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### **Chicago Housing Authority Adds 40,000 Names to Family Housing Wait List**

*Notification Letters Mailed to Those Who Registered for the Lottery*

CHICAGO (Sept. 28, 2010) – After an open registration that drew in 203,043 applications this summer, the Chicago Housing Authority has conducted the lottery for its Family Housing Wait List. On Tuesday, CHA began notifying people by mailing letters to anyone who registered between June 14 and July 9, letting them know whether or not their name was added to the wait list.

After discarding duplicate entries, a total of 40,000 names were randomly selected by a computerized lottery and assigned a random spot on the Wait List. CHA will now begin the process of contacting and screening according to housing needs, family size and unit availability.

“CHA is proud to offer Chicagoans the opportunity to find quality, affordable housing and thank our partners, staff and sister agencies for their contributions throughout this effort,” said Lewis Jordan, CEO of CHA. “Combined our work shows the power of collaborative efforts for the public good.”

Families and individuals not selected for the wait list may qualify for other affordable rental opportunities, including:

- Reduced Age Senior Properties - Beginning Oct. 1, 2010, applicants age 55 or older who require a studio or one-bedroom apartment may be able to move into one of CHA’s Reduced Age senior properties. Visit [www.thecha.org/seniors](http://www.thecha.org/seniors) for more information.
- City of Chicago Department of Community Development - Applicants can contact private affordable rental properties that were financed by the City of Chicago. These developments have different leasing rates and many also have waiting lists. Visit [www.cityofchicago.org/dcd](http://www.cityofchicago.org/dcd) and go to the “Affordable Rental Housing Resource List” link under the Supporting Information section.

- Other Housing Resources: Applicants can also visit the State of Illinois' website [www.ILHousingsearch.org](http://www.ILHousingsearch.org).

For more information or Frequently Asked Questions, visit [www.thecha.org/waitlist](http://www.thecha.org/waitlist).

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