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**CHA FAMILIES CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS IN STYLE**

**Fourth Annual Holiday Party, made possible through CHA's corporate partners,  
promises smiles and laughter**

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Five hundred Chicago Housing Authority children and their families will enjoy food, games and entertainment during the CHA's annual Kids' Holiday Party on Tuesday, December 17th from 5pm until 7pm at the South Shore Cultural Center, located at 7059 S. Shore Drive.

Every child will receive a gift, thanks to a generous donation of 2,000 new toys from Toys "R" Us. The total value of the toys is \$50,000, but what this party means to the children and their families is immeasurable.

"We want our children and their families to have a great time during a part of the year that can be tough for them," said CHA CEO Terry Peterson. "We are very grateful to our partners, Midway Moving & Storage, Toys "R" Us and other contributors for giving our residents some fantastic holiday memories."

"Toys "R" Us is honored to bring 'A Time for Smiles' campaign to the children of the CHA," said Steve Andersen, Midwest Regional Vice President for Toys "R" Us. "The joy of putting a smile on the face of a child is what this time of year is all about."

Chicago Public Schools CEO Arne Duncan and Park District Commissioner David Doig are expected to attend and help give out gifts. Adding to the fun for the children will be Geoffrey, Gigi and Baby Gee of Toys "R" Us, current and former Bears players including David Terrell, Richard Dent and Otis Wilson – and of course, a visit from Santa Claus.

For the third year in a row, Midway Moving & Storage is sponsoring this holiday fest, which is filled with the kind of energy that makes the holidays such a special time.

"Since the inception of this annual effort, Midway Moving and Storage Inc. has always looked forward to working with those who are trying to bring holiday cheer and warmth to those who might not otherwise have the means to experience the true meaning of the holiday season," says Jerry Siegel, President and CEO of Midway Movers. "Bringing so many smiles to the faces of our greatest hope – our children – is the reason we're so committed to this effort."

Other contributors include WGN Radio, which donates money through its Neediest Kids Fund to Windows of Opportunity, the CHA's non-profit affiliate which helps raise money for special resident events like the Kids Holiday Party.

The Chicago Bears, Toys "R" Us, Midway Moving & Storage and WGN Radio are members of the CHA's Corporate Partners Program. The program was initiated to encourage corporations to provide valuable resources for projects related to CHA's Plan for Transformation, without which events like this one would not be possible.