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New, Affordable Public Housing Attracts More than 165,000 applications just 10 days into month-long campaign

Family Apartments Available in a Variety of Chicago Neighborhoods

CHICAGO (June 23, 2010) – With more than 165,000 applications already submitted, CHA officials, community leaders and housing activists are imploring all those in need of quality, affordable housing to register for CHA’s Family Housing Wait List Lottery. There is still plenty of time to take advantage of this great opportunity.

“While only 40,000 names will be chosen to be on the Wait List, we want to be sure that everyone who feels that they would benefit from quality housing - at a rent that is no more than 30 % of their income - is aware of this opportunity” CHA President and CEO Lewis A. Jordan said. “Hopefully, people now know that they have a full four weeks – until July 9 - to register for the lottery by registering at www.CHAwaitlist.org.

“What they may not know is that you can be eligible for public housing if you make as much as 80% of median income, which is \$60,100 for a family of four.”

Kris Warren, CHA’s Chief Operating Officer, points out that, over the last decade, Chicago’s public housing has changed dramatically.

“Many still think of public housing as rows of isolated towers,” Warren said. “Today’s CHA has been completely rehabbed or redeveloped. Apartments are available in traditional family apartment buildings, new mixed-income developments and in two- and three-flats throughout the city - including North and Northwest side communities where there are thousands of affordable units.”

Those interested in attaining housing can register for the lottery anytime until the end of the day July 9.

Registration is easiest and quickest through the Wait List Lottery website, www.CHAwaitlist.org, where information and online registration is available in nine languages, including English, Chinese, Polish, Russian, Serbo-Croatian, Spanish, Tagalog, Urdu/Hindi and Vietnamese.

Those without computers may go to more than 100 registration assistance sites throughout the city, or call 866.784.3242 for additional assistance or to request a paper application.

Go to www.CHAwaitlist.org, call 866.784.3242 or dial 311 for more information on locations. Updates are available via mobile phone by texting “INFO” to 75309. Information on the Family Wait List Lottery can also be found on Facebook and through [Twitter@chawaitlist](https://twitter.com/chawaitlist).

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