordable Apartments located in a Variety of Chicago Neighborhoods*

CHICAGO (May 10, 2010) – For the first time in more than a decade, the Chicago Housing Authority is opening the public housing Family Housing Wait List.

In advance of the historic Family Wait List opening – the first in Chicago since 1999 - CHA is conducting a comprehensive education campaign to prepare the Chicago community for the registration process. Registration for the Wait List will be held online from June 14 to July 9, 2010. Anyone interested in applying for available CHA housing may do so during this four-week time frame.

CHA is making educational information available at the offices of elected officials, community groups, churches, government sites, and social service agencies. The education campaign will emphasize the four-week registration window, the three styles of housing, the ease with which to register online, and the lottery that will randomly select 40,000 names.

Online registration will be made easy through the CHA Wait List website, [www.CHAwaitlist.org](http://www.CHAwaitlist.org), where educational information is now available in nine languages including English, Chinese, Polish, Russian, Serbo-Croatian, Spanish, Tagalog, Urdu/Hindi and Vietnamese.

Those chosen will be eligible for public housing units in rehabilitated CHA family, scattered site or new mixed income housing as units become available. It does not matter when during the four-week registration period an individual submits an application. It is not first come, first served, and all applications will be treated equally in the Lottery.

Online registration is the quickest, most efficient method of applying for the Wait List during the registration period (June 14-July 9, 2010). Those without Internet access may go to one of more than 100 registration sites throughout the City where computers and technical assistance will be made available to them.

Information on the Family Wait List opening can also be found on [facebook.com/chawaitlist](http://facebook.com/chawaitlist) and through [twitter.com/chawaitlist](http://twitter.com/chawaitlist).

“While the opening of the Family Housing Wait List is an important moment in the history of Chicago and CHA, it also a time of reflection - to recognize the effect of positive change since the last Wait List opened more than 10 years ago,” CHA CEO Lewis A. Jordan said. “Our entire housing portfolio has either undergone - or is undergoing - major quality renovations, or is newly built, and we have introduced a multitude of resources to assist all CHA families become self sufficient.”

Information about the Wait List opening is available online at [www.CHAwaitlist.org](http://www.CHAwaitlist.org). Materials will also be available at hundreds community groups and City offices throughout the city by mid-May.

Those who wish to receive campaign updates via mobile phone can do so by texting “INFO” to 75309. All other questions can be answered by calling 866-7thecha or 311.

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