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**WINDOWS OF OPPORTUNITY ANNUAL HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER**  
**CHA's not-for-profit affiliate makes holiday season special**  
**for families living in Chicago's public and assisted housing**

This holiday season, Windows of Opportunity, the not-for-profit affiliate of the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA), will again assist thousands of public and assisted housing families throughout Chicago. All with community support.

Windows will hold a special holiday benefit reception on **Wednesday, December 10, 2003 from 5:30-8:30pm at the Hilton Chicago & Towers, located at 720 South Michigan Avenue, in the Grand Ballroom.** Tickets sold for the event will provide funding to help thousands of families in need this holiday season and throughout the upcoming year.

The event will feature a raffle with a number of exciting prizes, including trips to Hawaii and Brussels, and a special guest appearance by former Cubs player, Gary "The Sarge" Matthews as Santa Claus.

Windows' Annual Holiday Initiatives help to provide toys for children and festive meals, food baskets and clothing to low-income families and seniors. Serving over 40,000 people, Windows' year-round initiatives provide emergency food, scholarships and music and recreational programs.

Organized by the CHA in 1988, Windows of Opportunity is now an independent not-for-profit affiliate that brings resources to CHA's residents with the help of Chicago's private sector.

"We are grateful to the many individuals and organizations that help us year in and year out," said Gwendolyn Mackel Rice, Executive Director of Windows of Opportunity. "It is only with the support of the community that we can help improve the lives of those persons with limited resources, both during the holiday season and throughout the year."

Numerous organizations throughout the city are making the Windows Holiday Fundraiser possible including American Airlines, Jewel-Osco, Hilton Hotels Corporation, Toys R' Us and the WGN Neediest Kids Fund.

Reservations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

For more information about attending this event, making a contribution, or other ways in which you can help a low-income family this holiday season and throughout the year, please contact Windows of Opportunity at (312) 441-0389.

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