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Six-Time NBA Champs get Charita-BULL! *Bulls Host Party for CHA, USO Children*

CHICAGO – The Chicago Bulls – with all-world, Chicago-based guard Derrick Rose now on the roster –took time out of their march toward a seventh NBA championship when they hosted a holiday party for 100 CHA and USO children on Monday, Dec. 8 at the Sheri L. Berto Center in Deerfield, Ill.

The Bulls invited 50 exceptional CHA students based on their school attendance record, and honor roll and GPA achievements. The other 50 invitees are children who have lost a loved one in military combat, or whose parents are stationed in Afghanistan or Iraq this holiday season.

The children were also treated to lunch and dessert provided by Vienna Beef, Hinckley Springs and Edy's Grand Ice Cream. The lucky attendees also received autographs from the players and holiday gifts from Santa Claus.

Among the former and current Bulls representatives in attendance: Rose, Ben Gordon, Tyrus Thomas, Joakim Noah, Bob Love and team mascot Benny the Bull.

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About the Chicago Housing Authority

The CHA was created by state legislation in 1937 to create and expand affordable housing opportunities for low income families and seniors. Today, through federal and other resources, the CHA assists approximately 35,000 families who participate in the Housing Choice Voucher program in private units owned by private landlords. In addition, the CHA owns 15,500 units for families in scattered site, traditional public housing or mixed income developments and 9,500 units of housing for senior citizens in 56 senior developments across the city.

About the Plan for Transformation

In 1999, the City of Chicago began a multi-billion dollar, 15-year initiative to renovate or replace the CHA's entire portfolio of 25,000 public housing units throughout the city. Currently, 67percent of the units have been completed, including the comprehensive renovation of the entire senior developments and scattered-site stock. Eighty percent of the portfolio is scheduled to be complete by 2009. The Plan is a collaboration between the CHA, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the City of Chicago and its many agencies, area businesses and non-profit organization.