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**NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOINS WINDOWS OF
OPPORTUNITY TO BRING NEW RESOURCES TO PUBLIC
HOUSING RESIDENTS**

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Windows of Opportunity, the independent non-profit fundraising arm of the Chicago Housing Authority, has announced the appointment of Gwendolyn Mackel Rice as its new Executive Director.

Windows of Opportunity creates partnerships to link all of Chicago's public and assisted housing residents to resources that will improve their quality of life. Inherent in this mission is providing individuals and families with expanded opportunities and the tools they need to become self-sufficient. Windows reaches out to 133,000 low-income Chicagoans who live in public and other assisted housing with programs such as the Inner-City Little League, Food Pantry Network, youth music & scholarship programs, along with various holiday initiatives.

"We are very excited to welcome Gwen," said Terry Peterson, CHA's CEO. "Her wealth of expertise with non-profits will greatly benefit CHA's Plan for Transformation and help link our residents to resources that will help improve their lives."

Ms. Rice has over 18 years of experience in philanthropy, fundraising and administration, as well as in other human services programs. From 1999 until August of this year, Ms. Rice provided consulting services that focused on resource development and organizational capacity building for non-profit organizations in underserved communities. Her clients included youth service organizations, homelessness programs, community organizing groups, senior citizen services, and foundations. Prior to that, she was a senior program officer at the Polk Bros. Foundation.

Ms. Rice has been recognized by several organizations for her community service efforts, including the Chicago Community Trust where she was selected as a 1990 Community Service Fellow. She holds a B.A. from Bennett College in Greensboro, North Carolina and an M.A. from the University of Chicago's School of Social Service Administration.

"I'm pleased to have this opportunity to develop creative partnerships and capacity-building programs that address unmet needs," said Ms. Rice. "I anticipate working closely with the residents of public housing to bring them

opportunities for advancement that will result in lasting self-sufficiency.”