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CHA Voucher Program to Host “Opportunity Fest”
*Social Programs Available for Thousands of Voucher Holders and
Low-Income Families*

WHAT: Information & Recruitment Session and Mini-Job Fair
**WHO: Lewis A. Jordan, Chicago Housing Authority President & CEO
Chicago Housing Choice Voucher Program Participants**
**WHEN: Thursday, October 23, 2008; 3:00 p.m.
Friday, October 24, 2008; 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**
**WHERE: West Satellite Office, 3333 W. Arthington St., Suite 220
Charles Hayes Family Investment Center, 4859 S. Wabash Ave.**

CHICAGO – In a continuing effort to help low-income families establish habits to ease their financial burdens, the Chicago Housing Authority will host two events to market its most successful programs for Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) holders and connect low-income families to career opportunities.

The first, Opportunity Fest, will take place **Thursday, October 23**, at 3333 W. Arthington St., Suite 220. Opportunity Fest is an information session focused on the HCV Program’s most successful courses – Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS), Choose to Own (CTO) Homeownership Program and the Housing Opportunity Program (HOP).

Event program includes a keynote speech from CHA president and CEO Lewis A. Jordan, staff presentations, refreshments and on-site enrollment. The hour-long session begins at 3:00 p.m. and is open to anyone who has a voucher. Approximately 50 voucher holders are expected to attend.

The second event is a mini-job fair for current FSS and CTO enrollees on **Friday, October 24**, at 4859 S. Wabash Ave. Attendees will receive information about employers with openings in high-growth career fields. Confirmed businesses include the Illinois Department of Human Services, Lawndale Christian Health Center and Accountemps.

FSS and CTO Program are two of the CHA’s most successful voucher programs. Since its inception, FSS has helped 556 voucher holders save over \$5 million collectively, and CTO has helped 262 participants become homeowners.

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